PMU Focus

Don’t miss out on the **last Foundations of GHP Management for 2012**!

**Date:** July 25, 2012; W-F  
**Place:** UF/IFAS Apopka MREC  
**Time:** 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)  
**Cost:** $350

Registration will close on July 23, 2012; Monday. (Note: Registration deadlines are earlier than most CEU classes because each class is tailored for the folks enrolled, so we require time to print the material that will be distributed for each class and gather supplies for the hands-on training.)

**Registration Form**

What do rodents, cockroaches and bed bugs have in common? They are all cryptobiotic! We cover these pests, ants, flies and more. This 2.5 day training includes biology, identification, inspection techniques, effective treatments strategies and regulatory updates.

Don’t forget to sign up for our Master’s class, Oct 24-26. We only hold this class once a year. If you are interested in the State GHP Certified Operator Examination, Joe Parker (DACS) will hold a special review after the Master’s class with the exam on Saturday at Apopka MREC. Details at PMU Newsletter vol 2, issue 9.

Focus on Facts

Everytime we prepare for a PMU class, I take some time to review relevant publications which are usually the “cutting-edge”, new material, but every once in a while, it is worth taking a look back. I recently rediscovered the 1957 Roth and Willis publication titled “The Medical and Veterinary Importance of Cockroaches” (Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 134, No. 10). It made me thankful for the effective pest control practices that we have today. I also found that the University of Florida is referenced in this publication:

"Lohmeyer (1953) reported an extremely heavy infestation of cockroaches (identified as Periplaneta americana...) in the standard-rate trickling filter of the sewage treatment plant at the Universit of Florida. This filter had been in
operation for five years but had never been flooded during that time to control filter flies. The filter was finally flooded because cockroaches had been seen collecting on the outside walls at night. When the flooding water was within 4 inches of the top, the filter medium was covered with a mass of cockroaches so thick that the rocks were completely hidden. When the insects were killed by insecticide, those removed occupied a minimum volume of over 2 1/2 cubic yards; several times that quantity died in the adjacent woods…"

2.5 cubic yards is roughly 434 gallons (dry). That’s a lot of American cockroaches!

PMU Reminders

Don’t miss out on the last Foundations of Termite Management for 2012!

Do you have new technicians that with some experience could be great technicians? Would you like to have hands-on experience evaluating 50+ construction types for termite management? If so, then you need the Foundations of Termite Management

Date: Sept 5-7, 2012; W-F
Place: UF/IFAS Apopka MREC
Time: 8 AM-5 PM (W, TH); 8 AM-12 PM (F)
Cost: $350
Registration will close on Sept 3, 2012; Monday. (Note: Registration deadlines are earlier than most CEU classes because each class is tailored for the folks enrolled, so we require time to print the material that will be distributed for each class and gather supplies for the hands-on training.)

Registration Form

Don’t forget to sign up for our Master’s class, Sept 26-28, 2012. We only hold this class once a year. If you are interested in the State WDO Certified Operator Examination, Joe Parker (DACS) will hold a special review after the Master’s class with the exam on Saturday at Apopka MREC. Details at PMU Newsletter vol 2, issue 9.

Learn more from IFAS

- UF/IFAS has Extension Offices in each of Florida’s sixty-seven counties. We also have twelve Research and Education Centers (RECs) and Research and Demonstration Sites (RDSs).
- If you need help a great place to start is your local County Extension Office. With an office located in every county it has never been easier to partner with the University of Florida and your local County Government. To find an office near you please visit: http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map/