

## **April AITC Newsletter**

“Tell me, and I’ll forget. Show me, and I may not remember, involve me, and I’ll understand.” - Native American Proverb

### **Congratulations!**

Several of you paid attention to last months letter and checked the web link to answer our prize question. Marlene Fudge and Linda Vandermolen were the lucky winners. Their prizes have been sent to them. Keep looking for future questions and prizes!

### **For Sale**

As you know we changed the name of our programs from Farming the Classroom to Ag In The Classroom. We have some items with the old name that we want to get rid of. This month we are offering 10 folding rolling coolers. First come first served. We are charging \$10.00 each. Let me know if you would like one. Once I receive your money we will send it via the courier for you.

### **Pizza Totes**

At the AITC Update in August we announced that we were awarded a grant to get totes of items out to all the counties. I had hoped to get these out sooner, but the paper work of the grant and trying to get the best deals on the best items has taken a little longer. But don’t fret, my office is filling up with items as I type. Once these kits are complete we will courier to your county. The timing works out so you can take your time, explore the kits and practice with them before going into schools next fall. We will keep you posted! I think you will be excited to see all the stuff we were able to get for you!

### **FB Interest Groups**

We all have a passion for various aspects of agriculture. FB wants to help you stay in the loop and involved in topics that may be of interest to you. Members of these interest groups will receive email updates, be included when new information becomes available and may be asked to serve on committees related to these groups. If you are interested in any of the groups below, please let Joni know your name, county, cell number and email and we will get you in the group:

Drainage

Taxes

Wind

Zoning

Animal Agriculture

## **Grant Opportunity**

Last year several counties filled out the grant application form for AFBF Ag Foundation. Unfortunately our counties did not win, but the new forms have been released for this year. The deadline is November 2<sup>nd</sup> to AFBF, but they must come here to our office first for signature. Please make sure they are sent to Joni by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Counties can request up to \$500 for projects that will promote agriculture. The form can be found at [www.agfoundation.org](http://www.agfoundation.org) under the scholarship tab. Or you can contact Joni for a copy. If you have questions or would like help filling out the form, please contact Joni.

## **Report Forms**

It seems like the school year just started, but it will be winding down in just over a month! Keep your report forms coming in. These numbers are more important than ever before. These numbers help us secure funding, apply for grants, and help to show just how many students you are reaching with the positive message of agriculture. Remember that we will be updating our records this summer. If you have not sent any forms in the past two years, we will remove you from the mailing list. The AITC Update will be taking place on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. To make sure we have all our numbers counted for this school year please make sure that we have your forms by **June 26<sup>th</sup>**. Forms received after that date will go on the next school year.

## **New Dairy Video**

As new technology comes to the market, the way we get our information is changing. More and more information is found on the web. This is a link for a great video on dairy. If you have a chance take a look and share with others and teachers that may be able to use it in their classrooms. <http://www.southeastdairy.org/file/farmers/farmtoyou.html>

## **Becoming a Volunteer**

Do you know others in your county that would like to be involved and become a trained AITC volunteer? Volunteers must be a Farm Bureau member, preferably engaged in agriculture production, with a desire to positively promote agriculture. If you know of an interested person, have them contact their county woman leader or district woman leader for information.

## **Save the Date**

The 2009 AITC Update will be held on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will send more info as the time gets closer, we will give you a hint...the update will be held in a big barn??!

That's all for now, contact us with any questions you may have.

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