Spring 2023—Garden & Farm Field Trips At the UC Davis Student Farm Appropriate for Kindergarten through 5th Grade

What:

These field trips offer experiential learning opportunities about **garden/farm ecology and growing food**. 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.

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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-5 students at schools in Davis, Dixon, Esparto, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, and when possible, surrounding areas. We can accommodate up to 65 kids or two classes, on each tour date. We plan to fill at least one quarter of available spaces with 3rd-5th grade classes to encourage participation of upper elementary classes in this type of field trip.

When: We offer 4 *Early Bird* tours in February and March. Then the spring tour season 2-3 days a week from April 3 through June 8.

Early Bird Tours (Weather can be less predictable)

Friday, Feb 3, 1:00-2:45 pm (no tour fee!) Friday, March 17, 1:00-2:45 pm (no tour fee!) Wednesday, March 22, 9:30-11:15 am Thursday, March 23, 9:30-11:15 am

Spring Tours (Tues, April 3 – Thurs, June 8)

Tuesdays 9:30-11:15 am
Wednesdays 9:30-11:15 am
Thursdays from 12:30-2:15 pm
Fridays from 9:30-11:15 am

(Note: All tours for kindergartens will end 15 minutes sooner than listed)

Where: The UC Davis Student Farm starting in the Ecological Garden. Directions provided when tours are scheduled along with additional confirmation information.

Cost: \$3.00/child. No charge for adults. There is no charge for the first two Early Bird tours. Field trip fee is due the day of your tour. Parents and chaperones driving personal vehicles will also need to pay the \$9.00 UCD campus day-use parking fee.

How: Complete the "Online Registration Survey" by 5:00 p.m. November 7th. Each request form can cover 4 classes or up to 130 children for two separate tour dates. You will hear from us between Nov 9th through 12th when we will notify you with the tour dates that we can offer. We ask you to confirm the date offered ASAP or by November 15th. Typically we have been able to fill all requests with dates you have listed as preferable or possible. We do our best.

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