

AgriLife Today: Short course for turfgrass professionals set Jan. 23-27 in College Station

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COLLEGE STATION – Whether they specialize in sports turf or golf turf, parks and recreation or sod production, turfgrass specialists have an opportunity Jan. 23-27 to attend the “8th Annual Turfgrass Ecology and Management Short Course.”

This five-day course provides a unique and concentrated program in turfgrass management, according to Dr. David Chalmers, Texas AgriLife Extension Service state turfgrass specialist. The course fee is \$695 if paid by Jan. 9 or \$745 afterwards, Chalmers said. The fee covers the textbook “Turfgrasses: Their Management and Use in the Southern Zone,” as well as a reference materials notebook, certificate of completion and lunches.

On-site check-in begins at 8:15 a.m. Jan. 23 at the College Station Conference Center, 1300 George Bush Drive. Classes will begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 23 and will end at noon on Jan. 27.

Pre-registration is required through the AgriLife Extension conference services office, <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>, and use the keyword “turfgrass.” Chalmers said early registration is encouraged, as enrollment is limited.

“New professional turfgrass managers can learn basic and practical information while experienced managers are provided the opportunity to review and update their knowledge,” Chalmers said. “We have 12 Texas A&M University faculty members who will draw upon their expertise to address turfgrass industry issues, problems and opportunity.”

Chalmers said in surveys taken following the 2011 event, 91 percent of the participants said they expected to benefit economically as a result of what they learned in the course, and 88 percent said the information presented increased their ability to make decisions about turfgrass.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has approved this course for re-certification for pesticide applicators who need continuing education units, he said. Categories and hours available will be: structural pest control service – two general, two laws and regulations and two weed control; and agricultural pesticides – 9.5 general, one integrated pest management and two laws and regulations.

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