

Teacher Team Farm Tour and Lesson Plan Development GFB Foundation for Agriculture

The GFB Foundation for Agriculture received a three-year USDA Specialty Crops Block Grant in 2016. Georgia's specialty crops include a wide range of fruits and vegetables with a Farm Gate Value of approximately \$1.5 billion. The industry is growing through commercial production as well as local and regional farm markets. There is also a strong effort to encourage children to engage in healthier eating habits and increase their consumption of fruits and vegetables. This approach is made through programs such as Farm to School, school gardens, and changes in school cafeteria menus.

12-Teacher Specialty Crops Team: A major component of this grant is a four-day/three-night tour that includes visits to farms, agribusiness and research facilities related to Georgia's top Specialty Crops to provide them with information and experience to develop lesson plans.

The 12 teachers selected for this education team will tour Georgia fruit and vegetable farms and related research or agribusinesses and develop lesson plans for distribution at educator workshops. There will also be classroom instruction and team lesson plan building time during the four-day event. Each teacher will be responsible for submitting a minimum of two lesson plans that are matched to state standards (and STEM, where applicable). Teachers selected will receive the following.

- \$500 (half at the end of the event and half when publish-ready lesson plans matched to standards are submitted by the deadline of July 14, 2017)
- Materials that will be included in the educator kits (i.e. books, Specialty Crops AgMag classroom set)
- Mileage to/from Macon
- Hotel for three nights
- Bus transportation for tour
- Meals
 - June 5: Lunch and Dinner
 - June 6: Breakfast, lunch, dinner
 - June 7: Breakfast, lunch, dinner
 - June 8: Breakfast, lunch

Teachers will be given a certificate of completion for 24 hours of professional learning.

What to bring with you:

Clothes suitable for being on farms (no open-toed shoes)

Laptop, iPad, camera: Whatever you need to take photos or work on lesson plan ideas

Your enthusiasm, your knowledge, your desire to learn and your creativity

This will be a learning event, but it will also be fun as you spend time touring Georgia farms and interacting with other educators and farmers. Grab your boots and your pens! (and your iPads!)

Deadline for Application is Friday, May 5, 2017

**Email Completed Application and Curriculum Vitae to
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**Specialty Crops Teacher Tour
June 5-8, 2017
Tentative Agenda**

Monday, June 5

- 9:30 A.M. Orientation/assignment – GFB Building
- 11:30 A.M. Lunch
- 12:15 P.M. Depart GFB Building
- 1:15 P.M. Time for Peaches!
- 4:00 P.M. To Tifton – (discussion time on bus re: what did you learn, etc.)
- 6:30 P.M. Dinner

Tuesday, June 6

- 8:00 A.M. Blueberries and Vegetables
- 4:00 P.M. ABAC Classroom debrief, discussion, etc.
- 5:00 P.M. Return to Hotel
- 6:30 P.M. Dinner

Wednesday, June 7

- 8:00 A.M. Southwest Georgia farms
- 4:00 P.M. Return to Hotel
- 6:00 P.M. Dinner

Thursday, June 8

- 8:30 – 11:30 A.M. Classroom time at ABAC (access to computer lab)
- 11:30 A.M. Lunch
- 12:15 P.M. Tour ABAC Farm
Cordele Farmers' Market
- 3:30 P.M. Arrive Farm Bureau for debrief

Application

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Name _____

Home Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Name _____

School System _____

School Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Grade level _____ Subjects taught _____

Number of years teaching experience _____ Number of years at current school _____

Ag in the Classroom Teacher Training

Check all that apply.

- Educator Workshop & Tour
- National Ag in the Classroom Conference
- GFB Educational Leadership Conference

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1. Are you involved in STEM (STEAM or STREAM) at your school?

Yes No

2. Provide a brief description of your experience in writing lesson plans.

3. What do you hope to take away from this project?

4. How is agriculture important to you?

I agree that if I am selected to the GFB Specialty Crops Teacher Tour Team that I will do the following

- 1. Attend all tour/classroom days*
- 2. Submit publish-ready lesson plans no later than July 14, 2017 that (a) follow the format provided and (b) are matched to state standards.*

Applicant's Signature

Date