

Welcome to...

# *Food for Thought!*

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

## **Teacher's Summer Ag Institute**

**June 20-23, 2011**

**Application Date Extended to February 15, 2011**

Application at: <http://ucanr.org/tasi2011application>

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K-12 Teachers in El Dorado, Placer and Amador counties --- are you:

- Interested and ready for a great learning opportunity "in the field"?
- Can't wait to thin some wine grapes, look for beneficial insects and crop pests and discuss forest stewardship practices?
- Looking forward to taking great, standards-based resources, back to your classroom to teach ag/land stewardship concepts and activities to your students?

The Teacher's Ag Summer Institute (TASI) links teachers with farmers, ranchers and other agricultural and natural resource specialists to gain a deeper understanding of the food and fiber production systems that sustain the health of people, society, and the environment. Teachers will explore real-world issues and acquire practical, easily transferable, standards-based resources and support activities to use daily in the classroom.

The TASI is FREE to local teachers --- only a \$25 registration fee is required at the time of acceptance into the program! Lodging and meals on the banks of the South Fork of the American River in Coloma, CA are included plus all resource materials. Teachers will receive a \$300 stipend upon attending the TASI and completing a lesson plan or class activity and presenting to the group at the "Back to the Farm" gathering on Thursday, July 14, 2011. Continuing education credits and a stipend will be available. More information at: <http://ceeldorado.ucdavis.edu/files/83416.pdf>

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