



Deadline for Kansas teachers to attend summer institute approaching

MANHATTAN, Kan. – April 16, 2014 – The deadline to register for the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) summer institute is quickly approaching. May 2, 2014 is the deadline to register for the institute, “Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture.” The institute is a professional development opportunity with the option of one, two or three graduate level credits. The participants will be exposed to many topics including plant science, food science and biotechnology.

The institute is open to all Kansas teachers. They’ll have an opportunity this summer to receive hands-on lesson plans, visit agricultural operations and learn from professors and other teachers how they can incorporate agriculture in their classroom.

The 3 1/2-day summer institute will be held in Manhattan, Kan., June 10-13, 2014. The institute is a great way to start to implement agriculture into your classroom.

"We are all dependent on agriculture, but our children know so little about it," said Dianna Deniston, a teacher at Victor Ornelas Elementary in Garden City, Kan., and a participant of the 2013 course. "This course shows how teachers can include agriculture in their instruction so students can understand the impact of agriculture in the world."

The institute helps prepare teachers to incorporate agricultural lesson plans into the classroom by allowing the teachers to experience and adapt the lesson plans for their needs.

"Teachers explore the diversity of agriculture through hands-on, standards-based activities and lesson plans that focus on math, science, social studies and reading," said Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director. "The institute exposes teachers to various agricultural opportunities and provides them with a variety of resources to use when preparing and presenting lesson plans to their students."

The 2014 institute is open to all Kansas teachers at \$50 for registration. Participants will receive a \$200 scholarship. The payment for optional credit hours through Kansas State University will be the responsibility of the participant. A stipend will be available for teachers to use for necessary equipment and supplies to teach the lesson plans taught during the institute. The \$150 stipend will be awarded in two installments - one half upon completion of the summer institute and the other half upon completion of a lesson plan conducted in the teachers' classroom. Professional development hours will be awarded by certificate from K-State Continuing Education based on 32 hours of face time during the institute.

To apply for the institute, simply visit this [link](#). Application details are available on the KFAC website at www.ksagclassroom.org. The application deadline is May 2, 2014. If you are interested in graduate credit hours through Kansas State University, the course is available for one, two or three graduate credits at the cost of the participant. Participants must register by May 2, 2014 and enroll through K-

State if interested in credits before the first day of the course. Instructions on how to enroll are available on [KFAC's website](#).

To learn more about KFAC summer courses, visit the [KFAC website](#), visit [KFAC on Facebook](#), or contact us at (785) 320-4350.

About KFAC

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is a 501(c)(3) organization that seeks to involve Kansans of all ages in understanding the fundamental impact of agriculture on their everyday lives. By providing resources to Kansas teachers, KFAC connects classrooms to Kansas agriculture.

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