



News from the Delta Garden Study

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DGS Progress

The program planning year for the Delta Garden Study is in full swing. DGS staff are busy preparing all the different components for their full year of pilot testing. Chris has been busy building the garden and its infrastructure at Mabelvale, including removing sod and tilling the soil, constructing rainwater harvesting systems, and sowing seeds for a late summer planting. Check out the [Mabelvale Progress Pics](#) on our website. Development of our measurement instruments are being



DGS Receives ARCF Grant

The Delta Garden Study (DGS) has received a \$6,000 grant from the Arkansas Community Foundation (ARCF) as part of their 2010 Statewide Giving Tree Grant Cycle. ARCF makes grants to improve the

quality of life in our state and collaborates with individuals, families and organizations to build local communities through philanthropy. ARCF has provided more than \$75 million in grants since it began operation in 1976. The Delta Garden Study will use the funds to purchase cooking equipment for the participating schools. Visit ARCF's [website](#) to learn more about this fantastic organization.



Winthrop Rockefeller Institute to Collaborate on Recipes and Lesson Development

The Winthrop Rockefeller Institute (WRI) has agreed to collaborate with the Delta Garden Study as we determine how to most effectively provide students with skills for incorporating fresh fruits and vegetables into their diets at home and for the rest of the lives. WRI's Terese Post, Program Coordinator and Chef, will provide culinary expertise as we develop recipes and hands-on cooking lessons using garden fresh produce and the equipment

conducted by our six Co-Investigators and we've nearly completed our first school bonding data collection. The DGS staff is prepping for our first teacher training, which will take place on June 9th in the classrooms and newly constructed garden at Mabelvale. Lots to do and more to come! Keep checking our [website](#) for updates!



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purchased with the grant funding from the Arkansas Community Foundation. Stay tuned for more details!



Student Intern Recognition Lunch to be held May 24th

In appreciation and recognition for all the hard work of student interns throughout the 2009-2010 academic year, the Arkansas Childhood Obesity Research and Policy Program (ARCORP), led by Dr. Judith Weber, will host a lunch at Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute on Monday, May 24th. Sixteen students from the University of Central Arkansas Dietetic Internship Program, the UCA Health Services Administration Program and the Health Education Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock have participated. Their work is invaluable to Dr. Weber's contributions to the fight against childhood obesity. Check out our [Student Intern Opportunities](#) page on our website for more details about available internships with ARCORP and the Delta Garden Study.



Now Accepting Applications for Research Assistant Position

The Delta Garden Study team is excited to announce the opening of a Research Assistant position. More details can be found on the [DGS website](#) and an application can be completed online through [UAMS](#). The job number is #50010256 and the job title is Research Assistant - PEDS CARE. Applications are being accepted now through June 1st, with a start date of approximately July 1st, 2010.

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