

Summer Ag Institute Workshops Held

“Ag in a Day” teacher workshops were hosted by Bureau, Henry, Knox, Mercer, Stark, and Warren-Henderson county farm bureaus on June 7-8th. Twenty-one teachers attended the ‘tour day’ on June 7th. Stops for the day included a behind the scenes tour of the Peoria Zoo, a tour of the nearby Luthy Botanical Gardens in Peoria, and finally a tour of the Caterpillar Visitors Center & Museum in downtown Peoria. June 8th’s ‘presentation day’ was held in Galesburg at the Knox Agri Center and saw fourteen teachers in attendance. Educators learned more about the Illinois Ag in the Classroom and what it has to offer from Illinois Farm Bureau’s Stephanie Hospelhorn. Teachers were broken into groups and rotated through different stations with county ag coordinators, completing examples of activities and lessons that could be done in their classrooms. A color assessment evaluation to figure out your ‘color’ of personality was presented by Emily Zelhart of Illinois Farm Bureau. Teachers worked together to come up with ideas on how to work with students and co-workers whose personality color may differ from theirs. Warren-Henderson Ag Coordinator Anna Sharp ended the day by providing more resources, take home goodies, and reminders to educators about ways they can get ‘Ag in the Classroom’ incorporated into different areas of their classrooms.

These Summer Ag Institute ‘Ag in a Day’ workshops are intended to help teachers learn about ag topics and local agricultural products in surrounding counties. Professional credits were available to attendees. We thank all educators who attended!



Educators stopped for a photo before touring Caterpillar’s Visitors Center & Museum during June 7th’s ‘Ag in a Day’ workshop. The group is posed in front of a replica two-and-a-half story Cat 797F Mining Truck, complete with over 13-foot tires.



The Luthy Botanical Garden in the Peoria Park District was one of the stops of the first day of Summer Ag Institutes hosted by six county farm bureaus. The Garden is spread over five acres and hours to attend are 10:00am – 5:00pm seven days a week. Admission is free, but donations are always appreciated.



Teachers at W-H Ag Coordinator Anna Sharp's make-n-take station showed off the fiber strands they made during June 8th's 'Ag in a Day' workshop.

