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School IPM Focus-Taking Care of Yourself

The kids are still on vacation, but with the start of school only a month away, most school district employees are geared-up in preparation and recovering from summer school all at the same time. Before things really get rolling again, remember to take care of yourself! Here are 3 suggestions on what to do for yourself professionally before the kids come back to school:

1. Maintain job satisfaction by learning new things.

--Our last class for General Household Pest Management at PMU (Pest Management University) will run from July 25-27, 2012 (see announcement below)

--Attend the Florida School Plan Management Association **annual conference**.

2. Create a comfortable work space. Custodial closets and facility-maintenance work areas often are the last to receive attention because you are busy taking care of everyone else. Purge unwanted and unused items. Discard chemicals appropriately according to your school district plan.
3. Do something different to stay interested. If you are tired of dealing with staff complaints because of pests, look into learning about IPM. Don't know where to start? Our "**Welcome Packet**" can provide helpful guidance.

As always for more information on pests or on developing an IPM program please visit our **website**.

Know the Facts: The Key to Ant Management



The key to ant management is understanding how they trail and knowing where they nest. Does your school landscape provide a place for ants to nest and harbor comfortably? Has your schools choice of plants also provided a food source for ants? Paul Mitola (left) describes how ants can nest in thick mulch and trail up trees to harvest the honeydew of aphids and scale insects. Learn more about ant management and many other topics that fit into your school IPM needs at the PMU Foundations of GHP Management in Apopka on July 25th.

Last Call for this Training Opportunity

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 Monday July 23, 2012. (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.

News!



We hope you will submit news items and would be happy to help you write a story if you have an idea but don't have the time to write up the information. This newsletter will be published as content arrives, please keep the information flowing! Please send news items to **Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman**.

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