

Regional Pesticide Education Trainings offered across Montana in 2018.

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The Montana State University Pesticide Education Program (PEP) is coordinating five regional private applicator initial certification trainings across Montana. These seven hour training opportunities are designed for individuals desiring to learn more about pesticides, while simultaneously qualifying for a Montana private applicator license. A private applicator license allows individuals to apply restricted use pesticides on land they own, rent or lease. Training opportunities are available within Northern Cheyenne Reservation (Lame Deer) on January 17th, Blackfoot Reservation (Browning) on January 30th, Stillwater County (Columbus) on February 1st, Fort Belknap Reservation (Harlem) on March 6th and Broadwater County (Three Forks) on March 15th.

Each program will cover many subject areas of interest including integrated pest management, pesticide movement in the environment, pesticide safety and toxicity, pesticide law, calibrating ground spray equipment, understanding the private applicator license, reading and understanding the pesticide product label. Montana State University and Montana Department of Agriculture trainers speaking at these events include Dr. Jane Mangold (MSU Rangeland Weed Specialist), Dr. Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist), Amy Bowser (MSU Pesticide Education Technician), Theresa Schrum (MDA District Officer), Diana DeYoung (MDA District Officer) and Michaela Hystad (MDA District Officer). Surrounding MSU Extension county and tribal agents will also be assisting with many of the presentations.

Cost and Private Applicator Credit Opportunities

The registration fee varies by location with Lame Deer (\$15), Harlem (Free), Columbus (\$15), Browning (Free), and Three Forks (\$27). This fee (when applicable) covers necessary manuals, speaker costs and a catered lunch. Private applicators may attend the entire program for 6 private pesticide recertification credits. Attendees will qualify for a private applicator pesticide license by attending the entire event. Once qualified, individuals may send in a new applicator permit with license payment to the Montana Department of Agriculture to attain their Montana private applicator license. Attendees are strongly urged to pre-register as space is limited. See initial pesticide training details on the following page:

Initial Training Details and Registration

Date	Host	Location	Info	Fee	Registration
3/15/2018	MSU PEP Broadwater County	Three Forks Headwaters Livestock Auction 25 Wheatland Road	Agenda	\$27	Online 994-5178 amy.bowser@montana.edu
3/6/2018	MSU PEP Ft. Belknap Reservation	Harlem FBIC Transportation Building 258 Agency Main St.	Agenda	Free	Online 994-5178 amy.bowser@montana.edu
2/1/2018	MSU PEP Stillwater County	Columbus Columbus Fire and Rescue 944 E Pike Street	Agenda	\$15	Online 994-5178 amy.bowser@montana.edu
1/30/2018	MSU PEP Blackfeet Reservation	Browning Glacier Peaks Hotel 46 Museum Loop	Agenda	Free	Online 994-5178 amy.bowser@montana.edu
1/17/2018	MSU PEP Northern Cheyenne Reservation	Lame Deer Charging Horse Casino ½ US 212	Agenda	\$15	Online 994-5178 amy.bowser@montana.edu

Follow the links above for location specific agendas and registration or use the full links below.

- Agendas: <http://www.pesticides.montana.edu/pat/education/initial.html>
- Registration: <http://www.pesticides.montana.edu/event.html>

Contact Amy Bowser (406-994-5178; amy.bowser@montana.edu) regarding registration questions or Cecil Tharp (406-994-5067; ctharp@montana.edu) with other pesticide education questions.