Thank you!

Thank you to all who have completed the newsletter survey. If you have not yet done so, please do! We do take your comments and suggestions seriously. In fact, much of the content of this newsletter issue is “by request”.

**Upcoming pesticide certification:**

**WILMINGTON, NC - February 28-March 1**
Ornamentals & Turf
Aquatic
Private Applicators (farmers)

**PLYMOUTH, NC - March 7-8**
Ornamentals & Turf
Dealer
Public Health
Private Applicators (farmers)

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC - March 21-22**
Ornamentals & Turf
Aquatic
Right of Way
Private Applicators (farmers)

**KINSTON, NC - April 4-5**
Ornamentals & Turf
Ag. Pest - Plant
Private Applicators (farmers)

The training school schedule for the state, class registration forms, recertification opportunities, and other information are listed at:

http://ipm.ncsu.edu/pesticidesafety/

For more information, contact Jennie Ferrell at (919) 515-3113.

Local Cooperative Extension Center contacts for pesticide training in the following counties are:

Brunswick: David Barkley, (910) 253-2610
New Hanover: Ken Wells, (910) 452-6393
Pender: Wayne Batten, (910) 259-1235
Onslow: Bryant Spivey, (910) 455-5873

**Halyburton Park wildlife workshops:**

Black Bears

January 10, 2006 from 7-9 pm

Some 7000 Black Bears now live in the Coastal Plain of North Carolina, with a large population in the southeastern counties. The NC Wildlife Resources Commission program involves the biology and management of Black Bears, as well as human interactions.

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The Great Backyard Bird Count

February 15, 2006 from 7-9 pm

Each year, birdwatchers across the US contribute a great deal of valuable data in the Great Backyard Bird Count. Researchers use this information to estimate population trends and ranges. Participants will learn to identify these birds in the field and around feeders, as well as discuss how to input the data into a national database.

For more information about these Wilmington programs, contact Andrea Talley at: (910) 794-6003 or by email at: Andrea.Talley@wilmingtonnc.gov

**Storm water utility workshop:**

The Southeast Storm Water Association (SESWA) is conducting a two-day seminar on stormwater utilities and NPDES permitting, two
of the critical issues facing local governments in the southeast. The seminar will take place on January 26 & 27, 2006 at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta Georgia. For more information on the seminar or the Association, please contact Kurt Spitzer at (850) 561-0904 or on the web at:

**WOW and POW workshop**

For formal and non-formal educators:

**WOW:** The Wonders of Wetlands and **POW:** The Planning of Wetlands

Host: North Carolina Coastal Federation
Where: Newport, NC
Friday, February 10th - WOW
Saturday, February 11th - POW

WOW counts toward Component I (with a homework assignment) or Component II for NCEE certification. POW counts toward Component II or Component III for NCEE certification. Both classes include a workbook.

Fees:
$45 for WOW, $50 for POW, $90 for both

For more information or to register, please contact: Suzanne Greene at 410.745.9620 or wow@wetland.org

Visit online at http://www.wetland.org

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**22nd Annual On-site Waste Water Conference: April 24-26, 2006**

It's changed! Rather than being held in late October or early November, the 2006 On-site Waste Water Conference will be held in April at the McKimmon Center, Raleigh NC.

Topics for 2006 include:
- Technology Case Studies
- Site Evaluations - Is This the Weakest Link?
- QA/QC of Site Evaluation
- Proprietary Systems and Components
- Pump Systems

**Project Learning Tree Workshop:**

The Sustainable Forestry Teachers' Tour will be conducted in the New Bern area from June 16-23, 2006.

The tour schedule is available on-line at:
http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/tour/schedule_coastal.html

For more information, contact Becky Townsend at (919) 515-9563 or email at: becky_townsend@ncsu.edu

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