What Is the Extension Master Food Volunteer Program?

The Kansas Master Food Volunteer Program provides a foundation of knowledge to volunteers in the subject areas of food safety, food science, food preparation, and food preservation. The Extension Master Food Volunteer Program allows people with interests in food, cooking, and nutrition to take their expertise to a higher level while developing new avenues for helping in the community.

Who Can Become a Master Food Volunteer?

Anyone with an interest in food preparation, food preservation, food safety, or food science can apply for the Extension Master Food Volunteer Program if it is active in your county. If you want to improve skills and knowledge and you like to work with people, the Extension Master Food Volunteer Program may be for you.

Advantages and Rewards of the Master Food Volunteer Program

- Multiplies expertise in a subject
- Builds strong support base
- Allows extension educators to focus on in-depth training
- Enables extension educators to devote resources to issue-based programs
- Increases self-esteem of the volunteer
- Provides volunteer hours to support extension programming

Program Requirements

The Master Food Volunteer Program provides approximately 40 hours of training in food science, food preparation, food preservation and food safety. These classes are taught by county extension professionals, K-State Extension specialists, and industry professionals. Class members complete certification as an Extension Master Food Volunteer by contributing a minimum of 40 hours of approved volunteer service back to the community.

Training Dates

The 2019 Extension Master Food Volunteer Training will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays...September 17, 18, 24, 25, and October 8, 9, 15 and 16. These sessions will be held from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Kansas State University Olathe Campus, 22201 W. Innovation Drive, Olathe, KS 66061. The cost is $100.00, which will cover notebook, apron, name tag and teaching supplies for the training. Applications are due by September 6, 2019 and are available from the K-State Research and Extension - Douglas County at 2110 Harper Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66046 or on our website at douglas.ksu.edu.
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NUTRITION EDUCATION:  
- Dining with Diabetes classes  
- Girl's Shelter-Aging Out Cooking classes  
- Mediterranea Cuisine classes  
- SkillBuilders-Cooking for 1 or 2 classes  
- Tasty Food Fast classes

EXPANDED PROGRAMS:  
- Chefs’ Challenge  
- Cottin’s Hardware Farmers’ Market  
- Social Media/Facebook posts  
- "Bring & Buy" Kitchen Garage Sale  
- Extension Master Gardeners’ Spring Fair  
- 100th Anniversary of Douglas County Extension

COMMUNITY SERVICE:  
- Haskell Indian Nations University Safety, Health and Wellness Fair  
- KU Faculty & Staff Wellness Fair  
- SNAP Application Assistance at Just Food  
- Circle of Hope Regional Award from Harvesters

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