

Spring 2024—Garden & Farm Field Trips
At the UC Davis Student Farm
Appropriate for Kindergarten through 5th Grade

What: These field trips offer experiential learning opportunities about **garden & farm ecology and growing food**. Our programs feature activities that allow children to explore, discover, harvest, and eat in a garden and farm setting. The field trips take place in the Ecological Garden at the UC Davis Student Farm where flowers, vegetables, fruit trees, herbs, and other plants grow year-round. Groups above kindergarten level also visit the Market Garden at the Student Farm to observe vegetable production in our larger farm setting. *Tours are led by teams of trained UC Davis students working with supervision from faculty, staff and graduate students. The themes and activities chosen for each field trip reflect what's happening that week on the farm. Activities and tour plans are designed to fit the age of each audience. This means that the activities and overall theme of each field trip may vary day-to-day and year-to-year.*

Who: K-5 students at schools in Davis, Dixon, Esparto, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, and when possible, surrounding areas. We can accommodate up to 65 kids or two classes on each tour date. We plan to fill at least one quarter of available spaces with 3rd-5th grade classes to encourage participation of upper elementary classes in this type of field trip.

When: We offer 2 *Early Bird* tours at the end of March. Then the spring tour season 3-4 days a week from **April 2nd through June 6th**.

Early Bird Tours (Weather can be less predictable)

- Tuesday, March 19, 9:30-11:15 am
- Wednesday, March 20, 9:30-11:15 am

Spring Tours (Tues, April 2 – Thurs, June 6)

- Tuesdays 9:30-11:15 am
- Wednesdays 9:30-11:15 am
- Thursdays from 12:30-2:15 pm
- Fridays from 9:30-11:15 am

(Note: All tours for kindergartens will end 15 minutes sooner than listed)

Where: The UC Davis Student Farm starting in the Ecological Garden. Directions provided when tours are scheduled along with additional confirmation information.

Cost: **\$4.00/child**. No charge for adults. There is no charge for the first two Early Bird tours. Field trip fee is due the day of your tour. *Parents and chaperones driving personal vehicles will also need to pay the \$15.00 UCD campus day-use parking fee.*

How: Complete the “[Online Registration Survey](#)” by **5:00 p.m. October 6th**. Each request form can cover 4 classes or up to 130 children for two separate tour dates. You will hear from us between Oct 11th through Oct 13th when we will notify you with the tour dates that we can offer. We ask you to confirm the date offered ASAP or by October 30th. Typically we have been able to fill all requests with dates you have listed as preferable or possible. We do our best.

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