

Spring 2013 - Garden & Farm Field Trips At the UC Davis Student Farm *Appropriate for Kindergarten through 4th Grade*

What: These field trips offer experiential learning opportunities about **growing food, good nutrition, and garden/farm ecology**. Our programs feature activities that allow children to explore, discover, harvest, and eat in a garden and farm setting. The field trips take place in the Ecological Garden at the UC Davis Student Farm where flowers, vegetables, fruit trees, herbs, and other plants grow year-round. Groups above kindergarten level also visit the Market Garden at the Student Farm to observe vegetable production in our larger farm setting.



Tours are led by teams of trained UC Davis students working with supervision from faculty, staff and graduate students. The themes and activities chosen for each field trip reflect what's happening that week on the farm. Activities and tour plans are designed to fit the age of each audience. This means that the activities and overall theme of each field trip may vary day-to-day and year-to-year.

Who: K-4 students at schools in Davis, Dixon, Esparto, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, and when possible, surrounding areas. We can schedule up to 65 kids or two classes, on each tour date. We will fill at least one quarter of available spaces with 3rd-4th grade classes to increase participation of these age-groups in our program.

When: 3 *Early Bird* tours in February and March followed by the spring tour season Tuesday, April 2 through Wednesday, June 6:

- *Early Bird* tours
 - Friday, Feb 8, 1:00-2:45 pm (*no fees charged!*)
 - Friday March 15, 1:00-2:45 pm
 - Wednesday, March 20, 9:30-11:15 am
- Spring Tour Season April 2-June 6
 - Tuesdays from 9:30-11:15 am
 - Wednesdays from 9:30-11:15 am
 - Thursdays from 12:30-2:15 pm
 - Fridays from 9:30-11:15 am

Note: Tours for kindergarten groups will end 15 minutes earlier than listed here

Where: The UC Davis Student Farm starting in the Ecological Garden. Directions will be provided after tours are scheduled along with other confirmation information.

Cost: \$3.00/child. No charge for adults. No charge for the first *Early Bird* tour in February. Field trip fee is due the day of your tour. Parents and chaperones driving personal vehicles will also need to pay the \$7.00 UCD campus day-use parking fee.

How: Return the "Reservation Request Form" by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 7th by email, fax, or snail mail. On each request include up to 4 classes or up to 130 children for 2 two tour dates. On Nov 8th, we will assign a ranking number (random) to each request we have received and then schedule tours in ranked order filling date preferences whenever possible. We will notify you with tour date and time and ask you to confirm the date by November 11th.



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