Summer Agriculture Institute (SAI) is a 3-credit, week long, graduate level course for K12 educators with little or no agricultural background, offered through Oregon State University.

The goal of SAI is to help educators use Agriculture as a context (or theme) for teaching the Academic Standards (science, math, social studies, English, etc.). Additionally, educators will receive hands on instruction and collateral materials to incorporate agriculture into their classroom curriculum. SAI provides a working environment for participants to experience current, factual, scientific information about agriculture.

Key Topics:
- Land and Water Usage
- Ag Marketing and Economics
- Ag Education Applications
- Hydroponics
- Food Safety
- Commercial Farming

Benefits: Receive 3 graduate level credits from OSU for a fraction of the cost; high quality, accredited collateral materials provided; first-hand experience interacting with agriculture through tours of processing plants, farms, nurseries and agribusiness operations; opportunities to meet and work with agriculturists; hotel accommodations, meals and networking opportunities.

Requirements:
- Onsite participation (5 nights and 6 days) for all SAI candidates; an overnight stay with a host farm family (1 of the 5 nights);
- $600.00 registration fee payable to OAEF (Non-Refundable after May 1st);
- develop a comprehensive lesson plan utilizing knowledge gained as a SAI participant.

SAI History: Inception in 1989; the program was adopted by OAEF in 1991; funding provided by private, commodity, organizational and agri-businesses.

Contact Information: For SAI Applications and/or SAI Presentation Requests, please contact project coordinators directly.

PDF Applications are available online:


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Realistically, the ‘True-Cost’ of sponsoring a Summer Agriculture Institute (SAI) participant for either one of the 5 night 6 day sessions, ranges between $2,600 and $2,900 per participant. The variables include, but are not limited to; the amount of ‘in-kind’ contributions each session receives in a given year.

The state-wide, Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation (OAEF) program has been, and will continue to be, dependant on the level of financial contributions received. By launching a ‘True-Cost’ Awareness Campaign, we are confident the necessary funds will be generated, affording both sessions the opportunity to maintain their respective full-class sizes:

Session #1 in Corvallis 25 Participants
Session #2 in Union/La Grande 15 Participants

Organizations and individuals, who have generously contributed towards participants registration fees in the past, can by all means, continue to do so. All levels of contributions are greatly appreciated. It’s our thought, by bringing to the forefront the ‘true-cost’ of sponsoring a participant and facilitating a successful program, the Oregon Ag Industry and industry supporters, will step-up and help us meet the challenge.

SAi is a dynamic, educational program through OAEF. The program offers (3) graduate level credits, course AED 518 through Oregon State University, with a choice of two session dates.

Cost to Participants: Each participant is responsible for a $600.00 registration fee which is to be submitted along with the SAI application and is non-refundable after May 1st. In exchange, SAI Participants receive tuition for (3) graduate level credits, hotel accommodations, meals, transportation, classroom-ready curriculum and resources.

Estimated Expenses for Individual Participants:
OSU Tuition $1000.00
Hotel $305.00
Meals $200.00
Transportation $160.00
Promotion/Teacher Supplies $280.00
Misc. Supplies $ 80.00
Administration fees* $775.00

Estimated Total: $2,800.00 per SAI Participant

Comments: Figures based on 25 students in Session #1 and 15 students in Session #2, Oregon State University tuition, hotel rooms for five (5) nights, transportation to on-site tours, meals and an event banquet. Administration fees* include project coordination, mileage and accounting fees.

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Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation (OAEF) Pledge Form

2012 Summer Agriculture Institute (SAI)

*Select One: Session #1 ____ June 24th – 29th Corvallis
Session #2 ____ July 8th – 13th Union/La Grande
____ Divide between the two sessions

I (we) support the OAEF and thereby give the following to support the
Summer Agriculture Institute ________________________________

Thank you for your gift!

Date: _________________________________________________
Name: ________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________
City/Zip: _____________________________________________
Fax: ________________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________

Signature _____________________________________________

Donor Instructions: Please fill out this form and designate which session you
would like to support in any denominational amount. You can also support
both sessions by splitting your donation or allocating certain amounts towards
each session.

Please make checks out to OAEF/SAI, and send directly to:

Janice Reed, Director
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation
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(503) 399-1701, ext. 327
janice@oregonfb.org

*Please do not forget to indicate on your check AND this form how you
would like your donation allocated.

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