



Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist Training

DRAFT agenda

September 18-21, 2017

Texas A&M AgriLife Center, 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX 75252

Time	Activity	Instructor(s)
Monday, September 18th		
1-1:30	Welcome, mixer, and introductions. Overview of program.	Mike Merchant / Erfan Vafaie – Program Hosts
1:30-3:00	Introduction to Insects and Insect Orders	Mike Merchant
3:00-3:15	Break	
3:15-5:30	Additional Orders- Projector and Table Specimens - lesson in microscopy - keying out exercise	Erfan Vafaie (lead)
Dinner	On the town on your own	
Tuesday, September 19th		
8:00-8:45	What's in <i>Your</i> Bugkit?	Mike Merchant
8:45-9:45	Beneficial insects and biological control	Erfan Vafaie
9:45-10:00	Break	
10:00-11:45	Controlling insects: IPM and toxicology	Mike Merchant
11:45-12:30	Lunch	catered
12:30-2:30	Insect pests of trees and shrubs	Erfan Vafaie
2:30-3:30	Group picture, gather collecting supplies, travel to Heard Museum	Meet Angela Barron, Heard Museum Ed Director
3:30-4:30	Butterfly gardening presentation	Melanie Schuchart
4:30-6:30	Collecting at Heard Museum	Staff
6:30-7:30	Dinner (catered)	

7:30-8:30	Insect photography and use of light box	Erfan Vafaie
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8:30-whenever	Black light Collecting @ Heard Museum	Staff
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Wednesday, September 20th

8:30-10:30	Specimen preparation/identification	Staff
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10:30-12:00	Solitary bees and pollinator conservation	Karen Wright
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12:00-12:45	Lunch	catered
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12:45-1:15	The Secret Life of Mosquitoes	Mike Merchant
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1:15-2:00	Ants of Texas	Robert Puckett
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2:00-2:45	Online resources for entomology	Mike Merchant
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2:45-3:15	Travel to COP Environmental Education Center	
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3:15-5:30	Plano EEC and community gardens: talk on Environmental Education, garden tour, collecting	Erin Hoffer, COP
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Dinner	Optional - Local Dining - TBA	
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Thursday, September 21st

8:00-9:30	Bees and Beekeeping/honey tasting?	Janet Rowe?
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9:30-10:00	The scientific method and pest control	Mike Merchant
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10:00-10:15	Break	
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10:15-11:15	Urban and structural pests	Mike Merchant
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11:30-12:30	Where to from here? Getting your Entomology Specialist pin	Wizzie Brown, Elaine Ackley and Judy Meagher
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12:30	Evaluations and goodbyes	
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General Directions: 17360 Coit Road is located on the east side of Coit Road, approximately 0.5 miles south of the President George Bush Highway (190) or 4.5 miles north of the Coit/LBJ (I-635) intersection.



We will be meeting in the Building E Classroom. Due to major construction, parking at the Dallas Center is limited, but you may park either in the front lot (preferred), or in the lot behind Building E.

