

School/Community IPM Field Trip
8th International IPM Symposium – Salt Lake City, UT

Monday, March 23, 2015 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Welcome! Your host for this field trip is Seth Dibblee (dibblee.seth@epa.gov) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5.

Your first stop will be at Hillside Middle School, of the Salt Lake City public schools (<http://www.slcschools.org/schools/middle-schools/Hillside-Middle-School.php>) and a diverse community of about 520 students in grades 6-8. Director of Facility Services Gregg Smith (Gregg.Smith@slcschools.org) will welcome you and showcase the nationally-recognized IPM program in the Salt Lake City School District. Utah State University Extension Diagnostician Ryan Davis (ryan.davis@usu.edu) will discuss the features of the IPM program, along with the new state regulations requiring IPM in schools. He will be joined by School IPM expert Marc Lame (mlame@indiana.edu) of the Indiana School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Your next stop will be just around the corner at Frog Bench Farms (<http://www.frogbenchfarms.com>) an urban commercial organic farm that specializes in organic vegetables for restaurants, farmers' markets and individuals. Co-owner Paula Sargetakis will conduct a tour of the farm, which will be busy with spring activities, and discuss pest and disease pressures and their management tactics. NOTE: Frog Bench Farms' best management practices prohibit more than 10 visitors in the greenhouse in one 24-hour period. As a result, a tour of the greenhouse will be limited to a subset of participants today, or perhaps off-limits entirely.

Your third and final stop will be at one of the Wasatch Community Gardens, in a neighborhood nearby. Wasatch Community Gardens is a grass-roots non-profit organization that “**empowers people of all ages and incomes to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food.**” See <http://www.wasatchgardens.org>) Susan Findlayson (Susan@wasatchcommunity.org) and her staff will discuss the successes and challenges of urban agriculture, including strategies to manage pests.

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