



News Release

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COMMUNITY INVITED TO REDESIGN ORGANIC FARM REUNION, FUNDRAISER FOR PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR FARMERS

Austin, TX, November 1, 2013 – New Farm Institute (NFI), Green Gate Farms' educational nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce: a Thanksgiving reunion and feast; camps, classes and fundraisers for professional and amateur farmers; and an invitation to redesign our farm.

“We want to hear from our community -- and especially from the kids who use our farm -- as we envision our future,” says farm co-founder and NFI executive director Erin Flynn. “Farm campers, guests, volunteers, work share members, and neighbors are invited to map out their ideas as we develop our farm-based Education Center.” NFI is particularly interested in suggestions from its more than 200 returning campers and partner schools -- Austin Discovery School, KIPP, Khabele School and Austin High School -- that come every season for field trips and service learning.

Following community input, NFI will launch its Capital Campaign to fund this community-led innovation.

November Events Include:

Thanksgiving Camp Reunion and Brainstorm, New and returning camp families are invited to attend our Thanksgiving Farm Day Camp. Farmer led activities will be followed by a Thanksgiving Feast and Education Center brainstorm at 2pm, November 27 (Wednesday), 9am-3pm, \$85 per child, sliding scale available.

Family Farm Day(s), Help farmers care for animals and fields: November 2, 16 & 30 (Saturday) 10am-12pm, \$10 per person, sliding scale available.

Slow Feast Fundraiser for Austin Discovery School: Join us for our sixth annual delicious fundraiser for our neighborhood green school, see: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/450270>, November 2 (Saturday), 6pm-9pm. \$100 per person.

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Moontower Agricultural Cooperative Fundraiser: Farmer Panel, Dinner, and Microbrews 4:30-10:00, November 9 (Saturday). \$25-\$40.

Adult Farm Camp, Why should the kids have all the fun? Come learn about vegetable production, irrigation, livestock management, composting and many other topics, November 10 (Sunday), 9am-1pm. \$200 per person.

Farmer For A Day Camp, No school? Come to the farm! Enjoy caring for animals, helping farmers, exploring treehouses and participating in fun farm activities. November 11 (Monday) & November 27 (Wednesday), 9am-3pm, \$85 per child, sliding scale available.

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Monthly Farmer Forum: “Sourcing a Local & Sustainable Thanksgiving,” Gather under the Full Moon to discuss local farming issues, November 16 (Saturday), 6pm-8pm. \$5 per person, suggested donation.

Creating the Farm of Your Dreams Workshop, This in-depth workshop is designed to help wannabe farmers (with and without land) avoid the costly mistakes we made. Topics, led by participants, will cover all aspects of choosing and managing agricultural property, November 17 (Sunday), 10am-4pm. \$450 per person.

Hoop House Building Workshop, Help construct a hoop house at our River Farm. We'll explain construction as well as how to obtain your own hoop house.. Workshop is in partnership with Texas Young Farmers Coalition. November 24 (Sunday), 11am-4pm. \$5 for professional farmers, \$20 for community members.

NFI is seeking interns to assist with fundraising, marketing, and social media. See newfarminstitute.org for details. Holiday Farm Hours are same: Fridays and Saturdays, 10-2 and Tuesdays, 3-6.

Mark your calendar:

- Fermenting Workshop with Kate Payne, Dec. 14
- Home School Open Farm Day, Dec. 6

New Farm Institute's (NFI) mission is to educate, assist and inspire a new generation of sustainable farmers in Central Texas. NFI's initiatives build upon the education and outreach efforts begun eight years ago by the founders of Green Gate Farms, a community-based, certified organic farm with locations in Austin and Bastrop, Texas. See: www.newfarminstitute.org

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