

Food, Fiber & More!

AGRICULTURE

IN THE

CLASSROOM SUMMER INSTITUTE

LOCATION: **CASTLE ROCK** ~ JUNE 13-17TH, 2011

FORT COLLINS ~ JUNE 20-24TH, 2011

DELTA ~ JULY 11-15 ~ SOIL & WATER

This is a five day course designed
*for teachers who have little or no
agriculture background.*

You can receive 2 credits from
Colorado State University.

Cost: \$250

(Scholarships available to pre-registered educators)

"The objectives listed for this class included developing a list of resources, developing an understanding of the agriculture industry, developing an understanding of agriculture's connection to our environment and society, obtaining ideas for using agriculture materials in the classroom, and developing curriculum ideas which integrate agriculture and academic education. For me, all of the objectives were met and I now have a wealth of information to share. My teaching is with college freshmen and sophomores who plan to become teachers. I am very excited to work with our college librarians to put all the resources into the collection for the use of all the students. I will make presentations in classes to inform the students about available materials.

The teaching methods included presentations and discussion with experts, field trips with the opportunity to ask questions of the various presenters, and a full-day hands-on experience working with a farmer or rancher in the area. These methods were so effective for me that I can say that this class was the most interesting class I have taken for many years."

Judy Gump~ Aims Community College



Student at the Summer Institute learn about the diversity in agriculture. These pictures show them preg checking cow, learning about plant research at CSU ARDEC Research Center and learning how to build mini-greenhouses for their classroom.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE*:

DAY 1 HANDS-ON MATERIALS

featuring background and history of Colorado agriculture, food safety, environmental concerns, wildlife, biotechnology, resource materials and more. There are fun and creative ways to integrate food and fiber topics with academic curriculum to reinforce Colorado Content Standards. (8:30 am to 5:00 pm)

DAY 2 TOUR farms and ranches. Learn issues and realities of agriculture production from the trenches. Natural resources, including water, and the environment are among the topics covered...(8:30 am to 5:00 pm)

DAY 3 TOUR and BBQ

LOOK, VISIT & LEARN - tour of farms, ranches and food production facilities.

MEET THE PEOPLE INVOLVED: Evening barbeque to meet your hosts for Thursday.(9:00 am to 8:00 pm)

DAY 4 - WALK IN ANOTHER PERSON'S BOOTS

What, irrigation boots? You can be a farmer or rancher for one day; hands-on...really, hands on. This is an opportunity for you to interact one-on-one, learn by experience. Former institute participants say this is the best day. You will meet your host(s) at the Wednesday evening barbecue and determine time and location. (Times vary)

DAY 5 - FOOD, LAND & PEOPLE WORKSHOP

A natural conclusion to the week with the Food, Land & People program and resources. (8:30 am to 3:00 pm)

*The schedule is customized for each course/location

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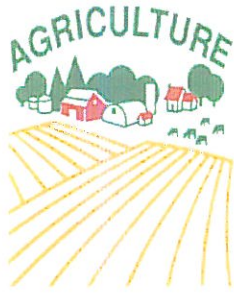
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Dear Scott:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for providing scholarships to our educators in past years. This year the agriCULTURE in the 2011 Classroom Summer Institutes will be held in Castle Rock on June 13-17, Fort Collins on June 20-24 and Delta on July 11-15 (an advanced class that provides in depth information on soil and water). This five-day course provides hands-on experience, great resources and materials to help educators integrate agriculture and natural resource topics into their academic curriculum. We even put these educators to work on a farm or ranch for a day. Upon completion of the Institute, participants earn 2 continuing education credits from Colorado State University.

Today's youth are four generations removed from the land. This also means most educators are three generations removed. In order for these students to understand their connection to agriculture, we need to provide their teachers with information and resources about agriculture to use in the classroom. This is the purpose of the AgriCULTURE in the Classroom Summer Institutes.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are asking for \$250 scholarship donations to help educators attend the Summer Institute. Through donations, we offer scholarships to teachers to cover their cost. If you are able to provide full or partial scholarships, please fill out the bottom of this page and return it with your donation today. Our goal is to provide a scholarship to every teacher attending the Summer Institute. We have also enclosed the enrollment form for the AgriCULTURE in the Classroom Summer Institute. Please pass it on to educators in your area. If you would like additional copies, please let me know.

In 2012 we will be hosting the National Ag in the Classroom Conference in Loveland Colorado on June 19 through 21st. We will be encouraging Colorado educators to attend. We also invite you to actively participate. Please call me if you are interested in participating as a sponsor, presenter or participant.

Sincerely,
Bette Blinde
Bette Blinde
Director

YES! I want to support The Agri-CULTURE in the Classroom Summer Institute 2011
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