



Garden Connection

BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

Apply Now for a Garden Grant

Applications Due November 1

Every year the TCFB's education committee offers garden grants to: schools who plan to start a new garden, for the maintenance and/or expansion of an existing school garden.

Applications are available online at www.tulcofb.org

Applications must be submitted by 5pm on Nov. 1

RSVP Now for the Fall Garden Workshop & Plant Giveaway

***** It's FREE! *****

The Tulare County Farm Bureau's (TCFB) education committee will sponsor a no cost garden workshop on **October 17th** for teachers with TCFB sponsored school gardens. The workshop will be held at the COS Farm in Visalia.

The workshop will provide teachers with resources and information for integrating gardens into standards and classroom curriculum. The workshop will end with a plant giveaway for teachers who participated in the workshop.

This event will also give participants time to talk to a

horticulture expert who will provide hands-on instruction on relevant garden topics.

Teachers will also have the opportunity to talk to other school garden teachers and coordinators who will share helpful advice and valuable resources.

Participants will leave the event with useful tips, contacts and new ideas for their own gardens.

**RSVP to TCFB Office,
732-8301 by
October 12**

Event Timeline
4:30-6:00 — Registration and Garden Workshop
6:00-6:30 — Plant Giveaway

Contact Us...

Tulare County Farm Bureau * 559.732.8301 * TCFB@tulcofb.org * PO Box 748, Visalia, CA 93279

Mark Your Calendar

September 12 - 16
Tulare County Fair
Tulare County Fairgrounds in Tulare

October 17, 4:30-6:30 pm,
COS Farm, Visalia
Garden Workshop & Plant Giveaway

October 18
CFAITC SF Farm Day
San Francisco, Ca

October 25-27
CFAITC Conference, Sacramento
Contact TCFB for Details

November 1
TCFB School Garden Grant Deadline
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November 1
Imagine this... Writing Contest
Entry Deadline
www.learnaboutag.org

The Garden Connection is a quarterly publication of the Tulare County Farm Bureau's education committee.

The goal of this newsletter is to help you and your school garden succeed!

Beyond-the-Farm Trailer

The *Beyond-the-Farm* trailer is an excellent resource, made possible by the TCFB and COS Agriculture Department, for teachers, students and their garden projects.

Outfitted with class sets of garden tools like rakes, shovels, trowels and even a rototiller, the trailer aids in getting your class, school and even the community

involved in your school garden.

The trailer is available upon request for maintenance visits, garden construction days, Ag. Days and any other special events.

**Contact Carrie at
TCFB office for
availability.**

732-8301

2012 California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference

October 25-27, 2012

Sacramento, Ca

Holiday Inn Capital Plaza

The Tulare County Farm Bureau's (TCFB) education committee will sponsor teachers to attend the 2012 California Ag. in the Classroom Conference.

TCFB will make available scholarships for Tulare County teachers interested in attending the conference. The money is to be used for registration, hotel and other expenses.

Great things stem from agriculture. Learn the latest approaches for incorporating agriculture into the core of your classroom.

Workshops, field trips, Make 'n' Takes, and free resources

focusing on current agricultural and educational trends will be presented by agriculture and education experts..

Sacramento and the surrounding counties feature a diverse array of agriculture production that you can explore firsthand!

For more details about the conferences, visit CFAITC's website:

**[www.learnaboutag.org/
conference/](http://www.learnaboutag.org/conference/)**.

If you are interested in attending, contact the **TCFB office** via email, **tcfb@tulcofb.org** or by calling **732-8301**.

Helpful Resources

Ask an Expert

If you've got a problem in your garden, and can't seem to find the answer, we're here to help you. Send your questions to us and we'll help you find the answer.

Email: tcfb@tulcofb.org

Flat Returns

Have left over unwanted flats? Let us take those off your hands! Call us at the TCFB office at 732-8301 and we will arrange to pick up your empty flats. Returned flats will be recycled and reused for other plants and garden projects. Help us reduce our carbon footprint and return and recycle your plant flats.

Imagine this...

Your student could be a published author!

Imagine one of your students as a published author! The *Imagine this...Story Writing Contest*, meets academic content standards for California schools through this creative writing contest. Create a positive learning experience that promotes reading, writing and the arts, and furthers the understanding of agriculture in our lives by using this writing contest in your classroom. For more information visit **[www.learnaboutag.org/
imaginethis/](http://www.learnaboutag.org/imaginethis/)** or contact the TCFB Office. Entry deadline is **November 1**.