

IPM Nursery Scout Training

Following is the agenda for the IPM Nursery Scout class taught by Laura M. Miller, Ornamental Plant Production Extension Agent, Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension Service (LMMiller@mail.ifas.ufl.edu). Laura writes, "The class was designed for nursery employees who have pest management responsibilities and for people (the attendees were Master Gardeners and college students) who wanted to work as nursery scouts through the Tampa Bay Wholesale Growers cooperative scouting program. Class size was limited to twenty registrants, but I ended up with twenty-two. Eleven were nursery employees, two were employees in landscape management, and nine were "independents." The Wholesale Growers employed two of the "independent" graduates, and the nursery employees report increased use of scouting and IPM principles. I would like to say that the hands-on practice and working with experienced scouts was very highly rated in evaluations, especially by those participants who were not nursery employees."

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Monday, December 9 1-4pm

IPM and the Benefits of Scouting (Laura Miller)
Mechanics of Scouting (Laura Miller)
Record Keeping (Laura Miller)
Scouting for Diseases (Dr. David Norman)

Tuesday, December 10 9am-4pm

Scouting Resources (Laura Miller)
Scouting for Insects (Dr. Lance Osborne)
Beneficial Insects (Dr. Lance Osborne)
Lunch and Hands-on Scouting at Sun City Tree Farm

Wednesday, December 11 9am-4pm

Scout/Management Relations (Frank Melton and Sylvia Shives)
Scouting for Abiotics (Laura Miller)
Scouting for Nematodes (Dr. Billy Crow)
Lunch
Hands-on Scouting at Tampa Wholesale Nursery

Thursday, December 12 9am-Noon

Using Diagnostic Labs (Laura Miller)
Weed ID and Control (Dr. Bob Stamps)
Monitoring pH and EC (Dr. Tom Yeager)
Scouting Strategies (Laura Miller)