



## Fifth North American Echinoderm Conference

### REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for registration: 1 May 2008

The registration fee (\$195 for professionals; \$145 for students) includes the six calendar days of the meeting, the Sunday evening reception, snacks at breaks in the program, the Wednesday evening banquet, the meeting program in booklet format and CD, and various meeting-related paraphernalia (e.g., polo shirt with conference logo). Please refer to the conference website (<http://research.fit.edu/naec>) for campus accommodations, campus meal plan, and field trips.

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Polo Shirt Size (circle one):    Small        Medium        Large        XL        XXL        XXXL        XXXXL

**For students**, circle the degree program in which you are presently enrolled:

BS/BA        MS/MA        PhD        Other (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Options.** You may pay by credit card or by check in U.S. dollars.

My check payable to Florida Institute of Technology is enclosed for \$\_\_\_\_\_ U.S.

Please charge my registration fee to \_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_ Discover

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**Field Trips.** Wednesday daytime will be open for registrants to take field trips to our great attractions in Central Florida. You might be interested in **Kennedy Space Center** (<http://www.kennedyspacecenter.com/>) or the many theme parks in the **Orlando area** (<http://www.orlandoinfo.com/index.cfm?source=visitorlando>). In addition, we plan to offer a few options for field trips nearer campus. Please mark all those below that would interest you so that we can organize a few of greatest interest; this will be a straw poll, and you have a chance to sign up for one on the final list in the future. We will not arrange a trip for collecting echinoderms because the university is temporarily without a ship, and the near-shore echinoderm fauna is depauperate.

In addition to these daytime opportunities, you may take nighttime field trips to watch nesting sea turtles along Brevard beaches at the height of nesting and emergence season by contacting the **Sea Turtle Preservation Society** (<http://www.seaturtlespacecoast.org/>).

Mark all trips below that interest you. The few most favored ones will be offered for sign-up at a later date.

**Atlantic Beach Trip.** We will provide shuttle service between campus and the ocean beach at **Indialantic** ([http://www.indialantic.com/contents/business/bus\\_home.htm](http://www.indialantic.com/contents/business/bus_home.htm)) for those who want fun in the sun and surf. The location will be a municipal park with pavilions and bath houses. Surf shops, restaurants, and curio shops are within easy walking distance.

**Birding Trip.** Learn about Florida's high diversity of water birds on a ride-walk tour of **Black Point Wildlife Drive** (<http://www.nbbd.com/godo/minwr/BlackPoint/index.html>) at the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

**Nature Tour of Sebastian Inlet State Park.** **Sebastian Inlet** (<http://www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet/>) is known as one of the best fishing spots in Florida, but it has a wide variety of habitats and biota for the naturalist. A naturalist familiar with the area will guide you along the sand beach, dunes, rocky shore, tidal basin, mangrove fringe, succulent marsh, seagrass beds, and oyster bars.

**Thousand Islands Kayaking.** An area of tropical hammock in Mosquito Lagoon, the **Thousand Islands** (<http://www.thousand-islands.org/>) has recently been set aside for recreational use. Kayak tours will take you through the meandering waterways of these mangrove-fringed islands.

**Pine Island Restoration.** See an excellent example of marsh and archaeological restoration within the Indian River Lagoon at **Pine Island** (<http://www.brevardparks.com/eel/pineisland/intro.htm>).

**Airboat Ride.** The St. Johns River divides the Florida eastern coastal ridge and the central backbone of the state. It has an extensive marsh system in addition to its open waterways. It was explored extensively by William Bartram and other early naturalists. You can tour the river and its marshes by airboat out of **Lone Cabbage Fish Camp** (<http://www.twisterairboatrides.com/>) west of Cocoa, Florida.

**Forever Florida Ecotour.** Explore Florida terrestrial ecosystems at a local conservation area associated with a working cattle ranch at **Forever Florida** (<http://www.floridaeco-safaris.com/>).

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