



TASI

Teacher's Ag Summer Institute

Bring the wonders of local agriculture into your classroom!

June 19, 20, and 21, 2012

The Teacher's Ag Summer Institute (TASI) brings together teachers with farmers, ranchers and other agricultural and natural resource specialists to gain a deeper understanding of the food and agricultural systems that sustain the health of people, society, and the natural environment.

The Ag Institute, held during three consecutive days, will combine classroom-style instruction, learning stations, hands-on, in the field experiences and sample classroom activities to immerse participants in the vital world of agriculture. Sessions for primary, secondary and high school educators will connect the topic of the day with resources and hands-on activities to take back to the classroom setting. Resources and activities will meet California state curriculum standards to ensure ease in incorporating topics and lessons into the classroom.



TASI includes a kick-off by Michael Marks, "Your Produce Man", seen on CBS13 news at noon and "Good Day Sacramento" on CW31. Michael is a frequent speaker at regional schools.

Who Should Attend: Teachers currently instructing Kindergarten through High School students within El Dorado and Amador counties. Teachers need little or no background in agriculture to attend.

When: June 19, 20 and 21, 2012. The institute will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

Cost: \$75 per person, includes lunches, transportation to the field sites, resource materials and instruction. Optional continuing education credits will be available to participating teachers.

Space is limited! Register today at <http://ucanr.org/2012tasiregistration>

Where: Workshop sessions will be held in Coloma, California on the banks of the South Fork of the American River. Field trips will be held at working ranches, orchards, farms, forest lands and wineries in El Dorado County. Tent camping (for an additional fee) is available for those that would like to stay overnight at the workshop facility.

Topics: Environmental stewardship, water conservation and utilization practices, land use, ecological services, production, marketing and distribution systems, economic and business considerations and historical context.



How Your Students Will Benefit: K-12 students in the Sierra Foothill Region are ultimately the audience for the knowledge and skills gained at the Ag Institute. Teachers will be able to share their new understanding of agricultural and natural resource management concepts with their students by developing classroom curriculum that integrates conceptual learning about agriculture's impact on our daily lives. Students will also practice critical thinking skills by exploring new topics and themes utilizing a wide variety of resources provided to teachers attending the sessions.

Presented By: *El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom (EDCAITC) and the University of California Cooperative Extension in partnership with the El Dorado County Office of Education, Folsom Lake College El Dorado Center, local agricultural producers and the El Dorado County Water Agency.*

What the teachers from TASI “Class of 2011” said...

“I applaud these people, the TASI facilitators and helpers, and those agencies which funded the program. I feel like I received a teacher's booster shot and have recommitted to include more ag lessons in my classroom.”



“Thank you...very informative, interesting, useful and fun! Very well organized and run.”

“I loved the variety of “field trips” and activities that we did! I hope we can do this again and again!! Thank you for all of the amazing planning that went into all of this week!”

“Great all the way around! Exceptional learning and networking opportunity! Thank you all very much!”

“Thanks for a great week. I had a wonderful time and made some great connections I would love to see this program both continue and expand.

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