Note: Share this with a school in your community:
The Dudley Smith Initiative is offering grants of up to $1,500 to middle school and high school teachers to fund innovative projects that create knowledge about agriculture and its impact on the community.

**Deadline:** Proposals for projects beginning in the fall of 2013 must be received by August 19, 2013.

Award winners will be announced by September 2, 2013.

**Application forms are available on line at:**
http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/dsi

Submit Proposals to:
Gary Letterly
Energy & Environmental Stewardship Educator
University of Illinois Extension
1120 N. Webster Street
Taylorville, IL  62568

**Background and Vision:**
The agriculture and community system is complex and dynamic, making it a challenge to comprehend the impact of changing technologies, production practices, economics drivers, and public policies. This grant opportunity utilizes the resources of the Dudley Smith Farm and examples from the research being done under the Dudley Smith Initiative as a way to engage students and teachers in activities that will help them better understand these complexities. Information about the Dudley Smith Initiative and ongoing research at the Dudley Smith Farm can be found on the internet at:

http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/DSI/

**U of I Dudley Smith Farm Beef Cow-Calf Field Day**

**Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

**9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

U of I Dudley Smith Farm
(2200 E. 600 North Rd.) located just off Route 29 between Taylorville and Pana, Illinois

**Register by Friday, June 14**
Dear Producer,

The Dudley Smith Farm in Christian County near Pana will be the site for a Beef Cow-Calf Field Day on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m.

One of our speakers will be Dr. Laura Gentry - University of Illinois—Research Assistant Professor working with the Crop Science – Crop Physiology Lab. Her program will be Using and Understanding Cover Crops and Cover Cropping Systems that include Tropical Maize.

Our program will also feature Laura Pepple an Extension Specialist in the Agriculture and Biological Engineering Department. Her program will share information directly related to pastures and livestock manure management.

Ed Ballard will bring us up-to-date on USDA–EQIP cost-share in support of replacing Ky31 fescue with new, novel endophyte free varieties recently made available. Also, topics related to affordability of using grain to supplement low quality forage, grazing studies, system improvements to pastures and how you can apply U of I Dudley Smith project information to your operation.

Gary Letterly will provide a brief “Tropical Maize Project” update to address current forage crop feedstock utilization and bioenergy crop development issues. And, share some insight to climate and livestock issues from multi-state training efforts.

Lunch provided by U of I Extension Christian County. Please several days in advance call 287-7246 for lunch reservations.

Please register me for the Dudley Smith Beef Cow-Calf Field Day on Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

Register by Friday, June 14 to enjoy a meal provided at no cost by University of Illinois Extension Christian County and prepared by Sav-a-lot Foods Inc., Pana, IL.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact U of I Extension Christian County office at 217-287-7246.

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