

Hello Arizona IPM in Schools members,

To facilitate information sharing and the status of Arizona's IPM in Schools program we will send you brief monthly e-mail updates such as this.

**Pest Press newsletters** can now be accessed online! Go to <http://www.ipm.mccsc.edu/>, click on "newsletters" and select a region to view the most recent newsletter. Archived newsletters will also be available on this site. Occasionally the newsletter will skip a month (as in this year, March will be issue#1), so you can check out the site for up to date PP info or check with Dawn & Jen.

**Continuing Education opportunity:** Sponsored by SPCC, free. See attached flyer. (If you have trouble downloading please let us know.)

**Regarding the recent media hype over insects in our state, our position is... ignore it.** There is no scientific evidence behind the claim that 2005 will be a "bad insect year", and that also goes for mosquitoes. (The best vector scientists in the state are not even sure what West Nile Virus will do this year). Plenty of rain alone is not enough to condemn us to being eaten alive; if, however, as the weather warms up you are noticing unusually high numbers of springtime pests in your district we'd like to hear about it. Those of you who spend most of your time "in the field" are by far more up to date on insect activity around the valley than most. Contact Dawn if you have any concerns or questions.

**Lastly, we hope to see you all at the March 24 Coalition meeting!** [Be there or be square! 9 am- noon, Maricopa Extension Office 4341 East Broadway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85040-8807.](#)

Thanks everyone. Next update will be early April.

~Dawn & Jennifer

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