

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## **“How to Deal with Nuisance Wildlife” Program Offered *Black Bear Encounters Featured***

Monday, **May 24**, 2010, the University of Florida and Okaloosa County Extension Office will present a program highlighting bears, vertebrate pests (i.e. raccoons and armadillos,) as well as snakes. The program is from 6:15 until 8:00 p.m. at the Navarre High School (old cafeteria,) 8600 High School Boulevard, in Navarre.

**Registration is required, call: (850)**

**John Atkins, Santa Rosa Co. – 675-6654**

**Gerald Edmonson, Okaloosa – 689-5850**

**Libbie Johnson, Escambia – 475-5230**

Mr. Alan Knothe, Wildlife Biologist for Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Service, will present information on **Black Bear** encounters.

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## Bear Encounters and How to Deal With Nuisance Wildlife



Monday, May 24, 2010  
6:15 – 8:00 pm  
Navarre High School (Old Cafeteria)  
8600 High School Blvd.  
Navarre, FL 32566



6:15-6:30

Registration and Introductions  
*Libbie Johnson, UF/IFAS, Escambia County Extension Agent*

6:30-6:45

**Vertebrate Pest**  
*John D. Atkins, UF/IFAS, Santa Rosa County Extension Agent*  
Dealing With Raccoons, Armadillos, Squirrels and Woodpeckers  
Residents or Just Visiting?  
What Can You Do?

6:45-7:00

**Snakes On Your Property**  
*Gerald Edmondson, UF/IFAS, Okaloosa County Extension Director*  
Identification and Options to Consider For Control  
Debunking Snake Myths  
What Are Snakes Good For?

7:00

**Black Bear Encounters**  
*Alan Knothe, Wildlife Biologist, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Service*  
How to Reduce Black Bear Attractants in Your Neighborhood  
What to Do If You Encounter a Black Bear  
How to Protect Pets from Attacks



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