



Sonoma County Farm Bureau

Presents



Celebrate Sonoma County's Number One Industry by Attending Ag Days "100 Years of Sonoma County Bounty" at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds

School Tours Offered Two Days - Tuesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Take a one-stop tour of Sonoma County agriculture at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. See "Agriculture in Action" through tours and displays from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Students will have the opportunity to see farm animals, crawl through a hay maze and learn more about the source of their food and fiber. **They will talk to farmers and learn what it takes to raise plants and animals.**

Please join Sonoma County Farm Bureau in celebrating its 100th anniversary (1917-2017). As Farm Bureau looks back at agriculture and how it has evolved over the past 100 years, students might consider incorporating our ever changing history into their contest entries. Displays and exhibits will feature agriculture commodities in addition to offering information and demonstrations about the exciting role agriculture plays in our daily lives. Come explore agriculture's value to Sonoma County's economy and way-of-life.

Schools are encouraged to arrange field trips for either Tuesday, March 14, or Wednesday, March 15. **Reservations are a must!** Reservations can be made by completing the enclosed form and faxing to 544-7452 or mailing to Sonoma County Farm Bureau, 3589 Westwind Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA. 95403. **Reservations are due no later than Feb. 24, 2017.**

Every class completing a registration form will be guaranteed a visit to Ag Days on the date selected. Farm Bureau will notify each teacher by fax or e-mail that their registration form has been received.

Please provide a fax and e-mail address on the registration form. Additional information including map, schedule, parking and drop-off instructions will be sent after reservations close on February 24, 2017.

Ag Days Awards Dinner

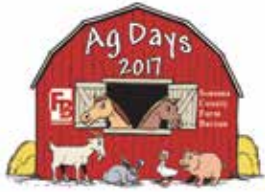
All contest winners will be honored at the Ag Days Awards Dinner!

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Grace Pavilion, Sonoma County Fairgrounds
1350 Bennett Valley Rd. Santa Rosa, CA 95404





2017 Contest Theme: “100 Years of Sonoma County Bounty”

Contest Rules:

Please read carefully as rules have changed!

- **The deadline has been extended for all Ag Days Student Contest Entries. All entries must now be delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on February 17, 2017 to Sonoma County Farm Bureau, 3589 Westwind Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403.**
- **Open to all Sonoma County Schools, grades K - 6 and Special Education.**
- **All work must be student’s original work/ideas - encourage creativity.**
- **No company logos or slogans to be used.**
- **Entries must pertain to the theme.**
- **Every entry must have the category, school, grade, student’s name, teacher’s name, school’s address, phone and teacher’s email.**
- **Rules / Criteria in each category must be followed or entry will be disqualified.**
- **Winners will be contacted after judging and honored at the Ag Days Awards Dinner, Tuesday, March 14, 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Awards Program, Sonoma County Fairgrounds.**



Bookmark Contest

Rules: One bookmark per student. Bookmarks must be 2” x 6” and relate to the theme.



Essay Contest

Rules: One essay per student. Essay must be a minimum of 50 words and a maximum of 150 words and be based on the theme.



Poster Contest

Rules: One poster per student. Posters may be no smaller than 8 1/2” x 11” and no larger than 12” x 18”. Posters will be judged for originality and relevance to theme.

Ag Education Teacher Award



A top prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to a teacher or group of teachers who develop an agricultural and/or environmental education project at their school. To enter, teachers submit a proposal of 1-2 pages outlining a project currently being developed or a project that is envisioned for the education of their students. These projects can include school gardens, nutrition education, soil health, beneficial insects, pollinators and other topics related to agriculture, food systems, conservation and the environment. Proposals can be generated individually or with a group of teachers from the same school. **Proposal entry deadline has been extended to February 17, 2017.**



Go Old School: Back to Basics Contest

Rules: One Presentation Per Class, Student or Group of Students. Create a theme related project that is no larger than 3' x 3' x 3' using ONLY items from the following:

(Any materials not on this list will disqualify entry)



- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Colored Pencils
- ◆ String
- ◆ Glue/Paste
- ◆ Water Based Paints
- ◆ Wire
- ◆ Fabric
- ◆ Wood
- ◆ Paper Products
- ◆ Natural/Organic Matter (non-perishable)
- ◆ and/or Chalk.

The project will be judged on content, creativity, originality as well as visual appeal.

Go New School: Multi Media Contest

Rules: One presentation per class, student or group of students. Create a theme related presentation using two or more of the following: Audio, Video, PowerPoint, Slide Show and Photography. The presentation should be no more than five minutes in length. The presentation will be judged on content as well as visual appeal, sound and technical ability. Please submit your presentation on a DVD or flash drive.



Mural Contest

Rules: One mural per class. Murals must be 3' X 6' have three reinforced holes at the top to be easily hung. Murals will be judged for ideas, originality, and relevance to the theme.



Awards

Mural, Old School and New School:

Ribbons and \$50 will be awarded to each grade's 1st place winner. The grand prize winner, selected from 1st place winners, will receive a plaque and \$100 in total prize money. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each categories. **Categories: K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and Special Education.**

Bookmark, Essay and Poster:

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Please note: Teachers can pick-up entries at the Farm Bureau office beginning March 22, 2017.

All entries must be picked-up by April 12, 2017.



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School Tour Registration & Contest Entry Form

(One Registration Form Per Class / Teacher)

Teacher's First Name: _____ Teacher's Last Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Number of Students: _____ Number of Teachers: _____ Number of Parents: _____

School Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Date Attending: _____ **Tuesday, March 14** _____ **Wednesday, March 15**

Contest Entries

How many entries will you be submitting in each area?
Entries Due No later than 5 p.m., Feb. 17, 2017

- Bookmark Contest _____
- Essay Contest _____
- Poster Contest _____
- Go Old School _____
- Go New School _____
- Mural Contest _____
- Ag Education Teacher Award _____

Return of Entries

Please Note: All entries may be picked-up at the Sonoma County Farm Bureau office beginning March 22, 2017.

All items must be picked up by April 12, 2017

Unclaimed items will be recycled.

Fax or Mail this form to So. Co. Farm Bureau no later than Feb. 24, 2017. Fax: 544-7452

Tour Information

Ag Days Tours for K - 6 students are available Tuesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa.

Teachers, choose a day to bring your class. Exhibit area will be open 9 a.m. to noon each day. Farm Bureau will notify each teacher by fax or e-mail that their registration form has been received. Plan to attend Ag Days on the date selected.

Fax forms to: 544-7452 or mail to: SCFB, Ag Days 2017, 3589 Westwind Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Classes are encouraged to bring sack lunches and enjoy a leisurely lunch on the lawn or picnic area.

We invite classes to spend a great day with us!