

Bug Bytes

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HALLELULAH – DEADLINE PASSED!

Hard to believe that April 30 has finally passed. The recent week has been a whirlwind of activity at the GPCA office with HUGE Road Shows in Rome and Gwinnett. Additionally, many of our region directors held region meetings through April 30 as well. There was plenty of opportunity out there for training – and we know that you took advantage of it!!!

For those unfortunate few who didn't quite make all your hours, here's the process.

1. You're going to have to retest.
2. You may continue working until June 30th on your current technician registration – but if you don't retest AND PASS – by June 30, you may not work as a technician after this date.
3. To retest you will need to complete the initial training requirements. This training includes 10 hours of classroom training and 70 hours of on-the-job training.

As for the State status on posting your credits, it's coming. Due to furlough days, less staff and more paperwork, the Department has advised that you should expect some delays in posting of your credit hours and the processing of renewal applications.

However, per Derrick Lastinger today, renewal applications will not be mailed until the training records that were received by the May 5th deadline are processed. The Department of Agriculture is expecting that posting of these records to the website and the mailing of renewal applications should be complete by the end of May. After June 1st, if you have a discrepancy, you may copy the training record, and fax to the Georgia Department of Agriculture at **404-463-6671**.

RECERT SLIPS

One of our region directors asked me to remind everyone that the new sign-in, sign-out forms are not the only paper trail if you attend a GPCA event. GPCA provides attendees the 3 part recert/re-registration form. It's one of the benefits of attending a GPCA sponsored meeting (conference, road show, region meeting).

NO DEAD ZONE FOR TECHNICIANS

We want to encourage you to attend more classes and region meetings. Technicians who accrued all their hours by the April 30 deadline can start earning CEU's now for their next re-registration period ending in 2011.

GPCA FIELD TRIP

Ever wanted to see what research is up to? Spend a day with GPCA on our annual field trip – this time in Griffin, Georgia. Cost for the full day is only \$45

CRAM DAY – JUNE 11

If you are planning to take the state PCO exam, there isn't a better study system than to spend a day with Jim Chase and 'zone' in on nothing but test material. GPCA has the only official CRAM day in Georgia, offering 9 full hours of review on pest control, rules and regulations and wdo issues. It's a fast-paced day starting promptly at 8 AM. We move through lunch and continue to 5 PM. Come all day, or just for half. If you are serious about doing your best on the PCO exam, this is what you need.

Location: GPCA Office – 2034 Beaver Ruin Road, Norcross, Georgia, 770-417-1881
Time: times are approximate -
8 – 11 AM – HPC issues
11 – 1:30 PM – Rules and Regulations and in classroom lunch
1:30 – 5 PM – WDO issues

Cost: If you have taken the GPCA PCO course in the past 5 years, you may attend the program for \$10 (1/2 or full day).
If you have NOT taken the GPCA PCO course, the fee is \$25 for ½ day, \$50 for full day (GPCA members).
Non members - \$50 ½ day; \$100 full day.

Credits: 3 HPC, 1 IPM, 3 WDO, 1 PTX



**SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 21
GPCA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
HAMPTON GOLF VILLAGE, CUMMING**

**All proceeds benefit Leukemia/Lymphoma
& the GPCA Burnett Scholarship**

**Lunch, dinner, & live auction featuring foursomes at East
Lake Country Club and other awesome courses as well as
entertainment, sporting events and other great items!**

*Price \$600 foursome, \$150 per person. For additional
information contact GPCA at 770-417-1881 or golf co-chairs:
Brantley Russell (brussell@arrowexterminators.com) or Kim
Floyd (kim.floyd@univarusa.com).*

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Last week the GPCA Scholarship committee met and awarded **SEVEN** \$1000 scholarships to children of GPCA members. We're not going to tell you who won because we will feature the seven in the next PROFILE but we have a great diversity of recipients – some from big companies, some from small. From Northwest Georgia to East Georgia to South Georgia. You're going to be impressed by these winners. The Burnett Scholarship is open to all companies. Children of clerical staff employees or technicians actually receive priority consideration! Deadline for applicants next year – April 15, 2010.

THANK YOU UNIVAR - Donate to Light the Night just by purchasing from UNIVAR!

During the month of July for every 8oz. Bottle of Optiguard Flex purchased from UNIVAR, \$1 will be donated to the "Lymphoma Light The Night" campaign. Products must be purchased from July 1 - July 31st 2009.

MANAGEMENT TRAINING

UNIVAR has also announced a management program that features goals, planning, prospecting and lead generation. You should make plans to attend this program and call as soon as possible because seating is limited. See attachment.

FUTURE MEETINGS

GPCA Summer Conference – July 19 – 22, 2009 – Ginn Hammock Resort, Palm Coast Florida. (Between St. Augustine and Daytona Beach) Full conference information should be posted to the GPCA.org website within the next two days and the mailing has been sent to the post office. Featuring: add-on service programs including mosquito, wildlife, TAP as well as professionalism and ethics. Fun stuff – Monte Carlo Casino Night, Lazy River, huge family (and separate adult) pool, restaurants, bars, golf – ON THE OCEAN and all condo property!

GPCA Northwest Conference – September 9 – 10, 2009, NW GA Trade Center, Dalton. Two full days of training – Wednesday featuring HPC; Thursday featuring WDO.

GPCA South Georgia Conference – October 7 – 8, 2009, Rural Develop Center, Tifton. Two full days of CONCURRENT training featuring HPC and WDO each day. Fumigation classes also offered.

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ANNUAL FIELD TRIP May 19, 2009

TUESDAY
MAY 19, 2009

GRIFFIN
EXPERIMENT
STATION,
GRIFFIN GA.

AGENDA

9:30—Refreshments
Alamo Building

10:00—Urban Pest Management Program Update
by Dr. Dan Suiter, 1 hr.
WDO

11:00—Mysteries of the
Termiticide Registration
Process by Jim Harron, 1
hr. WDO

Noon—Barbecue Lunch
Pavilion

1 PM—Tour—UGA Center for Food Safety, Dr. Faith Critzer

2:00—Water Issues in
Georgia, Dr. Ellen Bauskas

2:45—UGA Griffin Campus Academic Programs and Future of the UGA Griffin Campus, Dr. Marilyn Johnson, Dr. Jerry Arkin and Mr. Dale Hess.

3:30—End

Call GPCA at 770-417-1881 to register

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RESEARCH IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

The GPCA Field Trip started as a WDO research project. We've traveled to Gulfport MS, New Orleans, LA, Fort Lauderdale FL, Chicago ILL, Riverside CA, Clayton NC



and Hurricane Katrina sites to talk with world famous researchers. They have opened their labs and showed us the cutting edge research coming for our industry.

One thing we haven't done, however, is look in our own backyard where others come to learn.

Urban Pest Management research conducted on the

UGA Griffin Campus is focused primarily on ants, termites, and occasional invaders. The goal of the applied research program is to generate information that enables it to make sound recommendations to pest management professionals and homeowners regarding the use of pesticides and low-impact pest control methods.



Also—the water issue in Georgia. Did you know that research is underway at the Griffin station to help solve Georgia's severe water crisis?

What about food safety? Hottest news story this year has been about peanut products.

The Urban Agriculture Center is deeply involved in this project.

Come learn about the Center for Urban Agriculture—a work in process that serves consumers, farmers and industry. You will be rewarded with a once in a life-time experience afforded to only small professional groups. Learn about your industry, your state and *Research in your own backyard!*



COST AND DIRECTIONS

The Field Trip includes refreshments and Barbecue Lunch. Cost is \$45 per person.

Space is limited so sign up early.

The address for the campus:

University of Georgia
Griffin Campus
1109 Experiment Street
Griffin, GA 30223

Directions from multiple locations are available at:

http://www.caes.uga.edu/campus/griffin/profile/directions_maps.html

Don't miss this opportunity to become a more informed Georgia pest management professional.

- Reward one of your employees with the opportunity to attend the field trip.
- Reward yourself!

For additional information and to register, please contact the Georgia Pest Control Association Office at 770-417-1881

Calendar of Events and Training

May 7, 2009

GPCA Office 770/417-1881 or 800/465-9827

Events in 2009

May 2009

May 11 – Cleveland – Region 2 Meeting from 6:00-8:00 pm at the United Community Bank, Community Building, 153 E. Kytle Street (Hwy. 115), Cleveland, GA. Len Land will be the speaker with 2 hrs WDO credit. (You must attend both hours for credit). Please RSVP at 706/864-9757 or 770/983-1557.

May 19 – Griffin – GPCA Field Trip. See information in BugBytes. 2 hours WDO

May 19 – Lawrenceville – Region 9 Meeting from 6:00-8:00 pm at Kacey's Home Cooking, 520 W. Pike Street, Lawrenceville, GA., Dan Hill with Ensystem will be the speaker with 2 hrs PTX credit. No R.S.V.P. is necessary.

May 21 – Valdosta – Region 18 Meeting from 12:00-2:00 pm, The Gold Plate Restaurant, 1104 South Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA. Walt Weinwurm with Bayer will be the speaker, 2 hrs HPC/IPM credit, Please RSVP to Manuel Snipes at 229-241-9372.

May 26 – Norcross – GPCA 4th Tuesday program, Ted Veitch, HPC. Free to the industry, 9 – 11 AM. Call 770-417-1881 to register.

June 2009

June 11 – Norcross – GPCA CRAM Day, 8 AM to 5 PM, Jim Chase instructor, 3 hours HPC, 1 IPM, 3 hours WDO, 1 PTX. See information this issue BugBytes. Pre-registration required.

June 23 – Norcross – GPCA 4th Tuesday program, Dennis Judy, WDO. Free to the industry, 9 – 11 AM. Call 770-417-1881 to register.

July 2009

July 19-22 – Florida – GPCA Summer Conference at Ginn Hammock Beach in Palm Coast, Florida. Anticipated conference credit hrs. 2 WDO, 1 PTX, 2 HPC & 1 IPM. For more information call 770/417-1881.

Regularly Scheduled Region Meetings

Region 2 - 2nd Monday every month except November, December and January
Region 5 - 2nd Tuesday every other month
Region 11 - 4th Thursday every odd month
Region 13 - 3rd Thursday every month.
Region 17 - 2nd Tuesday as announced
Region 18 - 3rd Thursday as announced

TRAINING NOTES

- REMEMBER – YOU CAN NOT GET CREDIT FOR THE SAME COURSE TWICE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR – YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO GET CREDIT ONE TIME.
- IF YOU ACCRUE MORE IPM HOURS THAN NEEDED, THEY WILL COUNT TOWARD YOUR HPC REQUIREMENTS.
- IF YOU ACCRUE MORE PRETREAT HOURS THAN NEEDED, THEY WILL COUNT TOWARD YOUR WDO REQUIREMENTS.
- CHECK YOUR HOURS ONLINE AT WWW.KELLYSOLUTIONS.COM.