



Southern Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District
WINTER AG SCHOOL: March 5 – April 4, 2019
Confirm class location and time under each class listing

1. ADAPTIVE GARDENING

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Leilani Carlson, Maine AgrAbility Program
Houlton High School, Rm 34**

- Love to garden but find it's getting harder?
- Learn how to work smarter & conserve energy
- Simple ergonomic techniques and show & tell tools to make gardening easier on the body

2. What the HEMP is Going On?

*(For all Size Growers - Backyard Recreationalists,
Commercial CBD Producers and Seed Producers)*

Thursday, March 7, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**John Jemison, Extension Professor of Soil & Water
Quality**

Houlton High School, Rm 34

- What does Farm Bill passage of hemp mean?
- Hemp: agronomy, growing season, management, THC stress levels, insects and disease
- Current market uses

**3. CLIMATE CHANGE: FOREST &
ECOSYSTEM IMPACTS**

Thursday, March 14, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Sean Birkel, Research Scientist, Climate Change
Institute at UMaine; Dr. Jay Wason, Ass't Professor of
Forest Ecosystem Physiology, UMaine; Dr. Ivan
Fernandez, Professor of Soil Science
School of Forest Resources, UMaine
Meduxnekeag Ramblers Snowsled Club, Wiley Rd,
Littleton**

- Overview of Maine's climate and general impacts
- What can we expect in the future?
- Implications of a changing climate on our forests and ecosystems

Credits: ½ day recertification CLP; 2 QLP

**Come visit our Invasive Forest Pests booth at the
Presque Isle Sportsman's Show March 23 & 24.**

**The BIG TREE CONTEST continues! Check
out www.saswcd.org for more info.**

**4. BUILDING BLOCKS FOR RAISING
HEALTHY, PROFITABLE ANIMALS ON A
SMALL FARM**

Wednesday, March 27, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Jim Weber, PhD, DVM, Assoc Professor, UMaine
Houlton High School, Rm 34**

- Learn how to develop farm-specific goals
- Setting up the right infrastructure for healthy animals
- A vet's point of view: covering livestock, horses, small ruminants and poultry
- Q&A session w/ Dr Weber – get answers to questions or problems that are specific to your farm.

1 Nutrient Management Credit

5. FARMING IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Thursday, March 28, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Ellen Mallory, Assoc Professor & Sustainable
Agriculture Extension Specialist; Sonja Birthisel,
Postdoctoral Research Assoc, School of Forest
Resources, Food & Ag; & Brogan Tooley, Grad
Student, School of Food & Ag, UMaine
Meduxnekeag Ramblers Snowsled Club, Wiley Rd,
Littleton**

- How Maine weather changed & what's expected for the future
- Impacts on crop production & possible coping strategies
- Existing weather-based tools & resources for farmers and what is needed

6. EMERALD ASH BORER NIGHT

Thursday, April 4, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

**Colleen Teerling, Entomologist, MFS; Nate Siegert,
Forest Entomologist, US Forest Service; and Gary
Fish, State Horticulturist, Maine DACF
Meduxnekeag Ramblers Snowsled Club, Wiley Rd,
Littleton**

- EAB – biology, history and current situation
 - EAB management tools and the aftermath forest
 - Movement of ash products and quarantines
- Credits: ½ day recertification CLP; 3 QLP; SAF &
LFP – 2.5 Category 1; 1 Pesticide**

*For more information on classes or if you require special accommodations
please call:*

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