



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

July 2012

IN THIS ISSUE:

WSU MG Coordinator Webinar: AUG 2 (No webinar in July)

State Conference for MG Advanced Education

National conference pre-function for MG program coordinators Sept 24th

Weed ID information

Webinar Series on Climate Change...and others?

WSU MG Coordinator Webinar:

MG Online Training Steve Garl from CDPE will explain the new look and instructions for getting MG volunteers registered and ready to use the online portion of MG Training for fall2012/winter2013.

Thursday, Aug 2 at 10 am at breeze.wsu.edu/mg.

Log on as early as 9:30 and get individual help from Brigitta on participating in webinars. She's a pro at explaining how sit, stay, speak and shake with webinar technology. And she's VERY human friendly.

State MG Advanced Education Conference

Sept 13-15th, Pasco, WA

Encourage all certified and intern MG volunteers to attend this event for continuing education credits and networking with fellow MGs from around the state. Registration info at

<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1010784>

MG Program Coordinators who attend will meet during lunch on the second day. Our annual meeting of program coordinators will take place on Sept. 24th. See below.

National Conference pre-function for WSU MG program coordinators to be Sept 24th

All WSU MG program coordinators (faculty, staff and volunteer status) are invited and encouraged to attend an afternoon of program discussion and sharing the day *prior* to the national conference for Extension MG Program Coordinators in Spokane, September 25-27th. Registration and scholarship information will be available next week. Three things to remember:

1. The national conference is for the leaders of Extension MG Programs throughout the USA but county educators and program coordinators are encouraged to attend.
2. WSU MG coordinators will meet Monday, Sept 24th, 2-5 pm to discuss and share program ideas and issues in their counties. Agenda to be developed later.
3. Scholarship funds are available to support your attendance at the national conference and the pre-function. Watch for scholarship information in the next week or two.

Weed ID information

As reported in an allext email announcement, the contact information and specifications for weed identifications has changed. Details are provided here: <http://css.wsu.edu/weedscience/id.html>

Online Presentations on Climate Change

Craig Cogger, WSU Soil Scientist, has created 9 short, easy-to-understand presentations on the science of climate change and its implications for people and ecosystems. Each presentation is under 10 minutes long. To make these short webinars available to MG volunteers, send out the following link to the [WSU Extension Puyallup climate change website](#).

This webinar series is an excellent example of using technology to teach! All WSU faculty and staff have access to the Adobe Presentation software for creating educational programs like this. It allows people to learn at their own convenience, saves mileage and carbon dioxide emissions, and requires no classroom or parking space. No, it's not appropriate for all learning situations, but it works for many topics. Let me know if you want to prepare lessons like this for MG volunteers.