

Will County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Newsletter September 2016 Edition



Ag in the
Classroom



OUR AITC MISSION

To promote agricultural awareness, education, and understanding among students, teachers, and the general public in order to ensure our continued access to a safe, abundant, and affordable domestic food supply grown in a manner to protect human health and the quality of our environment.

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No time to read everything? Front Page - Quick Notes

- **AG EXPO REGISTRATION!!** Registration begins November 4th, 2016 information on **pages 2-3**. This **FREE** field trip works to teach students about agriculture and how it affects their daily lives. Students will learn how the ingredients used in pizza are produced in Will County. Ag exhibits & demonstrations are planned including live animals and real farm equipment!
- Career Exploration **page 4**
- Ag Mags are available again for the 2016-17 school year! A list of all topics is on **page 5**



Want food facts?

Straight talk about farming & what's in your family's food.



Growing your food with care.

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Field Trip Opportunity for 4th Grade Students

Ag Expo – “Where Does Pizza Come From?”

The perfect CORE/ NGSS field trip!!

March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2017

Weitendorf Ag Education Center

17840 W. Laraway Rd., Joliet, IL

The Agriculture in the Classroom Committee is planning our annual Agriculture Expo. This **FREE** program works to teach students about agriculture and how it affects their daily lives. Students will learn how the ingredients used in pizza are produced in Will County. A slice of pizza & a small can of pop will be provided to each student. No alterations will be made to this menu, but schools may bring alternatives for students who need them. Alternatives are the responsibility of the school to attend to and disperse to the students.

Agricultural exhibits & demonstrations are planned. This program is held in an indoor educational facility but it has many aspects of a working farm including the animals and the allergens that might be part of the farm experience. *** **Please note** that students with severe allergy issues should consider not attending.

Please note the following information

- **Registration begins on November 4th at 8:00am.** Registrations faxed before that date and time will not be accepted.
- This program is still being planned and may be subject to slight change.
- In order to accommodate as many schools as possible **we limit this program to 4th grade students only.** (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- Registrations should be faxed to the Farm Bureau office at 815-727-5570.
- Registration forms will be handled on a first come - first served basis with the understanding that we work to try to fit in all schools who want to attend so just because you are one of the first school's registered does not necessarily mean you will get your first choice of dates & times.
- We reserve the right to accept/ reject schools based on past experiences/ behavior at this event.
- Registration forms should be completed fully.
- Confirmation emails will be sent to the contact person as soon as possible. Additional information will be emailed after the New Year.

**This is a very popular program and we try our best to fit in as many schools as we can.
Your cooperation in this process is appreciated.**

Will County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom 4th Grade Ag Expo

(PLEASE PRINT - MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT)

School Name: _____

Contact Teacher: _____

School Mailing Address (include zip code) _____

Contact Email: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

APPROXIMATE NUMBERS FOR EXPO ATTENDANCE:

Number of 4th grade students: _____ Number of classes: _____

_____	Tuesday, March 21
_____	9:30am to 11:30am
_____	11:30am to 1:30pm

_____	Wednesday, March 22
_____	9:30am to 11:30am
_____	11:30am to 1:30pm

_____	Thursday, March 23
_____	10:00am to 12:00pm

Please mark 1st & 2nd choices for time & also for date.

- You will be notified by email if your application has been accepted and the date & time approved within 2 weeks of registration.
- Registration begins **November 4th, 2016 at 8:00am**. Registrations faxed before this time & date will **NOT** be accepted.

Fax registration forms to: 815-727-5570

Additional Questions??

Call: Terri at 815-727-4811

Email: terri@willcfb.com

AG MAGS

They come in classroom packets of 30 and are FREE!

All have Illinois Learning Standards attached, many now have CORE Curriculum Standards attached. Click the topics to see .pdf copies.

Interactive means that there are Smart Board capabilities with those topics! Great for all ages of active readers!!

In Stock

[Apple](#) - **Interactive**

[Beef](#) - **Interactive** *

[Careers](#) - **Interactive**

[Corn](#) - **Interactive**

[Dairy](#) - **Interactive**

[Horticulture](#) *

[Horse](#)

[Nutrition](#) - **Interactive**

[Pork](#) - **Interactive** *

[Specialty Crops](#)

[Soil](#) - **Interactive**

[Soybean](#) - **Interactive**

[Urban](#)

[Water](#) - **Interactive**

Out of Stock

[Biotechnology](#)

[Illinois](#)

[Livestock](#) - **Interactive**

[Renewable Energy](#) - **Interactive**

[Sheep](#)

[Pizza](#)

[Poultry](#)

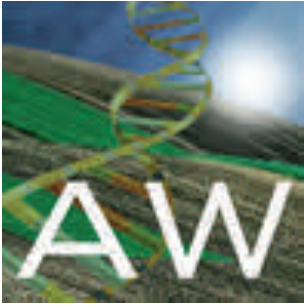
[Pumpkin](#) - **Interactive**

[Technology](#)

[Tree](#) - **Interactive**

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AgroWorld (published four times a year) has been developed for the busy middle and high school educator and their students. Each issue features current events, classroom resources, and activities, that seek to improve agricultural literacy and enhance STEM, nutrition, and social studies education. Enjoy this issue and be sure to visit the National Agriculture in the Classroom website for a complete index of previously featured resources. <http://agclassroom.org/agroworld/index.htm>



Looking for a well paying, interesting career for your student that can also help make the world a better place? **The career you're looking for exists– in food and agriculture!**

<http://feednourishthrive.org/parents-and-educator>



Working with plants can be both scientific and creative. Some green thumb careers specialize in conservation and research, focusing efforts on environmental problems. Others require design and planning finesse, arranging floral collections or creating landscapes while keeping both beauty and functionality in mind. Those looking for a plant-based career can identify their particular interests and strengths to help choose an appropriate specialty or focus area and the jobs it may lead to. <http://www.learnhowtobecome.org/career-resource-center/careers-with-plants/>



The Science of Soil:

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