

# CERTIFICATION & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration is required for the workshops below. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis with a limited number of participants. Last day to register is July 17, 2023. **Please note the location of the workshops, several are off-site, transportation is not provided.** Please review the location information before registering for a workshop. Questions can be directed to [michelle@texasagteachers.org](mailto:michelle@texasagteachers.org) or by calling the ATAT office at 512-472-3128.

## Sunday, July 23, 2023

### **Developing, Teaching and Sharing a Passion for Flowers**

6:00pm – 8:00pm | Dallas Arboretum (8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218)

Event Fee: \$35

Presenter(s): J. Schwanke AIFD, host of Life in Bloom on PB  
TSFA's Design & Dine Program will feature J. Schwanke AIFD, host of Life in Bloom on PBS. This specially created presentation will show you how to create and nurture your personal passion for flowers, then take it to the next level as you teach and explore this Passion with your students. Sharing his patented tips, J Schwanke AIFD will showcase simple arrangements that can easily be upgraded.

## Monday, July 24, 2023

### **Beef Cattle Conference at Conference**

7:00am – 5:00pm | Texas A&M Commerce

Workshop Fee: \$125 (breakfast & lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Jarrod and Kassie Montford, Donnell Brown, Dr. Ron Gill, Kevin Prizilas, Jake Trout, Bruce Cobb, Mike McCravey, Michael Hampton

This workshop will include the following topics: animal health, nutrition, reproduction, breeding, genetics, selection, research, marketing, and cattle handling. Management sessions will cover business, forage, range, and purebred cattle. Sessions are designed for everyone, from the newest member of the beef industry to the most seasoned producer and educator. Breakfast and lunch provided.

## **Where Urban Agriculture and Texas Farm Bureau Resources meet the classroom with Texas Farm Bureau**

7:30am - 4:00pm | Texas A&M AgriLife-The Dallas Center (17360 Coit Road, Dallas 75252)

Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Jordan Bartels and McKenna Bush- Texas Farm Bureau

Join Texas Farm Bureau on a tour of the Dallas Center where you get to experience ag outside your classroom by touring freshwater mussel research center, rooftop greenhouses, and building technologies lab. Following your half day or touring, enjoy lunch provided by TFB and learn about the many programs and opportunities available through the Texas Farm Bureau. Participant travel is provided by TFB.

## **Horticulture Production Systems and Teacher Resources and Pass It Down: Texas Teacher and High School Master Gardener Certification**

8:00am - 12:00pm | Texas A&M AgriLife-The Dallas Center (17360 Coit Road, Dallas 75252)

Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Lisa Whittlesey-Junior Master Gardener Coordinator, Caren Walton-JMG Project Specialist, Randy Seagraves- JMG Curriculum Coordinator, Jayla Fry-Texas Master Gardener Coordinator, Dr. Joe Masabni- AgriLife Extension Vegetable Specialist

A walking tour will cover various production systems, including all types of controlled environments used in vegetable or leafy greens production. Participants will be allowed time to ask questions of an AgriLife Extension Vegetable Specialist and be given county-level and statewide resources to enhance teachers' instructional materials.

## **Ag Teacher Teams: Start Strong, End Strong**

8:00am - 12:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Pegasus

Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Erin Stutts, Jordyn Roberts, Maranda Ritch, Sheridan Clinkscales, and Steven Harlin- College Station ISD

Grab your entire teaching team and join us for focused time to plan your entire year: we'll start with developing your team's mission statement, establish personal and team goals for the year, prioritize FFA and classroom activities, assign responsibilities, and plan for a successful year. Your team will work together to establish open communication & responsibilities, so you all avoid burnout.

### **American FFA Degree Workshop**

8:00am – 12:00pm | Hyatt Regency- Reunion AB  
Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)  
Presenter(s): Tammy Glascock- Texas FFA

The purpose of the workshop is to provide teachers an opportunity to complete and submit 2024 American FFA Degree applications with assistance from state staff.

### **Beginner Woodworking Projects**

8:00am - 5:00pm | Ennis High School (2301 Ensign Rd, Ennis, 75119)  
Workshop Fee: \$75 (lunch will be provided)  
Presenter(s): Kayla McCabe-Ennis ISD

This workshop is designed for the young teacher or teacher looking to expand woodworking project ideas. We will discuss projects that can be built in a few hours, basic woodworking techniques, and tools. Hands on portion will walk through 2-3 small projects. Lunch will be provided.

### **Blowing Up Floral Fundraisers**

8:00am - 5:00pm | Skyline Magnet School  
(7777 Forney Rd., Dallas, TX 75227 in the Cafeteria)  
Workshop Fee: \$100 (lunch will be provided)  
Presenter(s): Cheryl Lankford-All American Balloons & Shawn Coyle- Dallas ISD

This is an introduction to creating and incorporating balloon sculptures into events for schools as fundraisers for the originating agricultural department. Balloons have long been a part of services offered by the floral industry and have grown into a necessity for everyday milestone events. This class aims to equip instructors with the knowledge to not only reap monetary benefits for their academic programs, but also arm students with additional skills to ensure successful business endeavors post-graduation.

### **TPWD Boater Education Instructor Certification- FULL**

8:00am - 12:00pm | Hyatt Regency- Reunion E  
Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)  
Presenter(s): Kimberly Sorensen-Texas Parks and Wildlife

Teachers gain certification to teach TPWD Boater Education. The course will review content in the Boater Education student course, how to set up a course in TPWD online registration system and how to certify students obtaining a boater education certificate that allows them to drive a boat over 15hp, sailboat over 14ft or a jet ski. A Boater Education certificate is required for people born after 9/1/93.

## **TPWD Hunter Education Instructor Workshop**

8:00am - 5:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Reunion F

Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Monica Bickerstaff, Heidi Rao, Randy Spradlin, Brock Minton, Steve Hall- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

This workshop will prepare professional educators for teaching hunter education in their agriculture science curriculum. The workshop is a full day commitment consisting of two parts: 1) Classroom instruction (on-site in the AM) covering the instructor application process, policies and procedures; 2) Field Exercise activities (off-site in the afternoon).

## **TPWD: Project WILD Certification**

8:00am - 5:00pm | Hyatt Regency- Sanger AB

Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Steven "Boot" Chumbley- Texas A&M University Kingsville and Kiki Corry- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Project WILD explores how people can understand wildlife and habitat and make decisions that use natural resources wisely. Teachers will leave this training with a deeper understanding of wildlife activities that develop conceptual skills such as analysis, classification, and problem solving. Teacher will leave with all educational materials that tie directly to the TEKS.

## **Urban Farms Tour- FULL**

8:00am - 1:00pm | Urban Farms- Transportation provided

Workshop Fee: \$50 (farm to table lunch included)

Presenter(s): Dr. Bob Williams-TAMU Commerce

We will explore urban farms in the Dallas area including for-profit, non-profit, and educational farms focusing on food production for direct marketing and food assistance programs. Appropriate attire and sun protection suggested for extended outside activities. Refillable water bottles are encouraged. Farm to table lunch included.

## **Veterinary Science Skills Kits, Lessons & Labs- FULL**

8:00am - 12:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Reunion GH

Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Dee Ellis, DVM and Nikki Boutwell- Texas A&M Veterinary Certificate Program

This half day training will include hands-on lessons for teachers to learn the techniques needed to properly teach veterinary science skills to students in a veterinary science classroom. Each kit comes with all the materials necessary for classroom instruction. Lesson plan, tools and assessment materials for each student are provided in the kit. This workshop will be taught by a DVM & LVT.

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## **Welcome to the Smoke Show**

8:00am - 5:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Parking Lot

Workshop Fee: \$50

Presenter(s): Janell McMullan-James Madison ISD, Brandon Evans-Burnet ISD, and Tracy Cortez-Austin ISD

Do you teach food science? Love BBQ? Let us show you how to add a high school BBQ team to your FFA chapter, gain community support, use it for fundraising opportunities and get kids excited about competing. We will break down the 2023-2024 meats for competition, show you some tricks we have found for meat preparation for competition and cook our own meat.

## **Pesticide Applicator Recertification Workshop**

8:00am-11:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Moreno AB

Workshop Fee: \$65 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Mark Matocha, Don Renchie, and Perry Cervantes- TAMU AgriLife Extension

Increased knowledge of plant and animal pest control; Increased knowledge of Pesticide Laws and Regulations associated with School IPM.

## **TEA Grant Opportunities to Support Agriculture Education Programs**

8:00am-12:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Cotton Bowl

Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Cory Green and Nick Davis-TEA

TEA's Chief Grants Officer and former high school agriculture teacher will present grant opportunities that you may not realize can help your ag program. Learn how to develop a plan, get local approval/support, and write a grant application. Ask your questions to TEA staff who know the grant world and understand your program.

## **TEA IBC Welding Certification Updates and Refresher Training**

8:00am-5:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Reunion C

Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Richard DePue- American Welding Society Inspector and Trent Konrad-Canadian Welding Bureau

A brief overview of all welding related IBCs regarding who can witness testing, certify welders and their responsibilities. Specific attention will be given to the equipment and curriculum content required to adequately support welder testing. The workshop will also touch on welding shop management, organization and safety in accordance with AWS recommendations.

## **Leather Working in Ag Education | Hands on Workshop- FULL**

8:00am – 5:00pm | Arlington ISD Dan Dipert Career & Technical Center (2101 Browning Trail, Arlington, Tx 76010)

Workshop Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Aaron Heizer- Makers Leather Supply

This workshop will provide the opportunity for agriculture science teachers to build on their fundamental basics of leatherwork.

## **Cattle, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Poultry Clinic | Hands on Workshop**

9:00am – 5:00pm | State Fair of Texas Grounds (3809 Grand Ave Dallas, 75201)

Workshop Fee: \$50 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Mike Harbour- Jonesboro ISD, Sean Williams and Like Parr- Blue Ridge ISD, Stevie Horton, Colton Douglas, Jason Guidry, and Gregg Clark

Hands on Show Livestock Clinic. Selection, management, nutrition, daily care, and shop prep including clipping demonstrations of all major species of livestock. Presented by industry leaders in their specific species and area of expertise. Lunch will be provided.

## **Skye Flower Field & Studio-Tour- FULL**

*(transportation not provided)*

9:00am-12:00pm | Tour Fee: \$50

5608 Lowrie Road, Colleyville, Texas 76034

The flower farm experience includes a farm tour to learn about growing seasonal flowers, and how to harvest them. After, you will be set loose in the garden to harvest a bucket of your favorite ingredients, and we will move into the arrangement making process. You will walk through this process step by step, so you can learn how to arrange a table centerpiece from your own garden. With the beauty and sweet aromas that local flowers bring to your home, you will be rewarded long after the class is over! All participants must pre-register and provide

their own transportation, availability is limited, registration is first come first serve. Lunch not included.

### **Botanical Research Institute of Texas Behind the Wall-Tour**

*(transportation not provided)* - **FULL**

9:00am – 2:00pm | Tour Fee: \$25 (lunch will be provided)

1700 University Drive, Ft. Worth, Texas 76107-3400

Tour behind the Botanical Institute of Texas Wall and discover all the components that make the institute one of the largest centers for botanical exploration and discovery in the United States. Meet with many of various departments that make the garden run from education professionals to conservation specialists and from garden professionals to research scientists. You will be in and outdoors walking a minimum of 2 miles throughout the Botanical Institute's many greenhouses and gardens. Physical accommodation can be made but communication prior is needed. All participants must pre-register and provide their own transportation, availability is limited, registration is first come first serve. Lunch at the institute included.

### **Pesticide Certification Workshop**

9:00am-12:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Gaston AB

Workshop Fee: \$65 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Mark Matocha and Perry Cervantes- TAMU AgriLife Extension

Completing this workshop will complete the required training prior to applying for a Texas TDA Private Pesticide Applicators License and taking the Private Applicator Exam at PSI exams.

### **Dallas Arboretum-Tour**

*(transportation not provided)*

8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218

9:00am-12:00pm | Tour Fee: \$23

Parking \$15 per vehicle- Parking paid at Arboretum- carpooling suggested.

Take a guided tour of one of the world's top botanical gardens in the world. Located on the shores of White Rock Lake, the Arboretum's 66 acres include a complete life science laboratory with endless potential for discovery in the arboretum's 19 gardens. All participants must pre-register and provide their own transportation, parking pass required in pre-registration, carpooling suggested. Lunch not included.

## **Level One Floral Design | Hands on Workshop- FULL**

10:00am - 1:00pm | Skyline Magnet School  
(7777 Forney Rd., Dallas, TX 75227 in the Cafeteria)

Workshop Fee: \$75 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Bruce Easley AAF AIFD TMFA and Carol Sayegh- Texas State Florists' Association

The Level One Floral Design hands-on workshop will equip floral teachers with the necessary skills and experience to effectively engage their students in the TSFA Level 1 Floral Design Certification process. This is not a teacher certification class.

## **Earn an Industry Certification with iCEV**

1:00pm - 3:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Reunion E

Workshop Fee: \$0

Presenter(s): Kelli Neuman Hughes-iCEV

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Interested in earning an industry certification for yourself? Join us! Those who sign up in advance will be sent study materials, tips, and practice tests. Choose any certification from the iCEV Testing Platform to earn. BRING YOUR FULLY CHARGED LAPTOP! Access to power will be limited.

## **Deep Dive on TNLA's NEW TEA Approved TCLA & TCNP Curriculum**

1:00pm - 5:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Cotton Bowl

Workshop Fee: \$50

Presenter(s): Kristi Long-TNLA, Maggie Bayer, and Jim Allsup

Take a deep dive into TNLA's TEA IBC list approved Texas Certified Landscape Associate (TCLA) Certification and Texas Certified Nursery Professional (TCNP) Curriculums. During this session, you will immerse yourself in learning how to teach general landscape knowledge, plant identification, and characteristics. Free TCLA Curriculum giveaways throughout the workshop (\$150 value)!

## **Teaching Technical Drawings for the Ag Mechanics Project Notebook- FULL**

1:00pm-5:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Pegasus

Workshop Fee: \$50

Presenter(s): Cindy Easley-Abilene ISD

Do you struggle with teaching your ag mech students how to draw their projects for their book? If you have access to a great CAD program, then probably not. If you don't use a CAD program, there's a proper way to use technical drawings. Participants will be provided with a drawing supply kit.



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## **Canine Grooming & Handling Skills for Veterinary Assistant Students- FULL**

1:00pm – 5:00pm | Keller CTE Center (201 Bursey Rd, Keller, 76248)

Workshop Fee: \$30

Presenter(s): Jaycee Thompson, Lindsey Chapman, and Emily Joseph-Alvin ISD: JBH Veterinary Assistant Program

In this workshop, we will have live animals for demonstration and hands-on practice for teachers. We will cover: Restraint/Handling, Grooming Tools, Ear Plucking & Ear Cleaning, Nail Trimming (Especially black nails!), Nail Filing, Anal gland expression, Body Clipping, and Feather Trimming.

## **Balling on a Budget- Floral Design**

1:00pm - 5:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Reunion F

Workshop Fee: \$65 (lunch will be provided)

Presenter(s): Logan Ross and Callie Faul- Longview ISD

Do you struggle to fill your time with meaningful hands-on content- especially if your budget is low? Well, we got you! This workshop is designed to give educators resources on cheap but effective content for their floral design classes. Concepts covered: Color Wheel, Quick and Easy Designs, Floral Preservatives, and Flower Experiments. You will leave with new ideas and a few hands-on projects!

## **How to Score Star and Proficiency Applications**

1:00pm – 5:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Reunion AB

Workshop Fee: \$25

Presenter(s): Tammy Glascock- Texas FFA

This workshop will provide teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to fully understand the Star and Proficiency rubrics and where to find information in the application and record books to successfully score Star and Proficiency applications.

## **Level Two Floral Design | Hands on Workshop- FULL**

2:00pm – 5:00pm | Skyline Magnet School  
(7777 Forney Rd., Dallas, TX 75227 in the Cafeteria)

Workshop Fee: \$75

Presenter(s): Cheryl Vaughan CFD TMFA and Carol Sayegh- Texas State Florists' Association

The Level Two Floral Design hands-on workshop will equip floral teachers with the necessary skills and experience to effectively engage their students in the TSFA Level 2 Floral Design Certification process. This is not a teacher certification class.

## **Pass It Down: Texas Teacher & High School Master Gardener Certification- FULL**

1:00pm - 5:00pm | Texas A&M AgriLife-The Dallas Center (17360 Coit Road, Dallas)

Workshop Fee: \$25

Presenter(s): Jayla Fry, Lisa Whittlesey, Caren Walton, Randy Seagraves- AgriLife Extension Vegetable Specialist

The Texas Master Gardener program is a volunteer certification program administered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension that stresses education and service in horticulture. In this workshop, you will learn how you can obtain your Texas Teacher Master Gardener certification. Once certified, you will be allowed the opportunity to gain your service requirement by helping your students acquire their High School Master Gardener Certification.

## **Earn an Industry Certification with iCEV**

3:00pm -5:00pm | Hyatt Regency-Reunion E

Workshop Fee: \$0

Presenter(s): Kelli Neuman Hughes-iCEV

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