



## *The SnakeMaster*

Steve Scruggs—AKA “The SnakeMaster”—developed a fondness for snakes at the age of 7, learning from his Grandfather, a retired County Sheriff. Steve is a naturalist and outdoorsman and enjoys teaching kids about the great outdoors. While serving his country as a crew chief on a C-130 in the Air Force, Steve traveled the world researching and learning about the many different snake species, and now brings that knowledge to audiences in Georgia and the Southeast. His first presentation was at age 18, which was almost 50 years ago. Steve’s programs are exciting and entertaining, but most of all, educational.

Steve is permitted by the State of Georgia to have in captivity native, non-venomous snakes, which he uses as educational tools. He also has several native venomous snakes. During his presentation, each snake is presented: telling about its characteristics, identifying markings, habitat, life span, diet, and how to tell venomous from non-venomous—basically everything you need to know about the species. All snakes presented are native to Georgia and the Southeast.

Steve and his wife, Sharon, live in Watkinsville. In 1998, they created Let’s Get Wild—Outdoor Education for the Next Generation. Since that time, Let’s Get Wild has educated over 1 million school children with a wide variety of educational programs called in-house field trips, targeting elementary and middle schools. Both Steve and Sharon are Georgia Hunter Education Instructors.

This summer, Let’s Get Wild will conduct the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Wilderness Camp for boys and girls ages 10 – 13. This camp is for the young camper wanting to try new outdoor activities, or the experienced wanting to expand their basic skills. For more details, visit the website [letsgetwild.net](http://letsgetwild.net) or call 706-310-0088.