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Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center

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RE: Basic Entomology Adult Ecology Workshop – Brooker Creek Preserve

Dear Dr. Liburd:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance with our February Adult Ecology workshop. Elena Rhodes did a very nice job organizing and delivering a quality learning experience for the attendees. Even though she mentioned not having much experience working with adult learners she adapted her material well to the needs of the group

She provided a detailed but not too technical powerpoint covering the major orders of insects, provided plenty of examples and used current research projects within your department to demonstrate the relevance of entomology in the modern world. In addition to her presentations she shared with the group the specimens from the University's teaching collection as well as her private collection. The afternoon was spent sampling around the Center and looking at live specimens under dissecting microscopes.

The workshop participants enjoyed the workshop and learning from an instructor who is so passionate about entomology. Elena was a good ambassador for the University and your Department.

Regards,

Jim McGinity, Environmental Educator
Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center