

Business Courses/Personal Enrichment



Food Safety Course

Pending legislation will mandate that a ServSafe certified person shall be on duty at all times in a given food serving establishment. Are you prepared??

ServSafe is a 15-hour certification program developed by the Restaurant Association Education Foundation. The course meets certification requirements for individuals who are responsible for the safe handling of food in restaurants, schools, elder care facilities, lodges, bed & breakfasts, community centers, and other food concessions (organizations or businesses that sell or prepare food on a regular basis).

There will be an upcoming ServSafe Class in Port Allegany if you are unable to make this one.

Dates: February 10 & 24, 2010
 Day/Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Location: PCEC Coudersport
 Instructor: Rick Kralj, PSU Cooperative Ext.
 Cost: \$180 per person for new certification (includes text)
 \$125 per person for recertification with text
 \$75 per person for recertification without text

Non-profit, volunteer-run groups that prepare food to be served or sold to the public must be sure that the food is safe and of high quality. Food that is not prepared safely may lead to a foodborne illness outbreak. Foodborne illness is serious and can even cause death for some individuals. In addition to personal suffering, foodborne illness can lead to expensive medical bills, lawsuits, and loss of good reputation and business.



Participants in this workshop will learn up-to-date methods for safely handling and preparing food for large groups. The workshop is appropriate for non-profit food providers such as churches, fire companies, schools, and civic groups.

Date: February 24, 2010
 Day/Time: Wednesday, 6 - 9 p.m.
 Location: PCEC Coudersport - 227 N. Main Street
 Instructor: Rick Kralj, PSU Cooperative Ext.
 Cost: \$12 per person

Food for Profit Class



This seminar will provide the information necessary to start and run a small food product business, especially directed to individuals or groups who will be making and packaging their products for resale through grocery stores, farm markets, restaurants or craft shows. Sessions dealing with business planning, legal requirements, marketing and pricing help the new business person lay the groundwork for a long, productive business experience.

The program highlights include:

- What It's Like to Own a Food Business
- Developing a Business Plan
- Marketing Your Food Product
- Packaging Your Product
- Safe Food Handling
- Pricing Your Product
- Financial Aspects of a Business



Date: April 1, 2010
 Day/Time: Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Location: Coudersport, Galeton, & Port Allegany via Video Conference
 Instructor: Rick Kralj, PSU Cooperative Ext.
 Cost: \$45 per person includes lunch

Female Basic Self-Defense and Awareness Course

This class focuses on awareness and prevention in order to develop and eventually enhance the use of self-defense. The class will also incorporate some basic physical self-defense. This is NOT a Martial Arts program.



Dates: February 9 & 16, 2010
 Day/Time: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 Location: PCEC at Northern Potter
 Instructor: Lisa Petito - former police officer & crime prevention self-defense instructor
 Cost: \$25 per person

Backyard Composting Workshop

This workshop encourages residents to reduce their solid waste bill through composting. You will get step-by-step procedures and explanations of the principles of composting to guarantee your success at home. Composting utilizes the natural processes of decay to convert organic materials such as leaves, grass and food scraps into a valuable humus-like material called compost. Reduce your garbage bill and improve the environment all at the same workshop!!

Please Note: Bins will not be given to each participant - there will be a drawing for one free bin per class.

PCEC Oswayo Valley - Thursday, March 11, 2010
 PCEC Coudersport - Monday, March 15, 2010
 PCEC Galeton - Monday, March 22, 2010
 PCEC at the Vo-Tech - Thursday, April 8, 2010

All Classes are from 6 - 7 p.m. and are free to participants.



Helping businesses start, grow, and prosper.

FIRST STEP: STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS

This workshop is designed to give you a head-start with your business.

Location: Potter County Education Council - Coudersport

Dates: Saturdays: January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 5, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person

How to Register: (Registration Required) Call Kris at the Clarion University SBDC 1-877-292-1843