Ohio Farm to School Newsletter

Ohio Farm to School Pre-Conference and Policy Forum – Register NOW!

The Ohio focused preconference will actively engage the community in meaningful discussion about current and emerging issues, opportunities, challenges and barriers, and policy development related to serving local foods in schools and institutions.

The forum is being led by the Ohio Farm to School Leadership Team in partnership with Ohio State’s Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation (InFACT) program. It will be held April 25th from 3-8 p.m. at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati.

Featured leaders who will address forum participants include Ohio’s Director of Agriculture, David Daniels, Brian Snyder, Executive Director of InFACT, and Roger Rennekamp, Associate Dean and Director for Ohio State University Extension. Policy makers including Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown will provide a special video address. The fee for dinner is $40 for professionals and $20 for full time students.

Information about busses from central Ohio and registration can be found at go.osu.edu/2018FarmToSchool. This is a separate registration and additional fee from the National Farm to Cafeteria events. DEADLINE is April 19.

Ohio Days: My State, My Plate

Those attending the April 25th event will enjoy a dinner with turkey from Bowman and Landes Farm of New Carlisle. Local Red Skin mashed potatoes, broccoli rabe, dinner rolls and local butter. To top it off, there will be milk provided by Dairymen’s/Borden of Cincinnati and the cheddar cheese curds are being provided by Urban Stead Cheese Co. in Cincinnati. Bauman Farm (of Rittman) will provide the apples for the three apple strudel with honey caramel sauce.
**Bus to Cincy**

Need transportation from Columbus to Cincinnati to attend the conferences? Busses will be available to take attendees to and from the conference on April 25 and 26. The round trip affordable cost for busses is as follows:
- Extension employees: FREE
- Students under 22: $10
- Non-extension OSU employees: $20
- Non OSU professionals: $35

**Deadline to register for the bus is April 15** go to: go.osu.edu/2018FarmToSchool

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**Ohio Food Directors Toolkit**

A long awaited resource has been developed for Ohio cafeterias to use to locate Ohio grown, raised and/or processed in Ohio. The Ohio Days: My Plate, My State Toolkit is available on our website or go to: http://go.osu.edu/CNPb

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**Classroom Resource**

The National Dairy Council released a comprehensive farm to school class room education virtual resource that includes 360 video, educator guide, careers in agriculture and more. This resource was created in partnership with Discovery Education. Go to: https://www.discoverundeniablydairy.com/virtual-experiences

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**Field Trip Registrations are Filling Fast!**

OSU Extension has planned 10 field trips for April 27th in Cincinnati. Be sure to check out all of the fantastic opportunities we have arranged for you as you visit the conference.
- Bigger Procurement, Smaller Bites: Columbus City Schools
- College Farms That Feed and Inspire Students
- The Science of Local Food
- Dairy Day: Farm to Table to Classroom and Beyond
- Exploring Farm to Cafeteria in Indiana
- From Food Waste to Delicious
- Produce Farms Making A Difference
- Cultivating Community Engagement with Farm to School
- Feeding and Employing Your Neighbors (Permaculture)
- From Garden to Food Hubs

**Deadline is April 9 or when capacity is reached**

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