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Abstract

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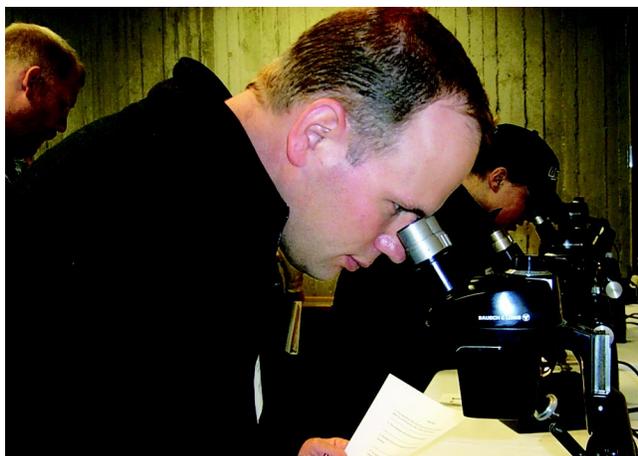
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Field Crop Scout School will be held Saturday, March 5, in Agronomy Hall on the Iowa State University campus in Ames. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:15 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. The scout school is limited to 100 participants and preregistration is required. The program brochure and registration form are posted on the Web at www.aep.iastate.edu.

The cost is \$70 for scouts and \$40 for their managers. **Registration and fees must be received by March 1, 2005.** Registrations will not be accepted at the door for this program. The fees cover a scouting notebook for registered scouts and lunch for both managers and scouts.

New this year will be a follow-up session at the Field Extension Education Laboratory (FEEL) in Ames on June 2, 2005. This afternoon session, included in the registration fee, will test your problem-solving skills in actual field conditions and is only open to those attending the 2005 IPM Field Crop Scout School.



Crop scout trainees learn to identify different species of insects using microscopes, photos, and insect samples. Hands-on exercises like this help crop scouts spot problems in the field. (Barbara McBreen)

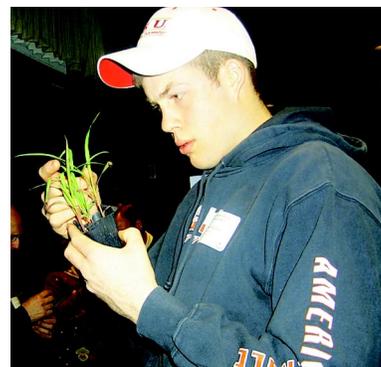


Trainees try out their identification skills on grass and broadleaf weed samples. (Barbara McBreen)

Register online with a credit card (MasterCard or VISA only) at www.aep.iastate.edu.

Registrations may also be faxed with a credit card to (515) 294-1311 or mailed along with a check or credit card information to ISU 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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Early weed identification is essential in treating problems quickly. (Barbara McBreen)

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