

# Florida Museum of Natural History

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Thomas Farm Fossil Dig

### *Hummingbird Challenge VIII --- Spring 2012*

Please join Dave Steadman, Erika Simons, and other Museum scientists for our 21<sup>st</sup> annual fossil dig at Thomas Farm (45 miles NW of Gainesville). The dig will take place from **Tuesday through Sunday, March 27 to April 1, 2012.**

We will excavate **18 million year old fossils** of extinct alligators, tortoises, horses, rhinos, camels, deer, bear-dogs, and many other critters. We also will find the tiny fossils of birds (maybe a hummingbird this year?), bats, rodents, frogs, lizards, snakes, etc. that far outnumber the large ones.

The number of participants is limited to 12 per day. You can sign up for any two or more nights. The price includes:

- all tasty meals and beverages from the time you arrive until you depart
- full access to the Thomas Farm facilities (picnic shelter, kitchen, shower, campground, nature trail)
- short evening lectures by museum scientists (especially our graduate students) about their latest research projects
- guided nature walks around our 40-acre nature preserve
- a wonderful time with old and new friends as we excavate one of North America's richest fossil sites

To reserve a place for the 2012 Thomas Farm Fossil Dig, please fill out the attached registration form, enclose a check, and mail it to Dave at the address on the form.

## Registration Form

### ***Hummingbird Challenge VIII, the Thomas Farm Fossil Dig*** **(March 27 to April 1, 2012)**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) @ \$180 (2 nights), \$240 (3 nights), \$300 (4 nights), or \$360 (5 nights) per person. (circle the number of nights)

Arrival date \_\_\_\_\_

Departure date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to: UF Foundation account 5394

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

An information packet for the 2012 Thomas Farm Fossil Dig will be sent to you as soon as we receive your registration form. The price includes all meals from lunch on the day you arrive through lunch on the day you depart, as well as liquid refreshments, complete access to the fossil site and its camping facilities, fun chats with old friends, guest speakers, expert paleontologists, and other scientists from the Florida Museum. Come out with us and have a great time in rural northwest Florida while we make fantastic scientific discoveries.

**Please mail this form, with check enclosed, to:**

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