



New air medical services benefit!

CALSTAR is pleased to offer group membership coverage to NCFB members and their families for \$30 per year, a 33% discount. Please contact (888) 207-LIFE (5433) or info@calstar.org. Traumatic injury or illness can strike anyone at any time, and air medical transports can leave patients with thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses. For info on CALSTAR, go to www.calstar.org.

NCFB testified on proposed Climate Action Plan for Unincorporated Napa County

On Feb. 16th, NCFB testified at the County Planning Commission about the impacts to ag of a complex proposal to quantify green house gas (GHG) emissions and calculate targeted emission reductions. We voiced concern with a lack of scientifically validated info on crop emissions and sequestration rates, and questioned the methodology to assess a disproportionately large emission target reduction to vineyard projects. Given the complexity of the issue, the county agreed to extend the comment period to April 4th and to work with ag stakeholders to further understanding and improve the plan. We have been collaborating with UC Davis researchers, Wine Institute, the Sierra Club and our local wine industry partners to help further the goal of reducing GHGs in a fair and reasonable manner. Please call our FB office if you want to assist and join our review team.

Napa County Water Forum

Everything you need to know about ag water issues!

March 9 – 8 am to noon

Native Sons Hall 1313 Spring St, St. Helena

Join us at the Water Forum to hear important new information on the county's groundwater monitoring efforts, how to avoid trouble with the new enforcement actions by the State Water Board, learn about the new Surface Water reporting requirements, Best Management Practices for farming in a healthy watershed and updates on the Napa River Sediment & Pathogen TMDL water quality compliance programs. \$60. Register at napafarmbureau.org or call 224-5403 to sign up.

2011 Napa Ag Safety & Health Seminar

for Napa County Agricultural Workers

March 30, 2011 - 8:00am - 4:30pm, lunch included. NV College - Upper Valley Campus. 2 hours Continuing Education Credit (Pending) English and Spanish classes

Presented by: NCFB, Napa County Ag Commissioner's Office, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Cal OSHA, California Grower Foundation, California Highway Patrol, Clinic Ole

Farmers and farmworkers routinely must deal with potential hazards such as equipment, tractor, ATV, chemicals, and the weather. The Safety seminar will educate farm employees about the importance of farm safety and healthy habits as well as remind them of the latest safety regulations.

Attendees will receive a certificate of participation for their records. \$95 per person. Visit napafarmbureau.org to register or call 707.224.5403.

Grants for cleanup of waste on farms, ranches

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program provides funding for the cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project, with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Visit <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Publications/LocalAsst/21299002.pdf> for more info or contact Dave Briggs, Napa County Environmental Management, 253-4094.



Farm Supervisor Boot Camp in Spanish

April 29th - 9am-4pm, lunch included

Napa Valley Expo, 575 Third Street, Napa

Presented by "Farm Employers Labor Service"

Supervisor Boot Camp is designed to help both new and experienced managers to better understand:

- The roles and responsibilities of a supervisor.
- Understanding the basic legal requirements associated with employment and the supervisor's role in compliance.
- Upward and downward communication.
- Important relationships within and outside the company, and how to manage them effectively.
- Effective use of time.
- Effective and active listening.
- Coaching and counseling employees.
- Providing effective feedback to workers.
- Motivating employees.

Each participant will receive a certificate at the end of the day. \$95 for Farm Bureau members. Visit www.napafarmbureau.org or call 224-5403.

Free Wildfire Workshop

April 5th - 9:00am to 11:30am.

Presented by Napa Firewise and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District

UC Extension conference room, 1710 Soscol Ave., Napa.

Wildfire is a real and constant threat to the multi-billion dollar agricultural and tourism industries of Napa County. That said, there are things you can do to reduce the risk of wildfire to your business and your community. Preparedness is key!

The workshop agenda will include the following:

- A brief history of wildfire in Napa County and the economic impact of a major wildfire in Napa County today
 - What the Napa County agricultural community needs to know about defensible space planning and vegetation management in wine country
 - Tips on how to "fire harden" your home, winery and outbuildings
 - Ag Burning Tips
- Please RSVP by March 28th to info@napafarmbureau.org or 707.224.5403.

Volunteers needed for NCFB's first Tractor Pull event!

The event will take place on June 25th. Please contact Sylvie at sylvie@napafarmbureau.org or 224-5403 if you'd like to be involved, sponsor or donate.

Free Estate Planning Workshop

March 22nd, 9 am to 11 am. NCFB's office

Protect your estate and learn about the new federal estate tax laws passed in December 2010. The workshop will be presented by Robert Green, Estate Planning Advisor – LPL Financial and Mike Manfred, Attorney Gaw Van Male. RSVP to info@napafarmbureau.org or 224-5403.

Agricultural Human Resources Management Certificate program

California Grower Foundation & the Ag Personnel Management Association are offering a program that addresses a full range of human resources specialties and is designed for HR managers and/or others in your organization who handle personnel related issues. One six-hour class will be offered locally each month through December 2011 starting with a class on Elements of Human Resource Management on March 15th. Register online at www.agpersonnel.org.

All About Oaks Workshop

March 25th, 9:00am-12:30pm

UC Cooperative Extension and Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group are hosting a free Oak Workshop for vineyard professionals and other oak stewards. Topics include historical Napa oak ecology; Oak woodland economics and management; Oaks, Vineyards and Wildlife, and Landscape considerations for mature, woody trees. Register at <http://ucanr.org/AllAboutOaks> or by phone: 253-4221.

Livestock Commodity Group meeting featuring a "Beef Quality Assurance Program"

March 12th, 9:30am-3pm

Pope Valley Farm Center, 5700 Pope Chiles Rd., St Helena
Lunch and refreshments will be provided and terrific door prizes raffled. Please RSVP by March 5th 224-5403.

Guidelines for managing Oak Rangelands

UC's Ag and Natural Resources will host a series of 2-hour webinars on March 15, 22, 29 and April 5th at 10 am. Visit <http://ucanr.org/sites/oakwebinar> for information and to register. A \$25.00 fee includes the cost of handout materials, including a copy of the University of California publication, "Guidelines for managing California's hardwood rangelands," and administrative costs of maintaining the web links.



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NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit napafarmbureau.org for a complete list and more information

March

- 2 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 3, 17, 31 California Agricultural Export Training Program at FB www.fresnocitd.org/calagx
- 6-8 California Small Farm Conference, San Jose www.californiafarmconference.com/
- 8 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 9 Water Forum in St. Helena, 8am-noon, RSVP 224-5403
- 11 Organic Group meeting noon at FB 224-5403
- 12 Livestock Commodity Group meeting, Pope Valley Ranch, 9:30am, 224-5403
- 14 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 15 Certificate Program in Agricultural Human Resources Management www.agpersonnel.org
- 16 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 18 Ag Day at Napa Valley Expo, 224-5403 x 104
- 20 National Ag Week
- 22 Free Estate Planning Workshop at FB, 9am, RSVP 224-5403
- 25 Oak Tree Workshop, 9am, UC Cooperative Extension meeting room, RSVP 253-4221
- 30 Ag Safety & Health Seminar, Upper Valley Campus, 8am-5pm, 224-5403

April

- 1-2 Leadership NV Ag Day
- 5 Wildfire Prevention in Agriculture, 9am, UC Extension meeting room, RSVP 224-5403
- 6 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 8 Organic Group meeting noon at FB 224-5403
- 11 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 12 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
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- 20 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 29 Farm Supervisor Bootcamp in Spanish, 9am at NV Expo, RSVP 224-5403

Save the Dates!

- May 13th – Meadow Muffin Ag Education Golf tournament
- June 25th – Tractor Pull at the NV Expo
- July 11th – Forklift certification in English and Spanish
- July 15th – 98th Annual Dinner Meeting

Vineyard Farm Safety video now available!

This 24 minutes video in both Spanish and English covers a variety of vineyard safety topics designed to show your employees how to reduce the potential for becoming injured on the job. Members are invited to borrow the video at 811 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA, M-F 8:30am-5pm or call 224-5403.

Cut costs with energy efficiency rebates from PG&E

PG&E currently offers a \$1,040 rebate on wine tank insulation (per 5,000-gallon tank), the saving is \$560 per year in energy costs, per tank. Also offered is a \$63 rebate on qualifying strip curtains for refrigerated warehouses, the saving is \$80 per year in energy costs, per door. Visit <http://www.pge.com/mybusiness/energysavingsrebates/incentivesbyindustry/agriculture/> for more rebates.

Golfers and Volunteers needed for Ag In The Classroom!

Help us with our annual golf tournament fundraiser for Ag in the Classroom on May 13th, and Ag Day on March 18th. Please contact Michelle at aic@napafarmbureau.org.