



66TH ANNUAL PCT SCHOOL COMING SOON!

Make plans to attend the 66th annual PCT School January 25-28, 2016 @ The Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center in Durham, NC. The 2015 PCT School was held in the very same facility and the feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. To get directions to the hotel call: 919-941-5050, to register for the conference call: 800-678-6722 or go the NCPMA website to register online; NCPMA@pestworld.org. A structural pest control certification exam will be given on January 28, 2016 starting at 7:30 am. To register for the exam call; 919-733-6100. A variety of recertification training opportunities will be available at this year's school. As always, the Division's staff will be on hand to help you determine your recertification status. You may determine your status beforehand by utilizing our web site. Visit our web site at www.ncagr.com/str-pest/ and click on License & Certification. You may first want to click on Recertification Requirements to find out how many credits and years of attendance are required during your five-year recertification period. To check your transcript you should then click on Recertification Transcripts, enter your name and click on Find Record. You then click on your name, click on

search, and finally click on your file number. The transcript page will show your name/company information, recertification dates, and the credits you have obtained. When you register for the PCT School it is imperative that your social security number is accurate. In years past we have discovered that some people did not receive proper credit because their social security number was incorrect. If your social security number used at the PCT School does not match the one we have on file then you will not receive proper credit. The Certification Exams given by the Division at the PCT School begin at 8:00 AM on Thursday, January 28th. All exam participants must send a completed exam preregistration form to the Division by January 18, 2016. As always, applicants who have not attended/completed the registered Technician School Training will not be permitted to sit for the certification exams. The registration and fees for the exams are in addition to any registration/fees for the PCT School. There is a \$25.00 fee for each phase exam (P, W, or F) and no charge for the core exam. Please be prepared to pay with a check or money order only. The exam fees will be collected the morning of the exams. You may contact the Division at (919) 733-6100 if you have any questions about these exams.

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WELCOME ABOARD

The Structural Pest Control section welcomes Michelle Willett to our team. Michelle comes to us from the Food & Drug Division where she was a laboratory supervisor overseeing testing for mycotoxins in food, feed, and forage. Michelle brings a wide range of knowledge and experience (11 years as a Chemist II in the Pesticide Residue section and 25+ years in Food and Drug). Michelle fills the position of "Outreach and Communication Specialist" formerly held by Tony May. You can reach Michelle at Michelle.willett@ncagr.gov.

Tony May has filled the position vacated by Victor Lennon as "Certification and Training Coordinator".

A new member has joined the Structural Pest Control committee as of September 2015-Sheila Higgins, NC Division of Public Health, Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch. Sheila is an Occupational Health Nurse Consultant as well as chairperson of the DHHS Pesticide Advisory Group. Sheila's contact information;

Sheila Higgins RN MPH COHN-S, NC Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health, Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch, 1912 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1912, Office (919) 707-5940, email Sheila.higgins@dhhs.nc.gov

The Structural Pest Control section has a new legal representation from the NC Department of Justice, Assistant Attorney General-Christopher McLennan. Christopher is taking on the responsibilities formally held by Barry Bloch. Christopher's contact information; office (919) 716-6507, e-mail-cmclennan@ncdoj.gov. A very special thank you goes out to Barry Bloch from all of us in the Structural Pest Control section for his 11 years of tireless work and valuable advise. You will be missed Barry!



RALEIGH LICENSE EXAM LOCATION

The monthly license/certification exams are administered at the Gov. James B. Martin Building which is located at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. The physical address for the fairgrounds is 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, N.C. The most convenient entrance to find this building is located off of Trinity Road through Gate 9. From Blue Ridge Road, turn onto Trinity Road and Gate 9 will be your first entrance to the fairgrounds on your left. After Entering Gate 9, the Gov. James B. Martin Building will be the first building on your right.

RT Schools, Exam Dates and Locations

JANUARY EXAMS

January 5, 2016 9:30 AM
LICENSE & CERTIFICATION EXAMS
Gov. James G. Martin Building-N.C. State Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, N.C. Capacity 50
919-733-6100

January 28, 2016 7:30 AM
CERTIFICATION EXAM ONLY (In association with NCPMA PCT School)
Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center
4700 Emperor Blvd
Durham, NC Capacity 150
www.ncpestmanagement.org
(register for PCT school & directions)
919-733-6100 (register for exam)

January 29, 2016 1:00 PM
CERTIFICATION EXAM ONLY (In association with NC State Pesticide School)
JC Raulston Arboretum-Brickhaven Bldg
4415 Beryl Road
Raleigh, NC
919-515-3113 (Directions)
919-733-6100 (Exam Registration)

JANUARY RT SCHOOLS

January 6, 2016 8:30 AM
L. Y. BALLENTINE BUILDING
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 733-6100 (Directions)

January 19, 2016 8:30 AM
Union County Center
3230-D Presson Rd.
Monroe, NC 28112
704-283-3801 (Directions)

FEBRUARY EXAMS

February 2, 2016 9:30 AM
LICENSE & CERTIFICATION EXAMS
Gov. James G. Martin Building-N.C. State Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, N.C. Capacity 50
919-733-6100

February 23, 2016 10:00 AM
CERTIFICATION EXAM ONLY
Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agriculture Center
2900 NC Hwy 125 South
Williamston, N.C. Capacity 50
919-733-6100 (register)
252-792-5802 (directions)

FEBRUARY RT SCHOOLS

February 3, 2016 8:30 AM
L. Y. BALLENTINE BUILDING
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 733-6100 (Directions)

February 10, 2016 8:30 AM
Forsyth County Center
1450 Fairchild Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27105
336-703-2850 (Directions)

MARCH EXAMS

March 1, 2016 9:30 AM
LICENSE & CERTIFICATION EXAMS
Gov. James G. Martin Building
N.C. State Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, N.C. Capacity 50
919-733-6100

March 23, 2016 10:00 AM
CERTIFICATION EXAM ONLY
Iredell County Co-Operative Extension Center
444 Bristol Drive, Suite 110
Statesville, NC Capacity 50
404-873-0507 (directions) 919-733-6100 (registration)

MARCH RT SCHOOLS

March 2, 2016 8:30 AM
L. Y. BALLENTINE BUILDING
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 733-6100 (Directions)

March 16, 2016 8:30 AM
NEW HANOVER COUNTY COOPERATIVE
Extension Center
6206 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
910-798-7660 (Directions)

March 22, 2016 8:30 AM
PITT COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION CENTER
403 Government Circle, Suite 2
Greenville, NC 27834
252-902-1700 (Directions)

APRIL EXAMS

April 5, 2016 9:30 AM
LICENSE & CERTIFICATION EXAMS
Gov. James G. Martin Building
N.C. State Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Road Capacity 50
919-733-6100

April 28, 2016 1:00 PM
CERTIFICATION EXAM ONLY (In association with NC State Pesticide School)
JC Ralston Arboretum
4415 Beryl Road--Brickhaven Building
Raleigh, NC Capacity 50
919-515-3113 (directions)
919-733-6100 (registration)

APRIL RT SCHOOLS

April 6, 2016 8:30 AM
L. Y. BALLENTINE BUILDING
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 733-6100

April 27, 2016 8:30 AM
IREDELL COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION CENTER
444 Bristol Drive, Suite 110
Statesville, NC Capacity: 40
704-873-0507 (Directions)

MAY EXAMS

May 3, 2016 9:30 AM

LICENSE & CERTIFICATION EXAMS
Gov. James G. Martin Building
N.C. State Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Road Capacity 50
919-733-6100

May 18, 2016 1:00 PM

CERTIFICATION EXAM ONLY
(In Conjunction with NCSU Spray School)
Forsyth County Co-Operative
Extension Center
1450 Fairchild Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27105 Capacity 50
(336)703-2850 (directions)
919-733-6100 (register)

MAY RT SCHOOLS

May 4, 2016 8:30 AM

L. Y. BALLENTINE BUILDING
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 733-6100 (Directions)

May 17, 2016 8:30 AM

CRAVEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION CENTER
300 Industrial Drive
New Bern, NC 28562
252-633-1477 (Directions)

JUNE EXAMS

June 7, 2016 9:30 AM

LICENSE & CERTIFICATION EXAMS
Gov. James G. Martin Building-N.C. State
Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Road Capacity 50
919-733-6100

June 21, 2016 10.00 AM

CERTIFICATION EXAM ONLY
Craven County Co-Operative Extension
Center
300 Industrial Drive
New Bern, NC Capacity 50
252-633-1477 (directions)
919-733-6100 (registration)

JUNE RT SCHOOLS

June 8, 2016 8:30 AM

L. Y. BALLENTINE BUILDING
2109 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 733-6100 (Directions)

June 29, 2016 8:30 AM

CABARRUS COUNTY COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION CENTER
715 Cabarrus Avenue-West
Concord, NC 28027
704-920-3310 (Directions)

Fun Facts about bugs.....

- Locusts eat their own weight in a day. Human beings eat their own weight in 6 months. The desert locust is considered the most destructive insect in the world. A large swarm of locusts can consume 20,000 tons of grain and plants in a day. I might dispute that...

subterranean termites damage beachfront homes along the North Carolina coast to the tune of millions of dollars.

- Fossils of cockroaches were found that scientists calculate to be approximately 280 million years old. For all of you dinosaur lovers this fact proves dinosaurs appeared 80 million years AFTER cockroaches. That might have something to do with the fact we are still dealing with cockroach infestation problems today!!

- A slug has four noses. Those poor things must be miserable during cold & flu season!!

- The weight of all termites worldwide outweighs the weight of all humans worldwide 10 to 1.


- About 80% of the animals in the world are insects.

- Only the male crickets chirp.


- A mosquito flaps its wings 500 times a second!!! I think I would last about 10 seconds as a mosquito then I would drop like a stone and head for cover.


- Of the large number of insects that exist only about 1% are harmful to humans. In fact most insects are harmless and some benefit humans like the pollinators. If it wasn't for the pollinators like honey bees that help plants pollinate and reproduce we wouldn't have anything to eat.

- Cockroaches' favorite food is the glue on envelopes and on the back of postage stamps. I gotta throw a challenge flag on this one because I can recall from my college days seeing a thousand of these bugs
 feasting on leftover pizza and spilled beer littering my apartment.

- A flea can jump 130 times its own height. The champion flea jumper is the cat flea. It has been known to leap to a height of 34 inches subjecting itself to over 200 g's.


These fun facts were taken from the 2015 Funology Fact Sheet about Insects and Bugs.