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Directions to the Montgomery County Extension Office

The 4-H Center is located in the old Skippack Elementary School on Route 113, one mile south of Route 73 in Skippack.

From Philadelphia: Take 76 West to Valley Forge. Follow the signs to Route 422 West. Take 422 West to the Collegeville exit (Route 29). Take Route 29 North. At the Collegeville Shopping Center you will have to make a quick right and then a left (stay on Route 29 North). The next intersection that you come to is Route 113. Make a right here. It is approximately 2 miles to the 4-H Center. The Center is an old brick school building on your left.

From the North: Take the NE Extension of the PA Turnpike South to the Lansdale exit. After going through the toll booth, turn right onto Route 63 (West) (Sumneytown Pike). Go approximately 4 miles to Route 113. Make a left (go South). Go 5 miles and cross the intersection of Route 113 and Route 73. The Extension office is one mile from this intersection on the right.

From Willow Grove: Take the NE Extension of the PA Turnpike North to the Lansdale exit. After going through the toll booth, turn right onto Route 63 (West) (Sumneytown Pike). Go approximately 4 miles to Route 113. Make a left (go South). Go 5 miles and cross the intersection of Routes 113 and 73. The Extension office is one mile from this intersection on the right.

From Lansdale: Take Route 363 South to Route 73. Turn right (North) onto Route 73. Go through Skippack. The first light that you come to in town is Route 113. Make a left. The 4-H Center is one mile from this intersection on the right.



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Professional Grounds Management School



*A course of
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in basic grounds
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A career in professional grounds management requires basic knowledge about trees, shrubs, turfgrass, soil, plant pests, pruning, and machinery use.

Penn State Cooperative Extension and the Philadelphia Branch of the Professional Grounds Management Society recognized this need and developed an seven-part course of instruction for grounds foremen, crew leaders and others, who would like to improve their skills while pursuing a career in grounds management.

Instructors from Penn State and local professional grounds managers will teach basic, practical information that grounds managers can put to use on the job. This information will serve as a foundation that participants can build on as they grow and advance in their profession.

This course is designed for the “hands on” grounds manager rather than supervisory personnel. No formal training is needed but a genuine interest in learning is required.

Instruction will include both classroom and field work. A certificate of completion will be given to all who complete the course of instruction. Enrollment is limited to the first 35 people who pay the pre-registration fee. The registration fee includes all lunches, registration to a full day seminar and an extensive reference notebook.

We look forward to a successful Grounds Management School and hope that you will be part of it.

Scott Guiser
Sr. Extension Educator

Professional Grounds Management School Class Schedule

Plant Science

9:00– 4:00 Tuesday, October 5

Basic plant anatomy, plant growth, Latin nomenclature and plant response to the environment will be covered. Study of common woody plants begins.

Soil Science

9:00 – 4:00 Tuesday, October 12

Physical, biological and chemical properties of soil will be discussed. Topics will include: soil pH, liming, soil amendments, organic matter, fertilizers and soil testing.

Turf Management

9:00– 4:00 Tuesday, October 19

Identification, establishment, renovation, fertilization, mowing, thatch management, aeration and other management practices will be discussed. Cultural practices that encourage healthy turf are emphasized.

Plant Health

9:00– 4:00 Tuesday, October 26

This class will focus on cultural practices that influence plant establishment and survival in the landscape. Proper planting, soil amendments, mulching, staking and site selection will be covered.

All classes will be held at the Montgomery County Extension Office, Creamery, PA. Directions are provided on the back of this brochure.

Managing Insects and Diseases

9:00– 4:00 Tuesday, November 2

Participants will learn to identify common insects, diseases and weeds that affect trees and shrubs. Plant samples showing signs and symptoms will be available and hands-on, problem solving exercises will be used.

Weed Management and Wrap-up

9:00– 4:00 Tuesday, November 9

More time is spent managing weeds than any other landscape pest. This session will focus on weed management in turf, woody ornamentals, plantings and “bare-ground” areas. We’ll also wrap up the formal part of grounds school instruction.

Nursery/ Landscape Conference

9:00– 4:00 Thursday, January 13

Grounds students will join other professionals at Delaware Valley College for a day-long seminar where a variety of timely subjects will be discussed.



Please pre-register as soon as possible for the 2010 Professional Grounds Management School. The first 35 paid pre-registrants will be accepted. The \$225 fee includes 6 lunches, a day-long seminars, and an extensive reference manual. Make checks payable to Penn State Cooperative Extension - Bucks County.

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