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Greetings,

UCCE Central Sierra wants to keep you informed about what's happening! We host many workshops throughout the year, including free Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver classes open to the public. You will also find up-to-date 4-H news. Please read on for more information!

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Lake Tahoe Basin Invasive Weeds Identification Workshop

Lake Tahoe Basin Invasive Weeds Identification Workshop

Tuesday, June 12, 2018
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
971 Silver Dollar Ave.
So. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150



- Learn about the **biology** and reproduction of invasive plants.
- Learn how to **prevent** the introduction and spread of invasive weeds.
- Regional experts will provide **hands-on identification** of thistles, knapweeds, toadflax species and other terrestrial weeds of concern in the Lake Tahoe area.

Who should attend?

Landowners and managers, on-the-ground crews, trail/park staff, volunteers and the general public

Register online for this workshop at: <http://ucanr.edu/laketahoeweecourse>
Questions? Contact Nancy Starr, at nstarr@ucanr.edu or call (530) 621-5503. This workshop is free but registration is required to ensure that we have space available for all registrants.

This workshop is hosted by the Lake Tahoe Basin Invasive Weeds Coordinating Group. Presenters include resource professionals from University of California Cooperative Extension – Central Sierra, El Dorado County Agriculture Department, US Forest Service – Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Placer County Agriculture Department, California State Parks, and Nevada State Department of Agriculture.

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Click on the flyer for more information on registering for this workshop.

Sustainable Organic Gardening Workshop

Spring is rushing forward, the temperature outside is rising, and we in El Dorado County are scurrying to get our spring vegetable gardens prepped and planted. It is a glorious time in the foothills. We know that with a little work, we can have an amazing bounty of yummy foods throughout the year. But many families remain unfamiliar with joys and benefits of home vegetable gardening. Meanwhile, the cost of nutritious foods is skyrocketing. Two dollars for a red pepper? Seriously?! Therefore, in the spirit of our University of California Cooperative Extension charter—to research, teach, and provide community outreach to home gardeners—we're offering a workshop to help families reduce food costs, improve nutrition, and enhance their food security.

On July 14, the UCCE Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers of El Dorado County, in collaboration with the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, will be presenting a half-day workshop on sustainable organic gardening. We'll be offering the community a chance to spend a day at the beautiful Shingle Springs Rancheria, learning to develop and maintain a garden that doesn't require costly or wasteful chemical additives, and emphasizes conservation of critical resources like water and pollinators. We'll look at sustainability from seven perspectives: native ecosystems, soil, compost, beneficial plants and insects, organic pest and disease management, seed saving, and food preservation. In each case, we'll emphasize how a novice gardener can get started growing cost-effective, nutritious food. Here's a brief overview of the topics workshop attendees can choose from:

- Native Landscape Management—Native Americans have always structured their food supply by practicing sustainable land management. You'll join Miwok tribal members as they describe how respect for the land and keen observation has sustained generations of indigenous people.
- Eco-Gardening: Turning Dirt in to Gold—Plants thrive in soil that is teeming with life, and nurturing soil is absolutely key to sustainable gardening. Learn what this means, why it matters, and how to work with your soils to improve plant health.
- Active Composting—Learn elegantly simple but critically important techniques to make compost that will enhance your garden. Hot and cold compost methods, optimal ratios of greens and browns, aeration, moisture, and uses for the final product.
- Organic Pest Management—Learn about plant diseases, insects, and 'pests' in the garden. Learn to identify various bacterial and viral diseases, distinguish insects and understand their lifecycles, and make decisions about what needs management and what is essentially a harmless part of your garden ecosystem.
- Eco-Gardening: Attracting Pollinators, Beneficial Insects, and Other Natural Predators—Learn how plant selection affects beneficial insect populations, which provide ecological benefits such as biodiversity and natural pest control.
- Home Grown Seeds!—Seed saving is easy, fun, sustainable, and saves money. Learn the basics of growing, harvesting, and storing seeds. Vegetables, flowers, herbs, and native plants will be discussed.
- What to Do with Zillions of Zucchini?—Is zucchini taking over your garden? Are neighbors leaving bags of zucchini on your doorstep? Learn preservation techniques that turn zucchini into surprisingly different types of delicious food that you can enjoy throughout the year.

Sustainable Organic Gardening

A workshop offered by the
**UCCE Master Gardeners and
UCCE Master Food Preservers of El Dorado County**
in collaboration with
The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians

July 14, 2018

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

at the
**Shingle Springs Rancheria
5281 Honpie Road
Placerville**

YOUR CHOICE OF 3 BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- Native Land Management
- Sustainable Soil
- Composting
- Organic Pest Management
- Beneficial Plants and Insects
- Seed Saving
- Food Preservation

Register by
July 10

\$25

includes class handouts,
samples, and a light bag
lunch with cold drink



Keynote Speaker: **Scott Oneto**
Central Sierra Director, Farm Advisor,
and owner of Oneto Family Farm

Breakout sessions will be lead by Sacramento County Farm and Horticulture Advisor Chuck Ingels, UCCE Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers, and representatives of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Traditional Ecological Knowledge Department.




More Information and Registration: <http://ucanr.edu/sustainable-organic-gardening>

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Workshop on Addressing Forest Risks in the Highway 50 Corridor, El Dorado County




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Highway 50



**Workshop
On Addressing Forest Risks in the Highway 50
Corridor, El Dorado County**

**June 21, 2018
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
100 Forni Road
Placerville, CA**

Workshop Objectives:

- Familiarize residents and landowners with ongoing efforts to reduce fire hazard in their neighborhoods.
- Inform people about the short-term and long-term benefits of vegetation management treatments.
- Describe steps that are taken to evaluate and minimize environmental impacts of treatments

Agenda:

- Status of the Sierra Nevada
- Forest Resiliency
- Coordinating Collaborative/ Community Based efforts
- Project highlight: Sly Park Vegetation Management Strategy.

Presenters will include scientists and forest managers from the public and private sectors. A detailed agenda will be provided to registrants.

Field Trip:

We will visit a variety of sites within the Sly Park Recreation Area where fuel reduction projects have been implemented. Plan on bringing your lunch and be prepared for light hiking.

To register for the workshop, go to <https://eldoradoforestfuel.eventbrite.com>. There is nominal registration fee. Following registration, you will be provided with additional information including the final agenda. Questions? Contact Dr. Richard Harris at (707) 685-5508 or rrharrisconsulting@gmail.com. Register early! Enrollment limited to 40 people.

Click on the flyer for more information on registering for this workshop.

4-H Summer Camps

Open to all youth, not just current 4-H members!

4-H CAMP 2018
July 16th-20th Open to all youth 9-19

swimming, hiking, canoeing
ropes course, crawdad fishing
Arts & Crafts
archery, rocketry, team building
campfire activities, all camp challenges

For more information visit http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_4-H_Program/Camp/

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Click on the flyer for more information on registering for summer camp.

Summer Camp Registration

Now Open
July 17-21

PAY TODAY
AND SAVE!



All youth 9-19 as of December 31, 2018 are invited to attend 4-H Summer Camp 2018!

Join our Junior Counselors for 5 days and 4 nights of fun, laughter, new friends and so much more!

Registration is available at:
<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=22401>

Payment is now open! \$50 non-refundable deposit holds your spot at the price break

- Registering December 1-January 31 - Fee is \$200 each
- Registering February 1-March 31 - Fee is \$250 for first child, \$200 for each child after
- Registering April 1-June 15 - Fee is \$300 for first child, \$200 for each child after

Pay with check or cash to "UC Regents" or online at: <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=22396>

Chaperones Needed! If interested in being a camp chaperone, please contact the 4-H Office
riglianini@ucanr.edu
209-533-6990

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HAZARDOUS FUELS TREATMENT DEMONSTRATION

JUNE 8-9, 2018

Near Ice House Resort, El Dorado County, Off HWY 50

VIEW EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES



The objective of the demo is to raise awareness about different hazardous fuel treatment alternatives and provide up-to-date information regarding resource impacts, efficiencies, and cost of fuels treatment equipment and techniques.



Field Tour

REGISTER to sign up for a time slot. Meet at the Ice House Resort staging area.

Hard hats will be provided, but please bring closed toed shoes and plenty of water. Be prepared for uneven footing on slopes.

<http://ucanr.edu/fuelsdemo>



Click on the flyer for more information on registering for this workshop.

Farm and Ranch Tour

The Farms of Tuolumne County Farm and Ranch Tour connects area residents and visitors of all ages with local farmers to share in the agricultural bounty and rural beauty of our county. Spend the day visiting farms and ranches, learning about the many facets of agriculture. All this for a very low ticket price. **Note:** ticket price does NOT include products that are for sale.

About DOGS: for livestock and your pet's safety, FOTC does not allow dogs on the Tour, except for certified service dogs. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tickets & Times
Price: \$10 in advance, \$12 on the day of the event. Those 17 & under get in free.
Tour Hours: 10:00 AM. to 4:00 PM.

For more information email Info@TCFarms.Org or phone 209-928-3775.

PRE-SALE TICKETS
On-line at: www.TCFarms.Org
Or at the following locations:

- Nature's Whole Food Depot, Standard
- Community Thrift Shop, Sonora
- Sonora Certified Farmers Market
- All That Matters, Twain Harte
- Columbia Nursery & Florist, Columbia

BUY TICKETS ON DAY OF THE EVENT AT ANY TOUR FARM.

This is a **self-guided** tour and can be done in any order. Wear comfortable shoes. Consider bringing a cooler for any perishable purchases. Great photo opportunities!

FOTC CORPORATE SPONSOR PARTICIPATION:
Nest Holdings? Black Oak Casino Resort has beautiful accommodations. Call (877) 747-8777

On Tour day visit **Community Thrift Shop** at 797 W. Stockton Rd, Sonora for refreshments. Store hours are 10AM-5PM, so you have time to shop after the Farm and Ranch Tour.

RESTROOMS at all locations. Handicapped accessible at Indigemy Reserve.

THANK YOU FARM TOUR SPONSORS!

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THANK YOU ALSO TO FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS:
 Al's Bernal, Bear Tent Brewery, Beasable Hill Tree Farm
 Chef Dave Ingens, Hoses Heal, Inc.
 Industrial Food Works (Eric Daves)



This Farm & Ranch Tour is partially funded by a grant from the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau. www.visituolumne.com. THANK YOU!



TENTH FARM & RANCH TOUR
Saturday, June 9, 2018
10 AM - 4 PM



FOTC Farm & Ranch Tour helps to fund Local Youth Ag Programs.

[Click on the flyer for more information.](#)

Test Your Pressure Canner Gauge

Do you have a Presto pressure canner with a dial gauge? Do you know if it's accurate? Did you know you should test it annually?

Your pressure canner needs to reach and maintain 240°F for the time specified in the recipe to ensure that any *Clostridium botulinum* spores present are killed; otherwise you run the risk of the botulinum toxin growing in your pressure canned food, which causes the botulism disease when ingested. If your gauge isn't accurate, the temperature in the jars may not be high enough to correctly process your meats, broths, vegetables, beans and soups.

If you have a Presto dial-gauge canner, the gauge is the only way to tell if you are processing products at the right pressure when canning at 11-14psi; it must be accurate to safely can with it. *(If you have an All American canner, it's technically considered a weighted-gauge canner and the dial gauge is used to show when the canner has cooled to 0psi.)*

Any of the UCCE offices in the Central Sierra region will test your dial-gauge for free. UCCE Master Food Preserver volunteers are trained to test the accuracy of a pressure canner dial gauge. Take your gauge (or the entire canner) to any of the UCCE Central Sierra offices in Placerville, Jackson, San Andreas, or Sonora. The office staff will arrange for a UCCE Master Food Preserver volunteer to test your gauge and document the results and recommendations. *(For the San Andreas office, call 209-754-6477 to confirm office hours.)*



2nd Annual, Tuolumne County, Step It Up Walking Competition

"Tuolumne County's UC CalFresh program just wrapped up their 2nd annual *Step It Up* walking competition. This 6 week competition encourages positive role modeling by school staff to show what a healthy lifestyle looks like at any age. School staff formed teams to walk, run, hike, and step their way to fitness by competing with other schools in Tuolumne county. At the end of the 6 weeks, over 150 school staff from 8 schools has collectively walked over 33,819 miles.

That's like walking the circumference of Planet Earth 1.4 times! Students noticed their teachers walking and often joined in at recess or before and after school. Winners were treated to donated prizes from local farms, gyms, and healthy restaurants as encouragement to keep up their awesome work. We'd like to thank those who challenged each other in making our community a healthier place to be, for students and staff alike. See you next year!"

Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Team came in 3rd place in this year's *Step It Up* walking competition.



Tuolumne County Kids' Day In the Garden

Bring the Family to:



Kids' Day in the Garden
FREE EVENT
Saturday, June 2, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
251 Barretta Street, Sonora CA

Featuring:

- Mason Bee Houses
- Fairy Gardens
- Paint a "Pet Rock"
- Make a Garden Lantern
- Bird Seed Feeders
- Plant a Mini Garden
- Clam Shell Spiders
- Lemonade and Cookies
- Many more activities
- For Grownups: A Master Gardener Grown Plant Sale

All activities are absolutely FREE (Topics are subject to change)
Activities begin at 10:30 a.m.

For more information call us at: 209-533-5695

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UCCE 4-H Youth Development

Enrollment begins for 2018-19 on July 1st!

[Join Now](#)

Open to all Central Sierra 4-H

6-2: [2018 California State Field Day](#)

6-16: [2018 Citizenship Washington Focus](#)

Amador

Check their [Calendar & Events webpage](#).

6-22: [Livestock Entries DUE](#)

Calaveras

Check their [Calendar & Events webpage](#).

El Dorado

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Tuolumne

Check their [Calendar of Events webpage](#).

6-9: [Horse Level Testing](#)

6-23: [County Record Book Judging](#)



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Classes & Events Offered by UCCE Master Food Preservers

Amador/Calaveras

6-9: [Growing & Preserving Culinary Herbs MG/MFP Combo Class](#)

6-20: [Freezing & Dehydrating Basics](#)

El Dorado

6-14 to 6-17: [Visit the UCCE MFP at the El Dorado County Fair](#)

Classes & Workshops Offered by UCCE Master Gardeners

Monthly Gardening Tips

Amador

6-9: [Growing & Preserving Culinary Herbs MG/MFP Combo Class](#)

6-23: [Garden Visitors: Local Birds](#)

Calaveras

6:14: [CalaverasGrown Farmers Market](#)

6-23: [Open Garden & Plant Sale](#)

El Dorado

6-2: [Control of Invasive & Noxious Weeds Common to El Dordado County](#)

6-9: [2nd Saturday - Herbs/Edible Flowers/Salsa Gardening](#)

6-13: [Orchids in and around the Home](#)

Tahoe

6-16: [Irrigation: Basics for Your Home Landscape](#)

Tuolumne

6-2: [Kids' Day in the Garden](#)

7-2: [Open Garden: All Things Water/Retention/Ponds/Swales/Wells](#)



Classes & Events Offered by

UCCE CalFresh

Amador

Please check back for events

Calaveras

6-22: [Jenny Lind Elementary Parent Cooking Class](#)

El Dorado

Please check back for events

Lake Tahoe

6-1: [Canning for SLT Spanish Adult Group](#)

Tuolumne
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Sincerely,

Scott Oneto

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