



Dedicated to the conservation of  
marine animals through rescue, rehabilitation,  
research and education

## Marine Animal Rescue Society—Basic Rescue and Rehabilitation Training

When: Saturday, August 29, 2009

Where: Loxahatchee River District

FOR TIMES AND TO RSVP, contact [Pamela.Sweeney@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Pamela.Sweeney@dep.state.fl.us) or call 305-546-1111 and leave a message. We will return your call within 24 hours.

To be a MARS Rescue and Rehab volunteer and be called on to respond to strandings, you must first attend a FREE basic training session. Here you will learn the basics of beach rescue, rehabilitation and animal husbandry; how the US stranding network operates and what MARS' role is within the network; you will get a brief course in marine mammalogy and become familiar with your new role and responsibilities as a MARS volunteer!

Volunteers-to-be will spend the first half of the day in the classroom where MARS' Stranding Director Pamela Sweeney and MARS Designee/dolphin researcher Dr. Barbara Brunnick will lead a discussion using a powerpoint presentation. All attendees will receive a Basic Rescue and Rehabilitation manual. There is a short snack/lunch break before the second part of the day. The second half of the day will be spent outside where you will participate in a hands-on stretcher workshop. Volunteers will learn how to orient themselves relative to a beached dolphin or whale, become familiar with working with a stretcher and put to use techniques discussed during the first part of the training.

The training is free to all attendees; however, we encourage you to purchase a rescue team t-shirt for a minimum donation of \$10 as part being a rescue volunteer. You can also become a MARS member at the meeting! There are non-rescue team tees available (including membership tees). All proceeds help to offset printing costs and future rescue/rehab costs.

We are in need of more volunteers in the northern Palm Beach County area. If you are interested in attending the training, please RSVP by emailing Pamela Sweeney at [Pamela.Sweeney@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Pamela.Sweeney@dep.state.fl.us) or by calling 305-546-1111 and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible. YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND TO ENSURE THERE IS SPACE AND SUPPLIES.

NOTE: Please wear comfortable clothes that you can move around in and sit comfortably in; water; snacks and/or lunch as we'll move quickly from lunch to the 2<sup>nd</sup> session; sunscreen, hat and other protective clothing to carry out stretcher training outside if the weather holds up.

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