

# Agriculture in the Classroom

Newsletter for Teachers Fall 2004

This newsletter is sponsored by the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and the Oregon Beef Council to help students and teachers understand the important role of agriculture in Oregon and the United States. For more information, contact Agriculture in the Classroom at Oregon State University, call (541) 737-8629 or visit our website at <http://AITC.oregonstate.edu>.

## New School Year Calendar – Students Awarded Savings Bonds



Students whose artwork was selected for the new calendar were awarded \$50 savings bonds, personalized certificates and a dozen copies of the calendar. Their teachers received personalized certificates, our new curriculum guide with 28 lessons written to the Oregon Benchmark Standards and calendars. Students from 27 counties submitted more than 1,800 pictures for the third annual contest. Pictured at our reception at the Oregon State Fair are 12 of the 13 students whose artwork is in the calendar. Seven teachers also participated in the event. Their artwork was on display during the Oregon State Fair. To view the new calendar pictures, visit our website at <http://AITC.oregonstate.edu>. Forty Honorable Mention pictures have been selected and are on our website also.

## Teachers Attend National AITC Conference

The Oregon Farm Bureau's Women's Advisory Council sponsored three teachers to attend the National AITC Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico this past June. Pictured l-r are Tami Kerr, Tammy Burlison, Rose Tanler and Vicki Anderson. Tammy teaches at Turner Elementary and Rose and Vicki both teach at Westside Elementary in Madras.





## Secondary Teachers – Subscribe Now



AgroWorld is a quarterly E-zine for secondary educators and their students. Each issue features current events, classroom resources, activities and grant opportunities that enhance standards based science, applied technology and social studies curriculum. Visit the USDA AITC website to subscribe to this FREE resource at: <http://www.agclassroom.org>.

### *What's New With AITC...*

#### **Kids Day for Conservation – Saturday, September 18**

Bring your family and join the FREE, fun and hands-on natural resource activities at the Benton County Fairgrounds Arena Building on Saturday, September 18 from 10 am - 4 pm. To learn more, visit our website and click on *What's New*.

#### **Workshops**

Are you interested in a 3-hour workshop to learn more about Agriculture in the Classroom and our resources? Would you like to have a FREE copy of our new curriculum for grades 4-5? Contact our office at 541-737-8629 to schedule a workshop in your area. We plan to have workshops around the state. The *Careers in Agriculture* activity in this newsletter is from the new curriculum.

#### **AITC Fall Harvest Dinner – October 16**

Please join us on Saturday, October 16 at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis for our Fourth Annual Fall Harvest Dinner. Our program does not receive state or federal funding. Proceeds from this event will go toward the continued development and expansion of our program. Enjoy the harvest of student artwork, classroom materials, food and fun. Visit our website, <http://AITC.oregonstate.edu>, to learn more about the event and download an invitation.

#### **2005 Youth Garden Grants**

Applications are due December 1. For more information visit our website and click on *What's New*.

#### **National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)**

The National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) is a toll-free information service sponsored cooperatively by Oregon State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. NPIC provides objective, science-based information on a wide variety of pesticide and pesticide-related subjects, including pesticide products, pesticide poisonings, toxicology, and environmental chemistry. NPIC is staffed by highly qualified and trained pesticide specialists who have the toxicology and environmental chemistry training needed to help callers interpret and understand scientific information about pesticides. Call NPIC seven days a week from 6:30 to 4:30 PST at 800-858-PEST (7378), email questions to [npic@ace.oregonstate.edu](mailto:npic@ace.oregonstate.edu), or visit the NPIC web site at <http://npic.oregonstate.edu>.



# Featured Resources

Contact Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) for more information or to reserve the following materials, [Tami.Kerr@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Tami.Kerr@oregonstate.edu), (541) 737-8629, or view our free-loan resource library online at <http://aitc.oregonstate.edu>

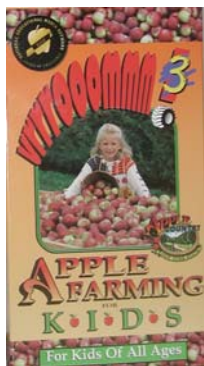
## Educational Units

*To learn how these materials meet Oregon Benchmark Standards, visit our website.*

### Apple Kits

#### Grades K-3, 4-6

These kits include the Apple Farming for Kids video, several apple activities and lessons for K-3 and 4-6 students. Many activities lend themselves to cooperative learning. The video is a live action adventure exploring modern apple production. From pollination to processing, join Farmer Bill as he shares the chronology of how apples are grown and make their way to your local market. **Free loan from Oregon AITC.** Specify grades for kit.



### Christmas Tree Materials

#### The Christmas Tree Story

#### Grades K-6 (Videos & Activities)

Your students will enjoy our videos about Christmas trees. "The Christmas Tree Story" and "The Holiday Spirit" are great videos that show the trees from seedlings to recycling. Learn more about one of Oregon's top agricultural commodities. Visit the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association's Web site at <http://nwtrees.com> and check the Kid's Corner! for activities. **Free loan from Oregon AITC.**



### Pumpkin Kit

#### Pumpkin Circle and Kids' Pumpkin Projects Grades K-3 (Books & Lessons)

The "Pumpkin Circle" shows the amazing cycle of a backyard pumpkin patch with colorful photos. The "Pumpkin Circle" is unique in the way it introduces science to young learners. The cycle of nature and the life cycle of the pumpkin plant are the central themes of the story. The "Kids' Pumpkin Projects," 98-page book, is filled with indoor and outdoor pumpkin adventures, activities and crafts. You will do everything from plant seeds to bake pumpkin pies. **Free loan from Oregon AITC.**



### The Great American Christmas Tree - New Grades 2-6 (Video)

This video gives a detailed look at the process Christmas trees go through from the field to the consumer. It also shows students the progression historically to Christmas tree farming as it exists today. Hosted by a teacher and her guest - a great American Bald Eagle - in an old fashioned schoolhouse, this video will educate your students about one of Oregon's top ten commodities. **Free loan from Oregon AITC.**





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Teachers will receive our newsletter, school year calendar, workshop information, and other educational resources for our program. The mailing list is confidential and will not be released.

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