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Upcoming Events..... Upcoming Events.....



Don't Forget to Save the Date!

*Come visit the LA County Farm Bureau
During Kids' day at the LA County Fair*

Date: Friday
September 18, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: LA Fairgrounds
Fairview Farms Area
1101 W McKinley Ave
Pomona, CA 91768



Visit www.lacfb.org for details!

TEACHER FREEBIES

Food Safety: From Farm to Fork This 16-page booklet, brimming with activities, has been updated and aligned to the recently adopted health education standards. Download from <http://cfaitc.org/>, or request a printed version. The unit provides fifth through seventh graders a better understanding of food safety through real-life examples and enjoyable activities. They learn that everyone has a responsibility in minimizing food borne illnesses-farmers, transporters, restaurants, grocery stores...and the consumer! Through reading, activities, puzzles, math problems and science investigations, participants identify the roles each one of us plays to ensure the food we enjoy is safe to eat.

Harvest of History Curriculum that includes 16 interdisciplinary activities in four sequential modules designed for the fourth-grade classroom. www.harvestofhistory.org

First the Seed Foundation Non-profit organization provides resources about the importance of the seed industry. www.firsttheseedfoundation.org

Bug Scope Free interactive access to a scanning electron microscope so that students anywhere in the world can explore the microscopic world of insects.
bugscope.beckman.illinois.edu

The Land Lovers

Career ideas in nursery, landscape and garden industries.
www.thelandlovers.org

AGRICULTURAL EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, AND ACTIVITIES: (Mark Your Calendar!)

Los Angeles County Fair: The LA County Fair has been moved up one week. The 2009 Fair begins on September 5, 2009 and ends on October 4, 2009. For additional information, see their website at <http://www.lacountyfair.com/2009/>

2009 CFBF Photo Contest: California Farm Bureau Federation (CFBF) amateur photographers (one who receives no income from photography) who is a member of a County Farm bureau in California may enter. Entries must be postmarked by **Wednesday, September 30, 2009**. For more information and rules on entries, see the CFBF website: <http://www.cfbf.com/programs/photo/>

Ag in the Classroom Conference: The AITC Conference will be held on October 23-24, 2009, at Rohnert Park in Sonoma County. A program for educators to learn school garden programs, nutrition-based lesson plans, hands-on activities, and attend exciting field trips to local farms. Is funding a challenge, Use your School Garden Grant Funds to pay your way. (Funds Expire in June, so Register ASAP!) Contact local agriculture organizations or businesses to ask for support or scholarships.

***Imagine this...* Story Writing Contest:** Plan to enter your student's creative stories in the *Imagine this...* contest in the new school year. The Story Writing Contest meets California Academic Content Standards 1.0 writing strategies and 2.0 writing applications. Submit up to five stories per classroom. Entries are now being accepted. Entry form, and regional submission addresses (**postmark by Nov. 1, 2009**), is available for download from the Web site, www.cfaitc.org/imaginethis.

For Everything Ag!

Online Features:

AG DAY LA 09
Youtube Movies

<http://agdayla.com/>





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- ∠ **Six Flags Discovery Kingdom**
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- ∠ **Six Flags Magic Mountain**
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A burning need for better safety

It's never too early to prepare for a wildfire. In the event of an extreme wildfire event, fire officials may not be able to protect your property, so what you do now can make a difference for your home, outbuildings, farm implements, and farm equipment.

An inside out challenge

According to the Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS), one-third of U.S. homes are located in what fire safety officials call the Wildland Urban Interface, areas that combine housing developments with the natural topography of trees and vegetation. IBHS research offers the following observations:

- Homes with the highest risk of burning are on the perimeter of a housing development adjacent to wildlands.
- Wind-blown embers can travel one mile or more, and it's estimated that up to 50% of homes burn as a result of embers rather than direct flames.
- Homes along the inner streets of a development built fewer than 15 feet apart are at high risk from the spread of flames and embers.

IBHS offers helpful information on its website, www.disastersafety.org, regarding building and remodeling strategies to increase your likelihood of avoiding or minimizing wildfire damage.

Know what weaknesses you've got

Your property is at an increased risk for fire damage if these situations exist.

- Flammable roof material such as wood shakes and shingles
- Areas of the structure where embers can collect – e.g. leafy gutters, edges of barrel tile roofs, corners of outbuildings
- Any fuel that brings flames within five feet of a structure or farm implement are a hazard – e.g. dried grass, flammable plants, wood piles
- Any wood structure connected to your house, such as a wood deck
- Restricted access to your property by fire personnel – narrow lane, tight turnaround (continued on next page).



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Keep it clean and clear

Of course, your home can't be destroyed by a wildfire if the wildfire never reaches it. These steps can increase the chances of avoiding the flames altogether:

- Create a "defensible space" by removing all dry grass, brush, trees, and dead leaves within at least 100 feet from your home.
- Till the dirt around your outbuildings and farm implements so dry grass does not grow up to them.
- Plant native, fire-resistive vegetation around your home whenever possible.
- Space trees and shrubs at least 10 feet apart. Reduce the number of trees in heavily wooded areas.
- For trees taller than 18 feet, prune lower branches within 6 feet of the ground to keep ground fires from spreading into treetops.
- Remove all dead branches overhanging your roof and all branches within 15 feet of chimneys.
- Enclose the underside of balconies and aboveground decks with fire-resistant or noncombustible materials.
- Store firewood at least 30 feet downhill from any structure.
- Avoid using bark and wood-chip mulch.

Helpful resources

This information is meant to help you make decisions that may reduce your risk of injury and property damage. There are many websites with information regarding wildfires. We recommend reviewing the following key websites or consulting with your local fire department for additional information.

- nationwide.com/catastrophes/wildfires.jsp
- alliedinsurance.com/allied/web/property/wildfire-safety.jsp
- firesafecouncil.org
- firewise.org
- wildfirezone.org

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