



Teacher's Ag Summer Institute

Bring the wonders of local agriculture into your classroom!

June 19, 20, and 21, 2012

The Teacher's Ag Summer Institute (TASI) brings together teachers with farmers, ranchers and other agricultural and natural resource specialists to gain a deeper understanding of the food and agricultural systems that sustain the health of people, society, and the natural environment. Experiential activities set within the context of agriculture and resource management become the basis for integrating Ag with language arts, science, math and social sciences in the everyday curriculum.

The Ag Institute, held during three consecutive days, will combine classroom-style instruction, learning stations, hands-on, in the field experiences and sample classroom activities to immerse participants in the vital world of agriculture. Sessions for primary, secondary and high school educators will connect the topic of the day with resources and hands-on activities to take back to the classroom setting. Resources and activities will meet California state curriculum standards to ensure ease in incorporating topics and lessons into the classroom. Optional continuing education credits will also be available to participating teachers.

This year's TASI will include a kick off by Michael Marks --- "Your Produce Man" with "Good Day Sacramento" Channel 31 and Raley's on Tuesday, June 19th!

Who Should Attend: Teachers currently instructing Kindergarten through High School students within El Dorado and Amador counties. Teachers need little or no background in agriculture to attend.

When: June 19, 20 and 21, 2012. The institute will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

Cost: \$75 per person including lunches, transportation to the field sites, resource materials and instruction.

Space is limited! Register today at <http://ucanr.org/2012tasiregistration>

How Your Students Will Benefit: K-12 students in the Sierra Foothill Region are ultimately the audience for the knowledge and skills gained at the Ag Institute. Teachers will be able to share their new understanding of agricultural and natural resource management principles and concepts with their students by developing classroom curriculum that integrates conceptual learning about agriculture's impact on our daily lives. Students will also practice critical thinking skills by exploring new topics and themes utilizing a wide variety of resources provided to teachers attending the sessions.

Topics: Environmental stewardship, water conservation and utilization practices, land use, ecological services, production, marketing and distribution systems, economic and business considerations and historical context.

Where: Workshop sessions will be held in Coloma, California on the banks of the South Fork of the American River. Field trips will be held at working ranches, orchards, farms, forest lands and wineries in El Dorado County. Tent camping (for an additional fee) is available for those that would like to stay overnight at the workshop facility.

Presented By: El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom (EDCAITC) and the University of California Cooperative Extension in partnership with the El Dorado County Office of Education, Folsom Lake College El Dorado Center, local agricultural producers and the El Dorado County Water Agency.

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