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WORKSHOP ON INVASIVE PLANTS OFFERED AT THE CRADLE OF FORESTRY

Asheville, NC- The USDA Forest Service Cradle of Forestry in America is offering “Green Invaders, Exotic Invasive Plants” workshop for educators on Wednesday, June 28, from 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m. Join us to learn about exotic invasive plant species and the threat they present to the health of our forests and landscapes. Learn from specialists and get up close to these weeds with hands-on activities. Instructors include representatives from the National Forests in North Carolina and the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh.

The workshop is designed for classroom educators, non-formal educators and master gardeners. Other community members are also welcome to attend. Participants will gain experience with lessons and activities appropriate for student groups, as well as background on the issues. There will also be an opportunity to see the plants in the wild and discuss eradication methods with specialists.

This workshop is offered through a partnership between the USDA Forest Service Cradle of Forestry in America, Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District and the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. The workshop qualifies for North Carolina environmental education certification criteria III credit and a 0.6 continuing education unit. Registration is \$12 and includes lunch, snacks, and materials.

To register, please mail your registration fee check made out to “USDA Forest Service” with your contact information including email address to Alice Cohen-Goldstein, 1001 Pisgah Hwy, Pisgah Forest, NC, 28768. Registration for this workshop will be accepted through June 22. For more information see the Cradle of Forestry website at www.cradleofforestry.org.

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