



Developing Innovations in Navajo Education Inc.

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Ya'at'ééh sha'hastóí, shí'sáanii, shí'tsíłk'í, shí'ch'ík'í, sha'awéé', dóó sha'ałchíní,

Now that you are officially part of the Western Navajo Nation Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program we are writing to inform you of the important upcoming events Thursday, August 5, 2010 and Friday, August 6, 2010. Enclosed you will find a registration/scholarship form; please fill out the highlighted areas only and return to NNTAO before July 23 to be eligible for a full scholarship. Attendance is limited to the first 80 registrations received.

Beginning farmers and ranchers are required to attend the Friday workshop (9am – 5pm) and Saturday roundtable at the Seba Dalkai School. A continental breakfast, hot lunch, and healthy afternoon snacks will be served (courtesy of our Value Added Services Group). For those of you traveling a long distance, please indicate on your registration application that you will need overnight accommodations. Bring a notepad and writing utensil and be prepared to engage in some exciting learning activities.

Producing farmers and ranchers (defined by the USDA as anyone who has grown/harvested \$1000 worth of crops/animals two of the past five years – whether you sold them or simply enjoyed them with your family) are welcomed to attend the workshops on Friday and required to attend the round table discussion on Saturday (9am – 4pm including lunch and snacks).

You can meet with our mentor farmers and ranchers, and talk to experts from the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, USDA, FSC, NCRS, BIA and more. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people in the cutting edge of Agricultural work in the United States and globally.

Study the agenda on the back of this letter. A list of topics we might cover at the round table discussions appears on the back of this invitation along with an Agenda for each day. Please take the time to complete the survey and indicate which of these topics interest you most, by checking the box(es) next to your favorite.

Portions of these sessions may be video/audio recorded for (translation into Navajo and) dissemination to others. We look forward to seeing you in Seba Dalkai on Thursday, August 5th.

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Navajo National Traditional Agricultural Outreach (NNTAO)
Farmers and Ranchers Workshop and Roundtable Event
Seba Dalkai School
August 5th and 6th, 2010
AGENDA

8:30	Arrival, check-in and network
9:00	Morning prayer- Navajo Elder
9:15	Navajo Heritage, Tradition and Agricultural Practices
9:45	Breakout Rooms: 1) Business Planning – An Introduction, 2) Farm Business Record Book
10:45	Break
11:00	Breakout Rooms: 1) Computerized Record Keeping Overview, 2) Determining Financial Health – Section 1 Part 1, 3) AGR Lite
12:00	Break for Lunch- NNTAO Value-Added Client
1:00	Breakout Rooms: 1) Computerized Record Keeping Level 2, 2) Financial Health Part 2, 3) FinPack
2:00	Break
2:15	Breakout Rooms: 1) Computerized Record Keeping Level 3, 2) Financial Health Part 3, 3) FinPack ²
3:15	Reassemble in the main hall: New USDA Program Announcements
3:30	EQIP Application Process
3:45	Summary of Day's Events and Key Takeaways

August 6th Round Table

8:30	Arrival , Check in and network
9:00	Greeting and morning prayer- Navajo Elder
9:15	Traditional Agricultural Practices – What works, what works better?
10:30	Split into round table groups: 1) Producing Ranchers 2) Producing Farmers 3) OASDFR
11:30	Each group reports back key findings (10 minutes per group)
12:00	Ethno botanical Luncheon NNTAO Value-Added Client
1:00	Roundtable Discussion II: 1) Range management plans 2) Navajo Brand 3) Commercial farms – polyculture versus monoculture
2:00	Report back in main hall
2:30	Final Roundtable: 1) Heritage crops and marketing opportunities 2) Creating a farmers market 3) Food Policy Council
3:30	Report back in main hall
3:45	Key takeaways
4:00	Closing prayer

Registration Form



Farmer and Rancher Introductory Education
Conference and Roundtable
August 5th and 6th, 2010
Seba Dalkai School



Full Name: _____ **Grade Level (if in school)** _____
School/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Province:** _____ **Zip/Postal Code:** _____

Tribal Affiliation _____ **Telephone: ()** _____ **Email:** _____

CONFERENCE FEES- \$30 per day registration fees includes lunch for each day.

- \$30 March 5th only
- \$30 March 6th only
- \$60 March 5th and 6th

I hereby Request A Registration Scholarship Based on Need to Defer all Registration and Activity Costs

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

NNTAO HEREBY AWARDS Full Name: _____
(PRINT NAME)

A FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION SCHOLARSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF:

- \$30
- \$60

I hereby acknowledge receipt of Scholarship award for NNTAO "Farmer and Rancher Introductory Education Conference." Registration and Activity fees

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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CONFERENCE RECEIPT

Date: _____ Description: "Farmer and Rancher Introductory Education Conference" Greyhills Academy High School.

Tuba City, Arizona 86045

Conference Participant: _____

Conference Hosts:

DINE, Inc

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Registration Fee	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>
Scholarship Award	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>

In order to serve you better our Navajo Nation Traditional Agricultural Outreach program would like your input on topics that interest you.

Please check up to 5 boxes in the Agricultural topic of your choice, or add a topic.

<p>Ranching Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Land use and Range management associations<input type="checkbox"/> Water resources<input type="checkbox"/> Navajo ranching Economics concerns<input type="checkbox"/> Record keeping<input type="checkbox"/> Animal health<input type="checkbox"/> Slaughterhouse<input type="checkbox"/> How can I better my livestock through breeding<input type="checkbox"/> More out of my livestock<input type="checkbox"/> What is the best cattle for my region<input type="checkbox"/> Other topics <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Farmers topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Land Use<input type="checkbox"/> Land restoration<input type="checkbox"/> Water resources<input type="checkbox"/> Navajo agricultural Economics concerns<input type="checkbox"/> record keeping<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional vs modern farming techniques<input type="checkbox"/> How to layout a field /Keyline designs<input type="checkbox"/> How can I keep moisture in / cover crops<input type="checkbox"/> Green manures<input type="checkbox"/> Best seeds/crops for my area - what is my area<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation diversions<input type="checkbox"/> Where do I get my seeds<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable agriculture<input type="checkbox"/> When do I plow, disc, cultivate<input type="checkbox"/> Other Topics <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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