

1 May 2012



Re: Invitation to reserve an agri-food student tour this September in Woodstock!

Dear Teacher,

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show (COFS) and Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. (OAFE) invite you and your students to join us in Woodstock this September.

The team at COFS has again partnered with OAFE to welcome and host high school tours. COFS annually welcomes over 700 agricultural companies and organizations for a three-day trade show, interactive displays and demonstrations. In 2011, OAFE facilitated over 600 high school students through the Show!

Your students will have the chance to:

- See/interact with live demonstrations of animals, energy, crops and farm machinery.
- Explore a variety of career opportunities that exist in the agriculture and food sector.
- Learn more about agri-business and interact with people who work in the industry.
- Learn more about the environment, food production and green energy as it relates to grade level curriculums.

This is the place for live learning!

Mark your calendar!

High school tours are welcome during all three days of Canada's Outdoor Farm Show 2012 (September 11, 12, or 13) in the morning or afternoon. Upon arrival at the Show, an OAFE Teacher Ambassador will guide your students through a few key areas and demonstrations that relate to your SHSM program.

We've done the prep work!

To help prepare your students, OAFE is developing classroom resource materials and accompanying teacher's guides to provide curriculum connections and activity ideas. Before you arrive at COFS, you will receive copies of these resources about soil science, bio-energy and financial literacy. All OAFE developed materials will highlight careers related to each topic. You are also welcome to contact OAFE and access their full inventory of free resources on other subjects.

Important - Registration Deadline – ASAP to secure your spot!

If you are interested, please submit a completed registration form by 1 July 2012 to secure your spot. Tours book up quickly – we filled up early last year! Student numbers do not have to be confirmed until September. Questions can be directed to Katelyn McEachren, OAFE Outreach Coordinator (outreach@oafe.org or 905-809-6373). We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Wagner".

Doug Wagner
President, Canada's Outdoor Shows

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen Smith".

Colleen Smith
Executive Director, Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc.

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show School Tour Registration Form

Welcome to Canada's Outdoor Farm Show! We look forward to hosting you and your students in Woodstock this September. The founder of Canada's Outdoor Farm Show, the late Ginty Jocius, believed every student should be a stakeholder in his or her own education. **We ask students to pay an entry fee of \$2.00 each to attend or bring a food bank donation for the Farm Credit Canada (FCC) Drive Away Hunger campaign.**

Please fill out and return this form by 1 July 2012. Forms can be sent to Ontario Agri-Food Education (Attn: Katelyn McEachren) at 905-878-0342 (fax). Student numbers do not need to be confirmed until 1 September 2012.

Teacher: _____

School: _____

Course(s): _____

Approx. Number of Students Attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Please check the day (s) that you would like to attend. Tours will run at **10 a.m.** and **1 p.m.** but you are certainly welcome to attend the Show all day after/before your tour.

Tuesday, September 11 (Opening Day) Morning Afternoon

Wednesday, September 12 Morning Afternoon

Thursday, September 13 (Dairy Day) Morning Afternoon

Tours will align with the topics covered in the educational materials created by OAFE. This year, the resources explore **soil science**, **bio-energy** and **financial literacy**. If time allows, OAFE Teacher Ambassadors will gladly explore other aspects of the Show with your students. In order to gain a better understanding of what you and your students are interested in, we ask that you please rank your top three choices from the list below in order of preference (1 = Most Interested).

Plants and Soil

Construction and Forestry

Livestock

Horticulture and Local Foods

Sustainable Energy

Financial Literacy

The Environment

Marketing and Communications

Machinery and Technology

Career Studies

For more information or answers to any questions you may have, please contact Katelyn McEachren (outreach@oafe.org).

Can't come to COFS?



We can bring the learning to you!



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Bringing Agriculture into the Classroom

1. Order the NEW 2012 COFS Career Resources:

Financial Literacy, Soil Science, Bio-Energy

How? Email Katelyn at outreach@oafe.org

2. Download the 2011 COFS Resources:

Green Energy, Robotics in Agriculture, Precision Agriculture

How? Visit www.oafe.org Teacher Resources section

3. Arrange for a Teacher Ambassador lesson

A trained OCT will come to your class to teach about agriculture, careers, and more!

How? Email Katelyn at outreach@oafe.org

Visit www.oafe.org or www.outdoorfarmshow.com for more information.

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