

Registration Now Open for Cooperative Extension Fire Workshop in Tucson!

You are invited to an exciting workshop on wildfire issues this **March 10-12** in Tucson, Arizona:

Preparing for Wildfires: Moving from Crisis to Opportunity A Workshop for Cooperative Extension Educators and Community Leaders

Who should attend? Cooperative Extension educators and their community partners – county planners, fire chiefs, homeowners, and others – who are concerned about wildfires

When is it? Tuesday-Thursday, March 10-12, 2015

Where will it be? Radisson Suites Hotel, Tucson, in beautiful, sunny southeastern Arizona

What does it cost? Registration is \$50/day for the two-day workshop and \$30 for an optional field trip. The Radisson is providing beautiful, spacious suites for only \$79/night. Several grants will be available to pay travel costs for Extension educators on very limited budgets; more information will be forthcoming.

Why should I attend? This will be a fantastic educational and networking opportunity as Extension personnel from all over the West gather to learn the latest science about wildland fires and how to respond to them. We will have two full days of presentations and discussions by nationally-recognized experts, a poster session, a social reception, plus a field trip up beautiful Mt. Lemmon to see world class scenery and learn how recovery from wildfires in 2002 and 2003 is taking place. In addition, you will take home free books, notebooks, educational materials, and much more that will enhance your work.

Is the workshop open to people other than Extension personnel? Yes. Please invite your local partners such as planning commissioners, local elected officials, fire chiefs, fire safe or Firewise leaders, and anyone else who might work with you to prepare your communities and landscapes for wildfires.

Can I bring my family and make it a vacation? You bet! We have carefully planned this workshop to be family-friendly. The hotel suites have two rooms and two bathrooms and can easily accommodate a family of four. The half-price rate of \$79/night is available for a total of nine nights (March 6-14). Low-cost groceries and restaurants are within a few minutes' walk. A large shopping mall and a huge park are within a quick, free shuttle bus ride. The hotel features a large heated outdoor pool and beautiful grounds. Best of all, the surrounding Sonoran Desert and Sky Islands mountains offer some of the world's most spectacular scenery and hiking. See the Hotel/Venue & Travel tab on our website!

What will the weather be like? Tucson's weather in March is typically sunny and in the 70s.

Come join us for a workshop to be remembered! Learn from national experts on a variety of wildfire-related issues. Grapple with new issues, see old friends, make new ones, and expand your horizons! Find all the details at www.tucsonfireworkshop.org.

Questions? Contact us! See you in Tucson!

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