Termite University Agenda*

December 17-18, 2026

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
Urban Entomology

Thursday, December 17, 2026:

09:00 – 09:30	***Check in and Coffee*** (Time to view lab samples)
09:30 – 10:00	**"Introduction and Overview"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
10:00 - 10:30	**"Wood-destroying Beetles"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
10:30 - 11:00	**"Pesticide Safety and Spill Control"** (Mrs. Beverly Catchot, MSU-ES)
11:00 – Noon	**"Termite Math"** (Dr. Blake Layton, MSU-ES retired)
Noon – 1:00	***CATERED LUNCH, Clay Lyle***
1:00 – 1:45	**"Termite Treatment Regulations"** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI)
1:45 – 2:45	**"Tools and Methods for Prevention and Control"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
2:45 – 3:00	***BREAK*** (Time to view lab samples)
3:00 – 3:15	*****Travel to Redd Termite Technician Training Facility*****
3:15 – 5:15	***On Site Training - Redd Termite Training Facility*** (Mr. Russell Kohler MDAC, BPI, Mrs. Beverly Catchot, MSU-ES , Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES, Mr. Young Bao, MSU-ES, MDAC Inspectors - TBD

Friday, December 18, 2026:

07:30 – 08:00	***COFFEE*** (Time to view lab samples)
08:00 – 09:00	**"Termite Identification and Biology, Native Sub. Termites"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
09:00 – 09:45	**"Record Keeping and Inspections"** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI)
09:45 – 10:00	***BREAK* (Time to view lab samples)**
10:00 – 10:40	**"Formosan Termites and Drywood Termites"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
10:40 – 11:20	**"US Forest Service Termiticide Testing Program"** (Dr. Mark Mankowski, USFS)
11:20 – 11:40	**"Termiticide Efficacy Review"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
11:40 – 12:45	***CATERED LUNCH, Clay Lyle***
12:45 – 1:15	***Outdoor Termite Measurement Demo and Exercise*** (Dr. Portugal and Mr. Kohler)
1:15 – 2:00	**"WDIRs and Reporting"** (Mr. Russell Kohler, MDAC BPI)
2:00 – 2:45	**"Control of Wood-destroying Fungi"** (Dr. Kevin Ragon, MSU-ES)
2:45 – 3:30	**"Inspection, Conducive Conditions, & Causes of Failure"** (Dr. Santos Portugal, MSU-ES)
3:30 – 4:00	*Evaluation and Recertification*

Have a safe trip home!

**Schedule subject to change*

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