

Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist Training
September 28th - October 2nd, 2015
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Montgomery County Office
9020 Airport Road, Conroe, TX 77303--4334

Time	Activity	Instructor(s)
<u>Monday, September 28th (Tom Leroy Education Building)</u>		
1-1:30	Welcome and Introductions- Icebreakers	Dr. Paul Nester/Dr. Mike Merchant
1:30-3:00	ENTO 101	Dr. Mike Merchant, Ext. Entomology Spec., BCE
3:00-3:15	Break	
3:15-5:00	Insect Orders - Projector and Table Specimens	Wizzie Brown, Ext. Program Spec. - IPM, BCE
5:00-5:30	Books and other useful reference material	Dr. Mike Merchant/Wizzie Brown
5:30	Adjourn for the day	
<u>Tuesday, September 29th (Tom Leroy Education Building)</u>		
8:00-9:30	IPM - Overview and Pesticide Toxicology	Dr. Mike Merchant
9:30-10:30	Pantry pests/management	Wizzie Brown
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-12:30	Vegetable Garden Pests/Beneficial Insects	Will Isbell, Master Vol. Ent. Spec. Class 2009
12:30-1:00	Lunch	MCMGA
1:00-2:00	MVES Projects/questions etc	Staff
2:00-3:00	Landscape and Ornamental Pests (Spiders)	Dr. Mike Merchant
3:00-3:15	Break- distribute collecting kits	Staff
3:15-3:30	What is in Your Kit?	Dr. Paul Nester, Ext. Program Spec.-IPM
3:30-4:00	Depart for W.G. Jones State Forest	Separate cars
4:00-5:00	Dinner W.G. Jones State Forest	Catered (boxed dinner)
5:00-6:00	Collecting/Photography Demonstration	Staff
6:00-9:00	Night collecting @ W.G. Jones State Forest	Staff and MVES Volunteers
9:00	Adjourn for the day	
<u>Wednesday, September 30th (W.G. Jones State Forest, 1328 FM 1488, Conroe, TX 77384)</u>		
8:00-9:15	Structural Pests	Dr. Robert Puckett, Ext. Entomology Spec.
9:15-10:30	Invasive insects	Allen Smith, TX A&M Forest Service
10:30-11:30	Collecting on State Forest Grounds	Staff & MVES Volunteers
11:30-12:00	Lunch catered (Box Lunch)	
12:00-1:00	Specimen Preparation	Staff & MVES Volunteers
1:00-3:00	W.G.Jones State Forest Grounds Tour	Texas A&M Forest Service Staff
3:00-5:00	Specimen Preparation (more collecting?).	Staff & MVES Volunteers
5:00	Adjourn for the day	
<u>Thursday, October 1st (Tom Leroy Education Building)</u>		
8:00-9:30	Specimen preparation	Staff & MVES Volunteers
9:30-12:00	Fire ants, Crazy ants, Leaf Cutter Ants, Oh My!	Dr. Paul Nester
12:00-1:00	Lunch catered	MCMGA
1:00-3:00	Butterflies etc.	Wally Ward, TX Master Naturalist & V.P. B.E.S.T.
3:00-3:15	Break	
3:15-4:15	Specimen preparation wrap-up	Dr. Paul Nester & MVES Volunteers
4:15-5:00	Re-visit MVES Project ideas – timelines	Dr. Paul Nester & MVES Volunteers
5:00	Adjourn for the day	
<u>Friday, October 2nd (Tom Leroy Education Building)</u>		
8:00-9:30	Flies & forensic entomology	Dr. Sonja Swiger, Ext. Entomology Spec.
9:30-10:30	All about bees	Dr. Juliana Rangel, Asst. Prof. TX A&M Entomology
10:30-11:30	Plants and bees	Texas A&M Graduate Student
11:30-12:15	Honey tasting activity	Dr. Juliana Rangel Bee Lab Personnel
12:15-1:00	Wrap-up/Pack-up/Evaluations and send-off	Dr. Paul Nester