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KFAC Summer Institute registration now open for Kansas teachers

MANHATTAN, Kan.- February 26, 2015 - Summer break is a time for teachers to add tools and resources to their teaching toolbox and the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) is offering a hands-on opportunity to do just that.

The summer institute "Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture" will be held June 9-11 in Manhattan, Kan. This three-day learning lab allows teachers to learn how to incorporate agriculture into their everyday standard curriculum with project-based lesson plans. Teachers will be able to experiment and adapt lesson plans to fit their classroom needs.

"Teachers explore the diversity of agriculture through hands-on, standards-based activities and lesson plans that focus on math, science, social studies and reading," said Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director. "With new standards stressing real-world application, what better way to teach that than with project-based learning using agriculture as the tool?"

The 2015 institute is open to all Kansas teachers at a \$65 registration fee. Participants will also receive professional development hours through K-State by completing 24 hours of face time. Optional graduate credits through K-State are available at the participant's personal expense. A \$150 stipend to cover cost of supplies and resources is offered to attending teachers, with half being paid at the completion of the institute and the other half when teachers complete a lesson plan in their classroom that was either taught at the institute or created as part of their homework assignment.

The class is capped at 30 participants. Registration is open until May 26. To learn more about KFAC Summer Institute, visit www.ksagclassroom.org, our Facebook page, or call us at (785) 320-4350.

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