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**Safe Plates Food Safety Manager Certification Classes**

In person classes are back! NC Cooperative Extension in Brunswick County is offering the Safe Plates Food Safety Manager Class in person this spring. This comprehensive course is appropriate for food service managers and supervisory staff in restaurants, hospitals, nursing homes, childcare facilities, and other food-handling establishments.

The class will be held two days, Monday April 24 and Monday May 1 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. The classes will meet at the NC Cooperative Extension Training Center, 25 Referendum Drive, at the Government Center in Bolivia. The registration fee is $125 per person. This includes all instruction, materials and the certification exam. Participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch, snacks, and beverages.

Certification is provided by the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals and is based on successful completion of the course and passing a written examination. Virtual training is also available. Those taking the virtual class can take the Certification Test on May 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Check the NC Cooperative Extension, Brunswick County Center website for more details or contact Brunswick County Center of the N.C. Cooperative Extension, 910-253-2610. Checks should be made out to Brunswick County Cooperative Extension and mailed to PO Box 109, Bolivia, NC 28422. Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited to the first 30 registered.

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