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Field Crop Scout School will be held Saturday, March 4, 2006, in Agronomy Hall on the Iowa State University campus in Ames. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. Scout School is limited to 120 participants and preregistration is required. The program brochure and registration form are posted on the web.

The cost is $70. Registration and fees must be received by March 1, 2006. Registrations will not be accepted at the door for this program. Registration includes a scouting notebook, crop management clipboard, and hand lens.

Scouts attending the March session also can participate in a follow-up session at the Field Extension Education Laboratory (FEEL) in Ames on June 1, 2006. This afternoon session will test your problem-solving skills in actual field conditions and is only open to those attending the 2006 Field Crop Scout School. This session is included in the registration fee.

Registration can be completed online with a credit card (MasterCard or VISA only) online. Registrations also may be faxed with a credit card to (515) 294-1311 or be mailed along with a check or credit card information to Iowa State University Agribusiness Education Program, 2104B Agronomy Hall, Ames, IA 50011-1010. For more information, contact the Agribusiness Education Program at (515) 294-6429 or e-mail aep@iastate.edu.

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The 2005 Field Crop Scout School focused on scouting methods and taught participants to identify weeds, insects, and diseases in hands-on training sessions. (Jerry DeWitt)

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