Request for Proposals

Southeast Farm to School Conference
September 23-24, 2016
TD Convention Center
Greenville, SC

Please submit at: www.growing-minds.org/se-rfp/
Deadline for submissions: March 14, 2016 at 11:59pm EST

Workshops

Workshops are 90-minute interactive, hands on sessions that provide opportunities for significant audience participation. Workshops that build specific skills are highly encouraged. With a limited number of workshop slots available, proposals that highlight one specific site are discouraged. Rather, it is suggested that submissions come from collaborative groups, creating a more comprehensive workshop on the topic. Slide presentations may be used but are not required.

Lightning Talks

Lightning talks are brief presentations (5 minutes maximum), similar to TED Talks, Pecha Kucha, Ignite, talk20, etc. Accepted lightning talks will be grouped into thematic sessions based on the content of the proposed presentation. Lightning talks often include 15-20 highly visual slides and can provide a great opportunity to generate interest in your program, project or idea. They are dynamic, force a tight focus and are likely to draw a larger audience than a conventional session. See: http://scottberkun.com/2009/how-to-give-a-great-ignite-talk/

Presentation Topics

The overarching goal of the conference is to facilitate networking, learning and information sharing on all topics related to farm to cafeteria (including but not limited to K-12 schools, preschools/early care settings, afterschool sites, summer feeding programs, colleges/universities, and hospitals). The following is a list of the primary topical themes guiding conference programming.

- **Community Connections** – how to create a network, starting, sustaining and goal setting for network structures at the state/regional levels; engaging farmers, food service professionals, parents and caregivers, and diverse audiences as partners; working with food service companies and corporate dining; sustaining your work through policy initiatives; building relationships with decision makers; connecting with community resources such as local farms for farm field trips

- **Local Procurement and Cafeteria Connections** – successful integration of local and sustainable products in institutional settings; utilizing geographic preference; local procurement strategies and guidelines within federal nutrition programs; nutrition and sustainability guidelines; how school food works
- **School Gardens** – gardens as classrooms; sustainability of garden programs; food safety and school gardens; hospital and other on-site gardens and farms; cooking in the classroom with garden produce
- **Farm to Preschool / ECE** – all early care and education settings; successful procurement models and strategies; edible education/activities for the youngest; caregiver, family and community engagement; training and resources for providers
- **Getting Started -** workshops for individuals who are new to the farm to school movement; farm to school 101; different program models
- **Messaging and Communication -** telling your farm to school story; social media; working with the media; National Farm to School Month campaign

Lead Presenter

First Name

Last Name

Title

Organization

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

Lead Presenter Bio

1) Suggested Session Title

2) Session Type

      Workshop

      Lightning talk

3) Suggested Session Description

4) Presentation Topic

Community Connections

Local Procurement and Cafeteria Connections

School Gardens

Farm to Preschool / ECE

Getting Started

Messaging and Communication

5) How will you engage the audience in an interactive activity?

6) Area(s) of farm to school covered

Edible Gardens

Farm Field Trips

Local food in the Cafeteria

Cooking in the Classroom

7) Content level

Beginner

Intermediate

Advanced

8) "After this presentation, the attendee will be able to..."

9) Do you have any audio-visual needs for this proposed workshop?

10) Is there any other information you would like to share about your session proposal?

Additional Presenter Information

Workshops are encouraged to have at least two presenters. Workshops may not have more than four presenters, or three presenters plus a moderator.

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