



Ag in the Classroom Summer Classroom Training

Tuesday, July 9, 2019 • 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

West Madison Research Station and O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility

Join us for a day learning about educational agricultural resources for all grade levels. Classroom teachers, home school parents, 4-H and extension staff and volunteers and others involved in agricultural literacy are welcome to participate. Registration materials can be found at wisagclassroom.org. **Registration deadline is June 30.** Cost is \$25 which includes lunch, refreshments and materials. For more information, contact Darlene Arneson at darneson@wfbf.com or 608.828.5644.

8:30-9:00	Arrive at West Madison Research Station (8502 Mineral Point Rd, Verona, WI 53593) and register
9:00-9:30	Welcome, introductions, Book of the Year selection process
9:30-10:00	Discover Mediaworks Programs and Lessons – Todd Maahs
10:30-11:00	Wisconsin Beef Council resources – Tammy Vaassen
11:00–11:30	Wisconsin Pork Association resources – Mandy Masters
11:30-12noon	Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin resources – Karen Doster
12:00-1:00	Lunch and Book of the Year discussion
1:00–1:15	Travel to O.J. Noer Turfgrass Facility Research and Education
1:15-3:30	Presentations, tour and hands-on activities about Soil Science and Turf Management – Bruce Schweiger and Dr. Doug Soldat
3:30–4:00	Final discussion and adjourn

Questions? Contact Wisconsin Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wfbf.com. Space is limited so register today!

Locations

The **West Madison Agricultural Research Station** is a 535-acre diverse station with strong plant breeding and horticultural aspect as well as agronomic crops to feed the livestock on campus. They compost organic waste streams from UW-Madison campus (manure, food and greenhouse wastes) on the station and turn it into soil amendment/turf fertilizer. They have a 6-acre public display garden with 1,000s of ornamental bedding plants under evaluation and several fruit crops including apples, blueberries, raspberries and grapes and countless vegetables on display. Learn more at: westmadison.ars.wisc.edu/.

What gets studied at the **O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility** touches the lives – or rather the feet – of virtually everyone in the state. The O.J. Noer facility was developed by the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association in partnership with the UW Foundation and Agricultural Research Stations in the early 1990s, opening in 1992. The station started with 13 acres; three more were added in the late 1990s and an additional 10 were added in the early 2000s to accommodate a growing need for research space. Researchers use the Noer facility to compare different turfgrass varieties, mowing practices, equipment and strategies for fertilizer, irrigation and pest management. We will look at everything from low-input ‘no mow’ grasses to grasses that are mowed five or more days a week at a height of only 3 mm. Hands-on activities could include data collection using hand-held reflectance meters and soil moisture probes. We also will talk about grass identification and soil textural classification. We will discuss a new two-year certificate program for turfgrass management in the UW Farm & Industry Short Course. Learn more at: ojnoer.ars.wisc.edu/.

Presenters

You will receive updates from Wisconsin commodity partners on their educational resources, lesson plans and outreach. At O.J. Noer, we will have with tours and presentations by O.J. Noer and University of Wisconsin staff.

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Name _____ County _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name of School _____ Grade Level _____

If you aren't a teacher, what is your profession? _____

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