

2008 AITC Matching Grant Recipients

Organization: Baraboo High School, Baraboo
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Community Garden
Description: High school students are enrolled in a Community Garden class that meets everyday for one hour in the high school greenhouse. Students receive theory and background information about sustainable agriculture. Students apply their knowledge in the greenhouse and then in the garden. In the summer, 5-6 students are employed to work in the garden. About 15 market baskets are sold and the students are responsible for filling the basket each week for the customers.

Organization: Brown County Dairy Promotion Committee, Brown County
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Scream for Ice Cream
Description: *Scream for Ice Cream* is a sixty minute classroom program usually presented to second grade students. It is used to educate students as to the importance of dairy products in their daily diet, historical and statistical facts and information about ice cream. It also presents facts about dairy farms and other dairy products. The activity concludes with students making their own ice cream..

Organization: Dane County UW Extension, Dane County
Funds Awarded: \$300
Project Title: AGRI-Versity at the Dane County Fair
Description: AGRI-Versity gives Dane County Day Care, Youth Center aged youth, and families attending the Dane County Fair first hand exposure to agriculture. The event is held in conjunction with 4-H Youth Day at the Dane County Fair. The county will network with county and state businesses and UW- Extension Specialists to create hands-on, educational, interactive stations for youth and families to see different types of agriculture related activities.

Organization: Fond du Lac Association of Commerce Agri-Business Council, Fond du Lac County
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Fond du Lac Area Agricultural Ambassador Program
Description: The Fond du Lac Area Agriculture Ambassador program will use the grant funds to enhance the creation of a new program, "Climb the Food Pyramid" and update the nutritional content and literature given out during all of their food based programs including "Say Cheese", "Fruits and Veggies", "Dairy Foods and Fitness" and "Pizza the Perfect Food". The Council reaches over 12,000 students annually through classroom presentations and special events.

Organization: Friends of Troy Gardens, Madison
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Farm and Field Youth Program
Description: The Farm and Field program offers a diverse population of young people in Madison job skills and leadership development- while engaging them actively in environmental learning. Through environmental learning and action, and through work on the farm and in the natural areas, youth not only develop critical leadership skills, but they also bring locally grown produce to the community. Youth are involved in the entire process- from starting seeds to harvesting food to preparing meals for others in the community.

Organization: Green Bay East FFA Alumni, Green Bay
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: The Many Hats of Agriculture
Description: Farm Technology Days will be hosted in Brown County in 2008. The Green Bay East FFA Alumni will organize the Family Fun Adventure Tent, which provides hands-on education to children ages 4-12, so they have a better understanding of agriculture and the role it plays in their lives. Using the theme, "The Many Hats of Agriculture", FFA Alumni members are planning hands-on activities to teach children that while farming is a huge part of agriculture, there are many other supporting aspects of the industry as well. After Farm Technology Days, this theme will be used in classroom presentations in Green Bay area elementary schools.

Organization: Langlade County Farm Bureau, Langlade County
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Bringing the Farm to School
Description: Langlade County discovered that none of the students they visited with last year were from a farm. Using this program, "Bringing the Farm to School", the county Farm Bureau will meet all 200 4th grade students in 14 public and parochial classrooms. Classroom visits will include donating a library book to the teacher and giving the students educational resources and a dairy themed t-shirt.

Organization: Omro FFA Chapter, Omro
Funds Awarded: \$412
Project Title: Food for America
Description: The Omro FFA Chapter would like to use their Food for America Program to help their 4th grade students become aware of agriculture and where their food comes from. They will teach about the Wisconsin dairy industry, food processing, animal products, and changes and advancements in agriculture. The FFA members and Advanced Ag students will use maps, worksheets, overheads, posters and other resources to teach the units in addition to farm tours.

Organization: Oshkosh West FFA Chapter, Oshkosh
Funds Awarded: \$200
Project Title: Fins Up
Description: There are less than one dozen families at Oshkosh West High School that are actively involved in traditional agriculture and one family involved in aquaculture. The goal of "Fins Up" is to engage K-12 students in project-based activities that teach them about the aquaculture industry. This project will use hands-on activities to engage over 500 elementary students, as well as high school biology and agriculture students.

Organization: Partnership for Progressive Agriculture, Wausau
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Ag Adventure Tent
Description: The mission of the Partnership for Progressive Agriculture is to be a catalyst for Marathon County agriculture. The Ag Adventure Tent at the Wisconsin Valley Fair will provide Marathon County agribusinesses with an opportunity to communicate with, educate and contribute resources to fair attendees including parents, children and teachers. A variety of hands-on and interactive activities will be featured in the tent.

Organization: Prairie Farm FFA Chapter, Prairie Farm
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Ag in the Classroom- Farm Safety- Food for America
Description: The Prairie Farm FFA Chapter will offer several educational opportunities for elementary students. One program for grades K-5 will inform students about Wisconsin commodities and products, choosing healthy snacks, and agricultural safety. The Food for America Program focuses on grade 4 and showcases a working farm that shows how food gets from the farm to their table. The Barron County Kiddy Barn project will provide activities and displays to help educate fair attendees at the Barron County Fair.

Organization: Randolph Cambria-Friesland FFA, Randolph
Funds Awarded: \$250
Project Title: Food for America- Garden Project
Description: The Randolph Cambria-Friesland FFA Chapter utilizes a school garden for summer and school year tours. Students learn how to can and preserve foods grown in the garden and have donated produce and chickens to the local food pantry. There are 15-20 FFA members working with the project and over 100 5-9 year old students have visited the gardens and completed hands-on activities. The school also has a vineyard, twenty apple trees, two peach trees, three cherry trees, red and black raspberry patches, and strawberry beds.

Organization: Rock County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Committee, Rock County
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Ag in the Classroom
Description: The Rock County Farm Bureau will conduct three activities to increase awareness of agriculture in their county. Working with the Beloit 4-H after school program, weekly lessons will provide

agriculture awareness to students that don't have an opportunity to take agriculture classes in either of the Beloit High Schools. A "Kids Zone" will be offered at the Rock County Pork Fest with interactive learning stations. An Ag in the Classroom display and hands-on activity will be offered for students and teachers during the Rock County Fair in July.

Organization: Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni, Prairie du Sac
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Beyond the Barnyard
Description: Sauk County Farm Bureau will develop a curriculum and activities for over 190 7th grade students highlighting agricultural careers. They will use different nine learning stations to illustrate the different types of agricultural careers at the fall Agriculture Career Day. Alice in Dairyland, local professionals and agribusinesses, FFA Alumni and FFA members will organize and be presenters at the event.

Organization: Sheboygan County Farm Bureau, Sheboygan County
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Farm Tour and Educational Baskets
Description: The Sheboygan County Farm Bureau will reach approximately 700 3rd grade students through hands-on learning stations at a local dairy farm. The activity will be conducted on two separate days. Educational baskets for 15 parochial schools in Sheboygan County will include hard cover books, videos, resource guides and other educational resources about agriculture.

Organization: Sheboygan Falls FFA Chapter, Sheboygan Falls
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Annual Kindergarten Field Trip
Description: The Sheboygan Falls FFA Chapter will host 900 kindergarten students from eighteen different schools on a dairy farm featuring different stations. The stations include the calf barn, milking parlor, petting zoo and a learning center. Alice in Dairyland, commodity groups, and other agricultural specialists help supply resources and give presentations that inform the students about that commodity or career area.

Organization: St. Croix County Farm Bureau, St. Croix County
Funds Awarded: \$459
Project Title: Educational Ag Tubs
Description: St. Croix County Farm Bureau will be developing educational tubs of materials and resources to elementary teachers and schools. The tubs will contain agricultural books, CD's, DVD's, consumable products such as Ag Mags and book marks, printable information sheets, Dairy Foods coloring books and other items. The county will also develop some thematic tubs for grades K-5 with age appropriate materials.

Organization: University of Wisconsin – School of Veterinary Medicine- Veterinary Medicine Outreach, Recruitment and Education (VetMORE), Madison
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Veterinary Resource Library
Description: Started in 2006, VetMORE is a group of students in the UW-Madison Veterinary School that encourage interest in large animal veterinary medicine. VetMORE has established a two-day workshop for high school students and agri-science teachers. The members will now develop a Veterinary Resource Library which will be teaching materials and resources that many schools cannot afford to purchase themselves. The materials will have lesson plans and activity ideas with them. The twelve mini-libraries will be placed in each of the state's Cooperative Education Service Agencies (CESA's).

Organization: University of Wisconsin Platteville- Sigma Alpha Sorority, Platteville
Funds Awarded: \$251
Project Title: Agriculture in the Classroom
Description: The Sigma Alpha Sorority will develop educational resources for students in grades Pre K – 12 in Grant and Lafayette counties. Lesson plans will feature dairy products, apples, cranberries, strawberries, soil, beef, dairy, horses, pigs, sheep and farm safety. Hands-on activities such as butter making, homemade ice cream and creating edible soil will also be used.

Organization: Washington County Fair Association, Richfield
Funds Awarded: \$400
Project Title: Ag Adventureland
Description: The Washington County Fair offers "Ag Adventureland" where fairgoers can become a "Farmer for a Day", milk Holly the Holstein, pick produce, and stock baskets the Fair's Farmers Market. Several demonstrations are held during the week including milk and cheese sampling, fair garden tours, and tractor rides. Porkchop the Pig and an old fashioned milk truck will be added this year.

Organization: Washington Middle School, Oconto Falls School District, Oconto Falls
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Food, Folks and Fun Cafe
Description: Ninety-eight percent of Washington Middle School are not from a farm. Students will be able to conduct labs, have individual research projects and explore Wisconsin agriculture as individuals or in small teams of 2-3 students. The classroom will have lab materials and technology available for students to extend learning beyond the classroom. Over 300 students will choose lessons from 16 menus that have hundreds of labs and activities. Students will give presentations at the middle school and at the four elementary schools in the district.

Organization: Wisconsin Christmas Tree Producer's Association, Inc, Portage
Funds Awarded: \$500
Project Title: Benefits of Real Christmas Trees
Description: The Wisconsin Christmas Tree Producer's Association will use a booklet, "Christmas Tree Fun for Children" to teach about Wisconsin real Christmas Trees and the industry. The book has 24 pages of educational activities, puzzles and coloring pages on Christmas Tree production, environmental benefits, and recycling information. Books will be distributed to teachers and students in Wisconsin.