

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

We're Moving!



Our new address is: 2600 River Plaza Drive, Suite 220 Sacramento, CA 95833

Our office will be closed Friday, May 31 and Monday June 3. Our phone lines will be disconnected during the move but will be back on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

Thank You!

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Wisdom Elementary School students enjoying their edible plant garden made possible through a 2018

<u>Literacy for Life grant</u>.



SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Agriculture in the Classroom Conference







October 17-19, 2019 DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma Rohnert Park, CA

General Registration: \$275 (includes all meals, resources and farm tours)

We are seeking enthusiastic presenters who would like to share their expertise, experience, and educational resources with our attendees.

Proposals are now being accepted for:

Workshops

Make 'n' Takes

Exhibits

"A Taste of California"

Register Now!



Jennifer Stone

Transitional Kindergarten Teacher Isabelle Jackson Elementary Sacramento County

1. What is your favorite AITC program/resource/event and why?

As a recipient of the Taste and Teach grant program my class has enjoyed tasting a variety of California commodities. The Fact Sheets and curriculum units that AITC has available on their website for each commodity have a wealth of information and activities to try with students. We are trying commodities and new recipes that the students get to make. Kids learn best through hands-on learning!



2. Describe any agriculture-based projects you have been involved in lately.

My Transitional Kindergarten class recently completed a science fair project:

"What is the Best Way to Keep Apple Slices From Turning Brown." We have been studying nutrition and the importance of eating fruits and vegetables. The students in my class do not like eating apple slices once they have begun to brown, and we wanted to find a healthy way to keep them from doing so. We tested the effects of water, lemon juice and vinegar. Lemon juice was the most effective. The project won first place for primary grades at my school and took second place for the kindergarten level at the School District Science Fair! The students loved testing the apples and observing the changes, and obviously are very proud of their achievement!

3. Do you have any advice for other teachers on how to implement agriculture into the classroom?

Agriculture is everywhere. Choose something that you are passionate about, whether it is plants, animals, nutrition, conservation, etc., and begin to implement one lesson or activity at a time, and slowly add more as you are able. You and your students will have so much fun learning!



Meat 'n' Greet - LearnAboutAg... Beef Seminar



We are pleased to host a beef education seminar, *Meat 'n' Greet*, on Thursday, June 13, 2019 in Sacramento for 40 educators from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Teachers will will receive free resources aligned to California state standards for use in everyday lessons and curriculum. BBQ lunch included! No fee.

Register Today!

Tentative Agenda:

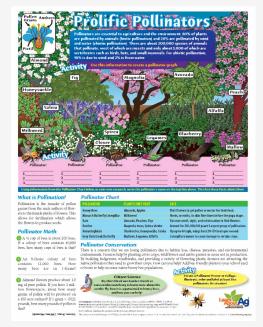
- Meet Frank Mitloehner, renowned U.C. Davis Professor, Air Quality Extension Specialist, and chairman of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, who will share his thoughts on how he is shaping the way science views the world's livestock production.
- Engage in STEM lessons and hands-on activities to LearnAboutBeef that are easy to incorporate into your classroom.
- Participate in a cattle ranch tour where you will have a chance to

- "experience the west" and visit with real live cowboys!
- Leave with a Starter Kit of beef-focused resources including nutrition, the environment, sustainability, and agriculture literacy.

Register Today!



Prolific Pollinators



How does your food get pollinated?
Pollinators are essential to agriculture and the environment. Students will learn about the various categories of pollinators and their contribution to producing California commodities. Includes three activities, a math exercise and ideas for Service Learning and Citizen Science. This teacher resource is aligned to California Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards.

Download Prolific Pollinators

Don't forget to celebrate Pollinator Week June 17 - 23!



California Fertilizer Foundation Garden Grants



The California Fertilizer Foundation's (CFF) School Garden Program's goal is to increase the understanding and awareness of agriculture and plant nutrition in California's youth through school gardens. Classroom curriculum can be

enhanced with first-hand experiences. CFF's purpose is to provide funding to California's public and private elementary, middle and high schools for continuation and/or implementation of school garden programs.

Apply Online Today!

Deadline: June 14, 2019



Want to go to Arkansas this summer?

Mark your calendars for June 18-21, 2019. Attend the 2019 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. Surround yourself with educators passionate about agriculture. Find out more **here!**

Farm Academy Live

Farm Academy Live offers classrooms virtual field trips to farms using interactive video conference technology. Trusted by teachers since 2009, 100,000 students across 33 states and four countries have benefited from this program. This 40-minute virtual tour of a farm teaches plant and animal science aligned to national science standards. The experience is enhanced by offering students the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities like ginning cotton by hand and mixing a feed ration for a dairy cow. Find out more here!



For Educators

Event Name and Description	Event Location	Event Date
Life Lab Workshops Life Lab has trained tens of thousands of educators across the nation! Sign up today for one of their many workshops, spring through summer!	Santa Cruz, CA	Spring - Summer 2019
E.A.T. Foundation Summer 2019 Ag Tour and Seminars The Ag Tour and Seminar, is a 3-day, 2 CE units workshop where agriculture and the classroom collide. The workshops include tours of local farms, dairies, and packing houses, as well as active participation in local farming and gardening techniques.	Hanford, CA	June 17-20, 2019 and July 15-18, 2019
Powerhouse Science Center For over 65 years, Powerhouse Science Center has been dedicated to partnering with educators across Northern California. Visit the center to try the handson labs, workshops and programs that are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and focus on providing opportunities for mastering disciplinary core ideas (DCIs) and Science and Engineering Practices (SEPs).	Sacramento, CA	Year-Round (including summer)

For Youth

Event Name and Description	Event Location	Event Date

Hilmar Cheese Company School and Youth Tours	Hilmar, CA	Year-Round
Join us for the most fun and educational field trip in the		
Central Valley! Free for all public, private and home		
schools associated with a school district. Organized and		
led by trained tour guides, safe and fully accessible. All		
students receive free cheese samples, a hairnet, Daisy's		
Dairy "ABCs" and a souvenir pencil.		
AgVentures! Learning Center Tours of the Learning Center are available year-round for elementary school students. Cost is \$3 per student.	Tulare, CA	Year-Round

Show Your Support for Agricultural Literacy

Help us continue providing programs and materials that create an awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's educators and students. Make a <u>donation</u> today!

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