



## Where to find volunteers for a County AITC Committee

1. Review your county Farm Bureau membership lists
  - a. Sort by township and highlight names from each school district
  - b. Do you recognize members that are teachers? Have youth in school? Are active in other groups that promote agricultural education activities?
  - c. Ask your county Farm Bureau board members to provide 1-2 names from areas they represent or that they have signed up for membership
2. Submit articles in your county newsletter
  - a. Explain what AITC is and what your county is doing (or plans to do)
  - b. Ask for volunteers and provide a contact person for them (your county AITC coordinator)
  - c. Find out if members already are working with schools or hosting farm tours
  - d. Ask if any of the members are teachers, retired teachers, 4-H leaders...
3. Contact agriculture education instructors from your county
  - a. Find the listing at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/ag/pdf/ageddirectory.pdf>
  - b. Agriculture education and FFA chapters may have active Food for America programs, students that would like to use agricultural literacy activities as their Education SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience Project), or with the PALS (Partners in Active Learning Support) projects.
  - c. Contact local FFA Alumni affiliates- many members have an interest in ag literacy!
4. Involve teachers on your committee – they can provide information on their needs, how to contact schools, and other information on distributing materials
  - a. You can find school directories on the DPI website at **<http://dpi.wi.gov/directories.html>**
  - b. Public schools – Elementary, middle and high school (any subject)
  - c. 4<sup>th</sup> grade (because we study Wisconsin in that grade)
  - d. Private schools
  - e. Agriculture education instructors
  - f. Home school parents or home school groups that meet in your area
5. Contact county extension and 4-H programs
  - a. Is there an after-school program in your county?
  - b. Do any 4-H clubs want to work with agricultural literacy programs?
  - c. Is there a county 4-H leaders group that might be interested in joint projects?
6. What other groups are in your county that might be good partners?
  - a. Dairy promotion and commodity groups
  - b. Chamber of Commerce programs
  - c. Other farm organizations and groups
  - d. Check your phone books, do Internet searches, and other sources!
  - e. Submit articles to local papers, commodity newsletters and email groups to contacts in various groups and organizations.