



IPCA Spring Conference Recap

Thank you to all who joined us in O'Fallon, IL for our Spring conference. The conference was a success, providing 73 attendees with 9 educational sessions, networking opportunities, and an array of 16 booths at our exhibit hall.

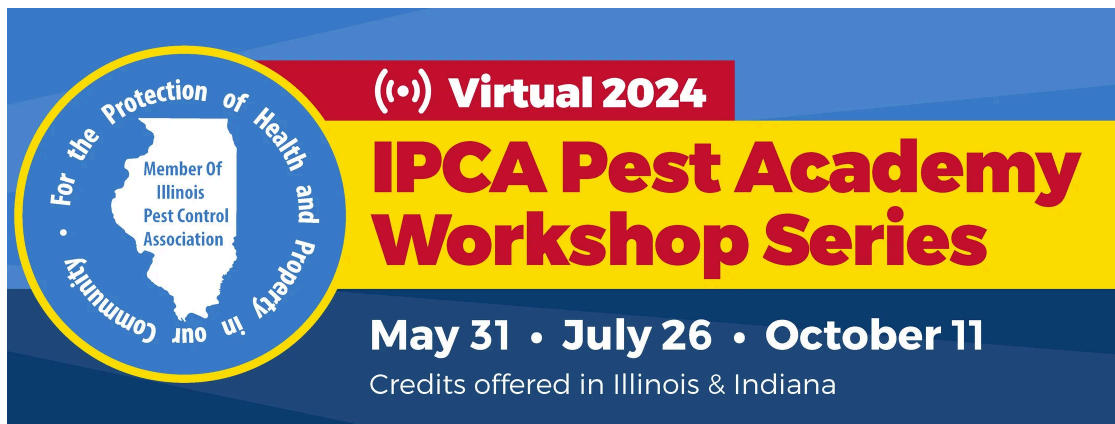
Our industry appreciation reception was a hit among attendees, providing space to connect, enjoy food and drink, and learn more about all our industry has to offer. A highlight of the conference was the HEROES Care Foundation charity contest which raised over \$600 to go towards helping our nation's veterans. Prizes for the contest included items from IPCA as well as exhibitors as they came together to support a great cause.

We look forward to our next in-person conference this Fall, **September 23-24 in Springfield, IL**, where we will once again join together for education, collaboration, and charity to our community.





Upcoming IPCA Events



The banner features a circular logo on the left with the text "For the Protection of Health and Property in our Community" around the perimeter and "Member Of Illinois Pest Control Association" in the center. To the right of the logo, the text "(••) Virtual 2024" is in white on a red background. Below this, "IPCA Pest Academy Workshop Series" is in large red letters on a yellow background. At the bottom, "May 31 • July 26 • October 11" is in white on a dark blue background, with "Credits offered in Illinois & Indiana" in smaller white text below it.

(••) Virtual 2024

IPCA Pest Academy Workshop Series

May 31 • July 26 • October 11
Credits offered in Illinois & Indiana

IPCA offers a series of virtual workshops to help you earn continuing education credits. Registration is now open for May 31st and July 26. Credits are pending in Illinois and Indiana.

May 31: This 3-hour training is led by Tim Husen of Syngenta, Sara Knilans of Bell Labs, and Brittany Campbell of Control Solutions, Inc. This workshop covers the following topics: Nuisance Ants, Cockroaches, and Rodents.

July 26: This 3-hour training is led by Jeff Caudill, Nisus Corp, Tim Husen, Ph.D., Syngenta, and Heather Patterson. This workshop covers the following topics: Small Fly Management, Cockroaches, and Stinging Insects.

October 11: 3-hour training is led by Jeff Caudill, Nisus Corp, and Andrew Fisher, Neogen. This workshop covers the following topics: stored product pests, perimeter pest management, and rodents!

Save the Date for the 2024 Fall Conference!

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2024

2024 Fall Conference

Abraham Lincoln Hilton, Springfield, IL

Earn up to 9 credits during the event!

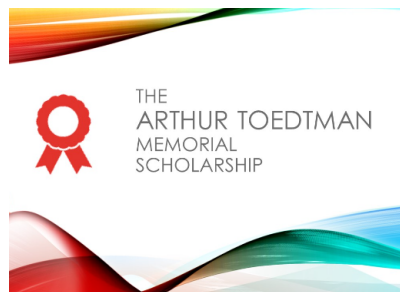
IDPH Update - 2024 State Exam Testing Dates Announced

The Illinois Department of Public Health has announced that 2 pest control exam dates are now confirmed. They are working to add additional exam dates to the calendar and will share those dates when they become available.

- 4/9 - Des Plaines, IL
- 5/22 - Springfield, IL

Exam registration information has been posted on the IDPH [Pest Control Exam Calendar](#). The IPCA will continue to share updates as they are provided, but you are encouraged to please visit the IDPH website for the latest information.

Arthur Toedtman Memorial Scholarship



Each year, the IPCA awards the Arthur Toedtman Memorial Scholarships to one or more students who are involved with the pest control industry, or whose parents, guardians, or close relatives are employed by an IPCA member company. All application packets must be submitted by **May 1, 2024**.

[Learn More & Apply](#)

PWIPM Illinois Indiana Chapter

The Professional Women in Pest Management (PWIPM) attracts, develops, and supports women in the pest management industry through educational programs, resources, and peer networking. Join the network of those who support this mission in Indiana & Illinois. Meetings are currently virtual. [Visit our website to join and learn more.](#)



In the News

In Historic Year for Cicadas, Illinois is ‘the Epicenter of Everything Great’

Chicago Sun-Times

For the first time in more than 200 years, two different groups of periodic cicadas will emerge at the same time. Here is everything you need to know about the natural phenomenon, along with a map. [Read more.](#)

5 Spring Bugs and Critters You Can Expect to See in Iowa

The Des Moines Register

All the perks of warm weather come at a cost: the return of critters. As temperatures rise, here is a list of animals and insects that reawaken in the spring. [Read more.](#)

Business & Management

Showing Off: Using Employee Achievements to Build Workplace Culture

PestWorld Magazine

QualityPro companies confidently state that their technicians and client services professionals are the best in the industry, and with good reason. [Read more.](#)

20 Practices to Be More Decisive

Gregg Vanourek

What price do we pay when we’re stuck in “analysis paralysis” and unclear about how to move forward in the face of our options? [Read more.](#)

Member Center



PestWorld Magazine Subscription

Members receive print and digital subscriptions to PestWorld magazine and NPMA’s digital newsletter e-PestWorld and can opt-in to receive public policy updates. These communications are all crafted to keep you up to speed on the latest developments in the industry. [Read the March/April issue, now available.](#)

SkillBridge Internships are Gaining Momentum

NPMA has recently formed a partnership with SkillBridge, resulting in the placement of four interns within the last month. These interns will be stationed at NPMA

member company locations in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, and Washington. This collaboration offers a promising avenue for NPMA member companies seeking to recruit skilled pest control service technicians. By participating in this initiative, companies can tap into a new resource for talent acquisition while contributing to the development of the next generation of pest management professionals.



[Learn more](#)

Events

Register for Women's Forum and Workforce Summit



Join us in Atlanta for the 2024 Women's Forum, an empowering event dedicated to fostering connections, sharing insights, and celebrating the achievements of women in the pest management industry. Programming features sessions covering leadership development, company culture, employee engagement, and more! Participants will leave this conference feeling inspired, energized, and equipped to bring back valuable insights to their teams.

Immediately following the Women's Forum, stay for the inaugural Workforce Summit where we're shaping the future of pest management. The summit will focus on driving the conversation on how to create a skilled, diverse, and engaged workforce that supports the evolving needs of the pest management industry.

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