

# 2009 TMG Winter School Agenda

**Leadership Track:** Open to Extension agents, all current MG leadership and those considering leadership positions in the county groups. This track will provide guidance and demonstration in best practices for leading, communicating and managing volunteers in county MG associations.

**Educator Track:** Open to Extension agents and MG educators. This training will provide educators with resources to distribute information in their county about best management practices related to water conservation and water quality.

This year, tracks are separated rather than concurrent to allow leaders to participate in education and educators to participate in leadership activities. However, MG and agents have the choice to participate in only one track if desired. Pre-registration is required for each track so there are enough supplies and refreshments for all participants.

## **Building Effective Leaders – The Leadership Track**

Speakers: Mike Payne and Doris Weakly

**Thursday, February 19**

**10:30-10:45 a.m. Break**

**8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration –** Those who will be here for both tracks can register for both at this time.

**10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions 2**

**9:00-9:30 a.m. Wilson County Welcome**

Speakers: JW McGuire (Wilson County Agent), Beth Babbit, Keith Miller (TMGAB) and Jim Houston (TMGAB)

**Session A – Do you know who you are digging with?** (Leadership)

Panel of MG and agents sharing how they work with volunteers, select new interns and retain the hardworking MG.

**9:30- 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions 1**

**Session A – Postcards, Postcards, Post... What?** (Financials)

Tips on filing the right paperwork and organizing your financial records.

Speakers: Keith Miller and Tracy Jackson

Panel: Mary Wade (Shelby County Extension), Chris Ramsey (Sullivan County Extension/NETNMG), Doug Hilton (TMGAB) and Jack Smith (TMGAB)

**Session B – Presenting with Powerpoint** (Presentation)

Creating simple presentations that can be used for every audience. Feel free to bring your own laptop computer.

Speaker: UT IT Extension Area Specialist Ryan Heady

**Session B – Taking Control of the Ship!** (Management) Practical information on keeping the group engaged and involved in volunteer projects that impact the community.

**12:15-1:30 p.m. Lunch Social**

**1:30-2:45 p.m. Concurrent Session 3**

**Session A – Programs That Work!**  
(Projects)

Panel session to help you strengthen existing projects and create new projects that pack a punch!

Panel: Karla Kean (Montgomery County Extension), Tom Stebbins (Hamilton County Extension), Doris Weakly (TMGAB), Jack Smith, and Dave Craig (TMGAB)

**Session B – Presenting with Powerpoint Repeat** (Presentation)

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**2:45-3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:00-4:00 p.m. Search for Excellence Awards.** (Recognition)

Search for Excellence winners present 8-minute description of the impacts of their projects on the community and/or audience. Awards will be presented.

Speakers: Beth Babbit, Mike Payne (TMGAB)

**4:00-5:00 p.m. Social Networking and Refreshments**

**Friday, February 20**

**8:30-9:45 a.m. Session 4 – Getting the Word Out!** Communication

The basics of communication will be covered, including: creating a hook, knowing your audiences, writing concisely for email and Websites, finding inspiration and proofing your message.

Speaker: Patty Clark McDaniels (UTIA Marketing and Communications)

**9:45-10:00 a.m. Break**

**10:00-11:00 a.m. Session 5 – State Alliance Meeting** (involvement)

Speakers: Beth Babbit, Keith Miller and Jim Houston

**11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Regional Alliance Breakout Luncheon** (Networking)

Regional groups will break out and network at lunch.

Speakers: Beth Babbit, Keith Miller and Jim Houston

**Education Track to follow lunch.**

# Water Smart Winter School: The Educator Track



## Friday, February 20

**12:30- 1:00 p.m. Registration Check-in  
for Educator Track**

**1:15-1:30 p.m.  
Welcome/Introductions/Purpose**

Speakers: Beth Babbit, Keith Miller

**1:30-2:30 p.m. Water and Soil  
Relations**

Speaker: Dr. Warren Anderson, Professor,  
MTSU (Lecture and Demonstration)

**2:30-3:00 p.m. Networking Break**

**3:00-4:00 p.m. Surviving Water  
Extremes with Native Plants**

Speakers: Terri Hogan, Ecologist, Stones  
River National Battlefield (Lecture and  
Demonstration)

## Saturday, February 21

**8:30-11:30 a.m. Basic Water Smart  
Gardening** (Lecture, Activities, and  
Discussion)

Speakers: Beth Babbit, Jack Smith &  
David Craig

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch  
(Southern Living Plants Presents:  
Selecting the Right Plant)**

Speakers: Southern Living Presenter

**12:30-3:30 p.m. Water Collection  
Demonstration**

Construction of Rain Barrel and Rain  
Garden at the Wilson County Fairgrounds

Demonstrators: Warren Anderson,  
TMGAB: Mike Payne, Dave Sams, Jack  
Smith, Chris Ramsey, Keith Miller, Dave  
Craig, Beth Babbit

**Registration Deadline:**

**February 10, 2009**

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