

Valuable classes, seminars offered

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The Oregon Department of Agriculture pollinator program and the Oregonians for

Food and Shelter will team up to sponsor the CORE pesticide training and credit hours on Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 15 and 17, during this year's Willamette Valley Ag Expo.

Jill Ingalls, WVAE event coordinator, said no registration is required for the 2- and 4-hour sessions.

Here's the lineup for classes that will be present-

ed at the Expo:

Worker protection

Kaci Buhl of Oregon State University will be the instructor on Nov. 15 and 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The session will help participants determine what Worker Protection Standards requirements apply to their operations and how to com-

ply, including exceptions, restrictions, exemptions, options, and examples. Additionally, new training requirements for handler and worker employees will be covered.

Pollinator protection

Melissa Scherr of the ODA will be the instructor for pollinator protection classes from

1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15 and 17. Participants must attend all three hours, two CORE plus one other.

Scherr is in charge of developing the Oregon Managed Pollinator Protection Plan, and will teach on "Pollinator Protection: Declines, Pesticide Exposure and Developing Best Management Practices for Oregon Agriculture."

Forklift training

Ingalls also said the Expo will offer free forklift training and certification tests from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, by Overton Safety, with driving tests to follow. The class includes written and driving requirements. Class size is limited, and advance registration is available online at www.wvaexpo.com.

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