

Ag in the Classroom Request

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Hi Kitty,

El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom, a local, charitable nonprofit organization, would appreciate an opportunity to present before the Board of Supervisors its latest accomplishments in serving the community. In 2010 and 2011, under grant from the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Ag in the Classroom has increased their programs and expanded its reach in the county. Last year accomplishments included piloting *Fields of Learning*, a partnership program piloted by Camino School and Rainbow Orchards and launching a website to provide information and resources to educators and students

This year, Ag in the Classroom hosted its first Teacher's Agricultural Summer Institute over a three-day period in June. Through classroom-style activities and hands-on experiences at orchards, farms, timber lands, vineyards, and working ranches, TASI participants gained a deeper understanding of the agricultural systems that sustain the health of people, the community, and the natural environment.

In addition, at Ag in the Classroom's 10th annual Farm Day in May 2011, over 1,100 third grade students enjoyed a fun day of learning on a wide range of agricultural topics at the fairgrounds. Since 2002, nearly 7,000 students have attended this premier field trip.

Ag in the Classroom greatly appreciates the support of the County Supervisors. We look forward to sharing more about Ag in the Classroom's accomplishments and plans for the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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