

The second annual North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course (NAIPSC) will be June 26-28 at the UNL West Central Research and Extension Center at North Platte.

It is three days of intense instruction and learning for those interested in the basics of invasive plant ecology and management. The NAIPSC has been approved for CEU and CCA credits and graduate student credits through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The format engages participants in learning and applying the course material. Over a dozen instructors with expertise in restoration, GPS/GIS applications, plant identification and many other topics related to invasive plants have been invited from all across the U.S.

The presentations, hands-on workshops, site visits and instructor-led discussion sessions will allow interaction with instructors.

For the 2012 NAIPSC, a special session has been planned on the topic of water use by invasive plant species and will include research related information specific to introduced common reed (*Phragmites australis*) and eastern redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana*).

Scholarships from the Nebraska Environmental Trust are available to help participants from Nebraska attend at a reduced cost.

The 20 scholarships will be available on a first come, first served basis to the first five individuals representing the following four categories in Nebraska: land owner, state or national agency, weed superintendent and graduate student.

Those in the last category must be registered in an approved institution located in Nebraska.

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