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Scientist, Author and TV Star Comes to the ELC

WABASSO ISLAND, Fla. On May 6, from 6:30 until 8 PM, the Noted Environmentalist Lecture Series, sponsored jointly by the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) and the Indian River Land Trust (IRLT), will host Dr. Bruce Means for a presentation on the southeastern U.S. coastal plain. The event will be at the ELC campus and, like others in the series, will be preceded by complimentary wine and locally grown finger food.

Dr. Means is Executive Director of the Coastal Plains Institute and Adjunct Professor in the Florida State University Department of Biological Science. A field ecologist for 45 years with extensive interests and research activities in biology and ecology, he is an author of 260 publications including three books, the most recent “*Stalking the Plumed Serpent and Other Adventures in Herpetology.*”

This accomplished scientist has also co-produced and starred in eight documentary films for National Geographic Explorer, BBC Television and PBS. He was interviewed last month by NPR about his discovery of several new species of animals in Guyana, South America.

The coastal plain stretches from New Jersey to Texas and is home to a variety of indigenous animals and plants. In his lecture, Dr. Means will discuss the ecology and biology of this geographic area with illustrations and captivating photographs.

The cost of the event is \$30 (\$25 for ELC and IRLT members).

The Environmental Learning Center is located north of Vero Beach off County Road 510 at the western edge of the Wabasso Bridge. Its 64-acre island campus

includes exhibit areas, native plant gardens, picnic facilities, gift shop and visitor center. A list of its many field excursions including hikes, boat excursions, nature walks and bird watching can be found at www.DiscoverELC.org.

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