

CALL FOR WORKSHOP AND PRESENTATION PROPOSALS
Twelfth Annual Conference of the Community Food Security Coalition
"Restoring Our Urban and Rural Communities with Healthy Food"
Cherry Hill, NJ & Philadelphia, PA, October 4-8, 2008

Proposal Period: March 15-April 30.
No proposals will be accepted before or after these dates.

The Community Food Security Coalition seeks proposals for 90-minute workshop sessions at its annual conference in metropolitan Philadelphia, October 4-8, 2008

Workshop Topics

We are accepting proposals for workshops that fit under the following topics.

- Bringing new grocery stores to Underserved Communities
- Building the Food Security Movement
- Conversations between farmers and consumers
- Farm to cafeteria, including schools, colleges, hospitals, and other institutions
- Food, art, and culture
- Food-related Media and Marketing
- Grassroots voices
- Healthy Corner Stores
- Local food systems
- Public Health, Land Use Planning, and Food Systems
- Race, class, and food justice
- Urban agriculture
- Youth-led initiatives
- Community food security, the energy crisis, and global warming

Session format

We will prioritize creative and interactive sessions that provide opportunities for significant audience participation. A minimum of 30 minutes should be planned for group discussion or participatory activities. We also encourage sessions that lead to a specific outcome, that are linked to the activities of the Community Food Security Coalition, or that build the food security movement. We encourage workshop organizers to include a diverse group of workshop leaders, such as youth and community members. Introductory and advanced level workshops and presentations are also welcome.

Audience

Expect a very diverse audience in terms of occupation. They include anti-hunger activists, policy-makers, public health staff, farmers, emergency food providers, faith-based community representatives, environmentalists, community based organization activists, community residents, community gardeners, nutritionists, extension agents, sustainable agriculture activists, food system and food security organizational representatives, researchers/academics, students, funders, and others engaged in building a sustainable food system. Please try to use plain language and limit the use of acronyms and jargon to make your session accessible to all participants.

Session details

All sessions will be 90 minutes in length. Expect approximately 40-75 attendees per session.

Format of proposals

Please submit your workshop proposal through the on-line service, the Learning Technology Service at <http://www.lti.org/isd/csfc/newssubmit.asp>. Proposals will also be accepted by mail at PO Box 209, Venice CA 90294

Audio-Visual

We cannot guarantee LCD projectors and laptops. We will contact you if your session is chosen regarding your AV needs.

Registration Fees

Presenters are entitled to a 50% discount off their registration fees (excluding field trips and short courses). Presenters that want to attend their workshop only can do so free of charge. All presenters must register for the conference regardless of whether they are paying or not. **All presenters are responsible for their own travel and lodging costs. No exceptions will be made.**

You'll Hear Back From Us Soon

Submission of a proposal is not a guarantee of its acceptance. All proposals will be reviewed by a planning committee. Notifications of your proposal's status will be provided by May 15. Contact us if you don't hear back by then.

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