

Tours + Short Courses

Wednesday, August 11 | 1:00PM – 5:00PM

Harvest of the Month and Early Care and Education in Action

Helena Food Share | Lizzie Gill, Caitlin Coghlan, and Andrea Berry

Offsite: buses will depart promptly at 1:00PM from the designated parking area (see map)

Participate in farm to early care garden activities, a live cooking demonstration, and taste tests at a farm to early care garden!

School Kitchen Tours

Western Star Room | Ginger Buchanan, Cathy Campbell, Michele Carter, Brittany Selvig, Tura Gruel, Alex Knight, and Mark Kreiss

Every school kitchen has a different program, equipment, and ways they produce their meals. This showcase includes virtual school kitchens tours from around the state. These tours will demonstrate how each school nutrition program operates and incorporates local foods, and provide examples of innovative and creative ways they get the job done! School nutrition program directors from the tours will be available to discuss their programs.



Boulder Elementary School Farm to School Tour

Boulder Elementary School | Anne Harney and Rochelle Hesford

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On this field trip, participants will learn about the Boulder Elementary School's farm to school program evolution, including a tour of their school garden. Join this tour to learn about how you can create and sustain a farm to school program in the garden, cafeteria, and classroom.

School Garden Planning and Planting Basics

6th Ward Park Garden | Jason Mandala

Offsite: buses will depart promptly at 1:00PM from the designated parking area (see map)

We will explore the Sixth Ward Park Garden to learn about best practices in regards to the planning and layout of your school garden to best use it as an outdoor classroom. We will also discuss what to plant in your school garden and how to do that in a fun, engaging way with students.

SESSIONS



Harvest of the Month in Action

East Helena High School Culinary Room | Faith Oakland, Angie Hopes, Jay Stagg, and Brenna Sellars

Offsite: buses will depart promptly at 1:00PM from the designated parking area (see map)

This course will show participants how to implement Harvest of the Month in the cafeteria as well as the classroom.

Intentionally Incorporating Equity in Farm to School Programs – Beyond the Buzz Words

Iron Horse Room | Andrea Alma, Erin Jackson, First Nations Development Institute, EmpowerMT, and National Farm to School Network

Racial, cultural, socioeconomic, and geographic disparities characterize our food system, and we must be intentional to make sure they don't characterize our farm to school programs as well. This interactive session will give you the perspective and tools you need to look critically at your own farm to school program and ensure that it's working to counteract rather than reinforce inequities.



Food Preservation with Youth

Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds Kitchen | Brianna Routh

Offsite: buses will depart promptly at 1:00PM from the designated parking area (see map)

Learn about and take part in a food preservation curriculum (Put It Up!) that can be used and modified for different ages of youth to further their engagement with local foods. Identify how youth can engage with local produce through "Put It Up!" youth food preservation curriculum. Experience key learning objectives and skills youth can gain from curriculum, including food safety, preparation, and preservation skills. Brainstorm facilitation strategies and challenges.

Continuing Education Units

We are delighted to offer continuing education units through Early Childhood Project, OPI Teacher, and OPI School Nutrition Professional. To receive credit, have the session presenter or the session assistant stamp or initial the attendance sheet for the session. Return your completed CEU attendance sheet to the registration table. Your certificate will be emailed to you following the conference. Instructions are on the Summit website: www.montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool/summit.html