

Children's Speakers Bureau (Programs for your students)

The Bexar County Master Gardeners and Texas AgriLife Extension Service offer a Speaker's Bureau for children's programs. We can address individual classes for all or part of a day. Programs include a presentation, display, props, hand-outs, and a hands-on activity for a particular topic. Select from the following topics. Detailed information on each topic is given on the back of this sheet.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Edible Plants: Apples to Zucchini | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Butterflies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Gourmet | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Insects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hummingbirds | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Let's Talk Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Symbols & Facts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Birds | |

List 2-3 concepts that you would like addressed concerning this topic:

Could this presentation help with standardized test objectives? Yes No

Give one example: _____

Would you like a hands-on activity included? Yes No

Approximate length that you would like presentation to be? _____

Give times for lunch, PE, or other subjects that would affect the presentation: _____

Grade Level: _____

Number of sessions: _____

When would you like this presentation?

Preferred date: _____

Second choice: _____

Third choice: _____

How many total students: _____

(We prefer to speak to an entire grade level one class at a time if possible and desired)

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

District: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Date: _____

Best time to reach you: _____ Your e-mail: _____

FAX THIS FORM TO: 366-0535 (No cover sheet is needed).

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Bexar County Master Gardeners are happy to provide programs on horticulture, gardening, vegetables, and nutrition, entomology and other subjects for children. We must offer our programs first to schools in our Classroom Garden program and schools and other entities serving economically disadvantaged and minority children.

* Programs are free. However, if we are serving a large number of students and need to provide supplies such as a plant for a large number of children to do a hands-on activity, a donation for the cost of the plants is greatly appreciated.

* We feel that it is a more efficient use of our time and resources to do presentations for the entire grade level—one class at a time. Because we bring display materials, plants, live insects, etc., it is best if we can be in one location (empty classroom, science lab, corner of library, even outside) and have each class come to us.

* We must have a count and ethnic breakdown of the students being served. We would also appreciate each teacher filling out a Participant Satisfaction Survey. This survey helps us continue to receive funds to provide these programs for your students.

* Each program includes an information sheet for the teacher and a follow-up worksheet for students.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Edible Plants: Apples to Zucchini -Garden Gourmet - Allow 1 hour.

Take vegetables from the garden to the table.

Includes: briefly growing and harvesting vegetables, some preparation, food safety, and nutrition.

Hands-on activities: proper hand washing, food preparation, tasting, game.

Hummingbirds - similar program as birds but focuses on hummingbirds.

Includes: body structure, lifecycle, role in eco-system, and migration.

Display of variety of different types of Texas birds.

Hands-on activity: bird mobile, booklet, or hummingbird picture.

Let's Talk Plants - Allow 30 minutes minimum without additional hands-on activity.

Discussion on importance of plants, basic principles about plants, and plant requirements.

Different types of plants (vine, grass, cactus, etc.) are displayed and passed around.

Additional hands-on activities: potting up a plant to take home, making miniature corsages, Plant Bingo.

Texas Birds -- Allow 30 minutes.

Texas Butterflies - Allow 30 minutes minimum.

Texas Insects - Similar to butterflies, but includes a variety of insects and arachnids.

Includes: butterfly structure and lifecycle, butterfly and moth differences, and a role in eco-system.

Discussion and pictures of common Texas Butterflies.

Hands-on activities: 4 stages of butterfly lifecycle or mini poster of insects and arachnids.

Texas Soils -Allow 30-45 minutes.

Discussion on importance of good soil, how soil is made, and different types of soil.

Basic types (loam, clay, etc.) passed around.

Hands-on activity: examination of different soils from San Antonio area and sharing findings.

Texas Symbols & Facts - Allow 30 minutes minimum.

Discussion of basic facts about Texas, variety and importance of 35+symbols (12 symbols are plants).

Posters and display of actual symbol's (there are three new symbols for 2007)

Hands-on activity: symbol mobile or 'mini' poster.