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WESTERN NEW YORK TICK AWARENESS FORUM

Regional Opportunities to Learn More About Ticks

-by Sharon Bachman, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator

EAST AURORA, NEW YORK (January 10, 2019) – Cornell Cooperative Extensions of Chautauqua and Erie Counties are leading a regional initiative to increase awareness of tick-borne diseases and tick management in the Western New York Region. They are offering several opportunities to participate in the WNY Tick Awareness Forum to be held on January 24th in West Seneca and February 16th in Jamestown.

Lyme disease and several other devastating tick-borne diseases are on the rise in New York due to an increase in the prevalence of ticks and human-tick encounters. The Governor and State Legislature have deemed Lyme and other tick-borne diseases a public health priority and are working to raise awareness about ticks, tick avoidance and management. Please consider joining us at either of our regional forums or online, featuring a presentation from Lynn Braband of NYSIPM, health department officials, and a panel of community leaders. This event is brought to you by the New York State IPM Program and Cornell Cooperative Extensions of Chautauqua, Erie, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, and Cattaraugus Counties.

Attendees who register in advance and attend one of the physical locations will receive a free tick removal kit along with light refreshments and an opportunity to participate in an interactive question and answer session. The cost to register is \$5/person, and registration begins 30 minutes prior.

There are multiple ways to participate. The two main events will be held in Erie County and Chautauqua County. There will also be satellite locations to view the event or join a live stream via Facebook. Register online by visiting www.cce.cornell.edu/chautauqua at least one week in advance to receive a free tick removal kit.

Erie County: January 24th, 2019; 4pm – 6pm; West Seneca Community Center; 1300 Union Road; West Seneca, NY; Contact: Sharon Bachman, CCE-Erie County, [at sin2@cornell.edu](mailto:sin2@cornell.edu) or 716-652-5400 ext.150.

For persons requiring accommodations, contact Bachman by January 20th at 4:30 pm.

Chautauqua County: February 16th, 2019; 1pm – 3pm; Frank W Bratt Agricultural Center; 3542 Turner Road; Jamestown, NY; Contact: Katelyn Walley-Stoll, CCE-Chautauqua County, [at kaw249@cornell.edu](mailto:kaw249@cornell.edu) or 716-664-9502 ext. 202. For persons requiring accommodations, contact Walley-Stoll by February 15th at 4:30 pm.

We will also be live streaming each of our two in-person events at the designated times. View the event from the comfort of your own home at no cost by joining the WNY Beginning Farmers and Homesteaders group on Facebook (you will have to request to join ahead of time and will not be eligible to receive a free tick removal kit).

Cattaraugus County: Satellite Viewing of the February 16th event at the CCE-Cattaraugus, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731. Contact Tamara Bacho at 716-669-2377 [or tsb48@cornell.edu](mailto:tsb48@cornell.edu).

Genesee County: Satellite Viewing of the January 24th event at CCE-Genesee, 420 E Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020. Contact Janice Beglinger at 585-343-3040 or jmb374@cornell.edu.

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