

Gamble Creek Farm

At the Center for Integrated Agriculture

2010/2011 Sister School Membership Packet

Hello New Gate-Field School Members,

A lot of vegetables are growing and looking great, and many more are in the greenhouse. This year in addition to growing hydroponically, we are growing certified organically in the field.

Many of the same vegetables we grew last year, as well as some new additions. There are also some different varieties on the menu. Strawberries are in and are enjoying this break in the weather.

We are excited to start the season and see everyone back soon!
--Eric--



Gamble Creek Farm

Visit us online: www.GambleCreekFarm.org

Pickups

Each week starting November 4 until May 19 you will pick-up your share to the New Gate-Field School Clark Road or Ashton Campus on Thursdays when picking up your child.

- Ashton Campus-The shares will be in the office
- Clark Road Campus– The shares will be staged under the first Arbor you come to when driving onto campus. Students will be hosting the pick-ups.

Your shares will be housed in reusable boxes. It is important that you bring these back each week or every other week for half share when you get your next box.

First Delivery for Full Shares: Thursday, November 4th
First Pickup for Half Shares Group A (Last Name A-L):
Thursday, November 4th
First Pickup for Half Shares Group B (Last Name M-Z):
Thursday, November 11th

Full Share (28-weeks)

Pickup weekly on your selected day. There will be no pick-ups the week of December 19th-25th.

Half-share Pickups (14-weeks)

All of the above information still applies the only difference is that you will pick up every other week. A magnet for your fridge that lists all your assigned pickup weeks will be mailed to you.

* Each membership will receive one Gamble Creek Farm reusable shopping bag.

Please no dogs at the farm for food safety reasons—thanks for your understanding!

Holiday Schedule

- Thanksgiving Week– Delivery will be Tuesday, November 23rd.
- Week of December 19-December 25th the farm is CLOSED
- School breaks-Dec. 30 and April 7 Pick-ups please pick up at the farm.

Pick-Your-Own (PYO)

From time to time selected fresh crops and herbs from the Earthboxes will be available for PYO. Delivery members are welcome to participate when PYO is available on either Wednesday (3pm-6pm) or Saturday (11am-2pm) at the farm. Students will also select same items from the school gardens for PYO if there is availability. Check www.gamblecreekfarm.org to see if PYO is available for the week. *This is not a guaranteed benefit -the shares always come first.*

U-Pick Strawberries

Come and pick your own strawberries at Gamble Creek Farm starting November. U-Pick Strawberries are not apart of the vegetable share, but members do receive a 25% discount. We will be open Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm and Saturdays from 9am to 2pm. The strawberries are planted in hydroponic stacks, making it very easy to pick the strawberries.

Missed Pick-ups

If you are unable to pick-up your share on the designated day we recommend you ask another parent , friend or family to pick-up for you.

Any shares not picked up will be used at the discretion of the school.



U-Pick Strawberries

General Produce Information



Crops Include:	Cucumber	Radishes
Asian Greens	Dill	Spinach
Basil	Kale	Summer Squash
Beans	Leeks	Winter Squash
Beets	Lettuce	Swiss Chard
Broccoli	Okra	Tomatoes
Broccoli Raab	Onions	Turnips
Cabbage	Parsley	
Cauliflower	Peas	
Cilantro	Peppers	
Collards	Potatoes	

When is a specific vegetable in season?

Example of Produce Available throughout the Season

Broccoli • Beets • Turnips
Lettuce • Radishes • Asian Greens

Example of Winter Produce

Cabbage • Sweet Peppers • Kale
Cauliflower • Spinach

Example Fall Produce

Winter Squash • Eggplant
Swiss Chard • Basil • Beans

Example Spring Produce

Winter Squash • Watermelon • Leeks
Tomatoes • Onions

How to Use the Produce

To help you get the most out of your share, we create a newsletter for you each week that has informational articles and recipes. Members found this very helpful last year. Additionally, the website has a section of recipes that is organized by ingredients. We also love to get recipes from you that we publish in the newsletter or online!

School Garden

Stay tuned for the developments in the school garden. We want the New Gate-Field School garden to become an on-campus extension of the farm with a variety of parent and student involvement.

Farm Info

Current Staff

Gamble Creek Farm is operated by staff of the local nonprofit Florida West Coast RC&D. The Staff dedicated to this project are:

Eric Geraldson, Farm Manager

Our farm manager, Eric, has many years of experience farming in Manatee County. He will be the smiling face greeting you each week with fresh veggies he and his staff have worked hard to provide.

Maria Leija, Field Apprentice

Maria is our first farm apprentice who has been with us since January 2008. She is an experienced horticulturist and a great asset to our farm in all aspects. Maia has a lot of retail experience and loves the opportunity to interact with CSA members. Maria has also been an asset in working with our Local Food Buying Club

Chuck Rosenfels, Field Apprentice

Chuck has been with us about a month now. He grew up in Zimbabwe, South Africa on a family farm and is eager to learn more about our growing methods. He also attends the State College of Florida

Linda Percy, Membership Coordinator

Linda is the office contact for questions about pickups, payments, etc. Also, each week she puts together a newsletter with articles and recipes for you. Linda brings her southern charm and warmth to the team.

Jacob Leech, Agricultural Manager

Jacob is the project manager for RC&D. Jacob will be the first point of contact if there are any questions about new and beginning farmer training or resources at The Center for Integrated Agriculture as well as other activities of the Florida West Coast RC&D.

**Questions? Contact Eric at
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