

School Orchard Training Evaluation Responses:

Q1: Please describe your number one take away concept or experience from the workshop (1-2 sentences).

I learned more about orchards and caring for apple trees in those few hours than I thought possible. My number one take away was how to care for trees and keep them healthy.

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Yes

Q3: Do you have a basic understanding of site preparation and and orchard maintenance? Please provide an example of a concept you understand or wish you knew more about.

Yes

Q4: Do you feel more prepared to integrate school orchards into your curriculum? Please provide an example of why or why not.

Yes

Q5: Please describe the obstacles and opportunities for integrating school orchards into your curriculum.

Respondent skipped this question

Q6: Do you have suggestions for resources, lessons and/or activities you'd like to share (either for future workshops, or for educators to use with their students)?

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Q7: Overall, were you satisfied with this workshop, dissatisfied with this workshop, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied? Please provide a short explanation of your thoughts.

Extremely satisfied

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What I found to be the most meaningful was looking at the different organisms that use the orchard for their well being, even if they are unwanted guests. Also, differing options for Getting rid of those guests. The best part of the day wag going out to the field and practicing the skills we learned.

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Yes

Other (please specify)I believe that I have a very basic understanding. It would be extremely difficult to put this knowledge in to practice with out a well planed out proposal to bring to a board before being able to have students allowed to participate in any sort of program like a school orchard.

Q5: Please describe the obstacles and opportunities for integrating school orchards into your curriculum.

The largest obstacles that I face is the corrections system. I would have difficulty with being able to sell the idea and provide problem solving to the "what if " questions that arise and being able to have funding for supplies and staff.

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Not at this time.

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Somewhat satisfied

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The UMD farm site has several acres devoted to apple trees and growing produce sustainably that could be used as a teaching tool until individual schools acquire their own garden spaces.

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