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## ***Food for Thought!***

*a quarterly e-newsletter to promote agricultural, environmental, and garden-based learning enrichment for youth and families in El Dorado County.*

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### **Fall Workshop Series Announced! “Creating and Sustaining School Gardens”**

A four-part workshop series, “Creating and Sustaining School Gardens”, will be offered this fall in El Dorado County. The workshops, based on modules developed by the University of California Davis Children’s Garden, will take teams of teachers, parents, community volunteers, school administrators or other garden-based learning supporters step-by-step through the process of developing and sustaining a school garden program. The trainings will include lots of hands-on activities and teams will take home tons of resources to assist in building and expanding garden-based learning programs.

The workshops will be conducted on four consecutive Wednesday afternoons, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., beginning September 26, 2007. Workshops will be held at school gardens and meeting locations in the Placerville and Camino areas. Maps and directions to the workshop locations will be sent to participants with a registration confirmation.

Each school must send **three team members** including one teacher, plus parents, community volunteers, school administrators or other garden supporters.

Register your team at: <http://ucanr.org/school-garden-workshop-registration>

Wednesday, September 26, 2007 4:00-5:30 p.m.

#### ***“Designing Your Garden and Planning Your School Garden Program”***

- Garden design elements (and a design scavenger hunt!)
- Setting your garden goals and breaking down the steps
- Year-round school garden guidelines and tasks

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 4:00-5:30 p.m.

#### ***“Resources for Successful School Garden Programs”***

- Learn about resources related to sustaining a school garden
- Learn about educational opportunities in school gardens
- Understand the value of teamwork to start and sustain a garden program

Wednesday, October 10, 2007 4:00-5:30 p.m.

#### ***“Soils and Planting”***

- Soil, bed preparation and garden bed types plus “the Nitty Gritty” activity!
- Basic garden tools

- Seeding and transplanting including making paper pots

Wednesday, October 17, 2007 4:00-5:30 p.m.

***“Choosing Plants and Planting Times and Keeping It Growing”***

- Explore horticultural diversity for school gardens
- “Know Your Zone” and frost dates
- Water management
- Critters and critter control
- Selecting perennial plants, vegetables, fruit trees and vines
- Crop harvest planning

*This workshop is presented by the School Garden Network of El Dorado County, a local group of garden-based learning supporters and experts. Participating groups include the El Dorado County Farm Bureau, El Dorado County Office of Education, Ag in the Classroom, El Dorado County Public Health, University of California Cooperative Extension, UCCE Master Gardeners and garden-based learning professionals. For more information contact Wendy West, UCCE (530)621-5533 or email [schoolgardennetworkedc@ucdavis.edu](mailto:schoolgardennetworkedc@ucdavis.edu).*