

# **2022** Conference Field Trips

Each Field Trip will visit three Ventura County locations and sign-ups will be on-site.

# Family Farming

#### Rancho Bella Vista

The Vanoni family has been growing citrus, avocados, and tomatoes in Ventura County at this location since 1949, but has been farming in Ventura County for more than 100 years! See how this small, diversified farm operates - from their planting techniques to their best management practices regarding irrigation and water.

#### **Citrus Sensations!**

#### Limoneira Company Lemon Packinghouse

In Ventura County, lemon trees bloom five times a year! The picking never stops. Nor does the packaging. Go behind the scenes at Limoneira Company, one of California's oldest and largest citrus growers in the United States. Founded in 1893, Limoneria packinghouse processes 5-9 million cartons of lemons annually, utilizing both new and time-tested technology.

#### **Rooted in History**

## UC Hansen Agricultural Research & Extension Center

Get an inside look at the UC Hansen Agricultural Research & Extension Center and its very active education outreach program. Agriculture advisors provide research and educational opportunities including and hands-on workshops for growers. 4-H youth agricultural literacy programs include farm field trips and classroom outreach serving K-5th grade students county-wide. Additionally, the Center is an approved site for the Ventura County Master Gardener Program.

#### **Berry Bonanza**

#### **Reiter Affiliated Companies Strawberries**

Strawberries are Ventura County's number one crop! Other berries aren't far behind. Get an inside look at the largest fresh, multi-berry producer in the world and the leading supplier of fresh strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, and blackberries in North America with a visit to Reiter Affiliated Companies Oxnard location. See how what began as the Reiter family farm in the San Francisco Bay Peninsula led to a family legacy of farming spanning more than a century.

# School Garden Glory

#### **Monte Vista School**

Turn your whole school into a learning environment. Monte Vista School's small school farm (less than 1/2 acre) includes chickens, rabbits, a nursery, raised garden beds, greenhouses, and fruit trees. Throughout the campus, there are mini environmental zones such as a Zen garden, a cactus/succulent

garden, and a butterfly garden. Most recently in partnership with the Simi Valley Unified School District food service department, a citrus orchard with 75 trees was planted on campus. This is a one-stop shop for school garden inspiration.

#### **Mural Magic**

# Step Back in Time

## Historic Ag Mural Walking Tour

The small town of Santa Paula is rich in agricultural history. Once known as the "Citrus Capital of the World," at least according to the locals, that legacy is beautifully displayed in colorful murals throughout Santa Paula. Join local mural enthusiast, Robert Colvin on a walking tour of downtown Santa Paula to see and learn about the town's agricultural heritage. Please note – the walking tour is about 1 mile in length and will last about 40-minutes.

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