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## School gardening workshop Saturday open to teachers

KINGMAN - Teachers, community youth leaders and school volunteers are invited to a school gardening workshop Saturday.

The Mohave County School Gardening Program is offering a workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Pass/Pals School Gardening Program, 690 Spring St., with KUSD Pals teacher Jim Hill.

The training will focus on establishing school gardening programs in Mohave County schools. There will be hands-on training on the basics of botany, horticulture, soil science, water conservation and agricultural food science.

Hill will also show how to create a mini-hydroponic grower to use in the classroom, for a year-round classroom learning center. All workshop participants will receive one agricultural science curriculum and classroom materials for 30 students with instruction.

In addition, there will be resources on volunteer recruitment, media contact and fundraising strategies which will help enhance and sustain continuing efforts for individual school gardening programs. Teachers will also receive Continuing Education credits as approved by Mike File, Mohave County school superintendent.

The Mohave County School Gardening Program is funded by the [University of Arizona](#), Mohave County Cooperative Extension Office and the Mohave County School Superintendent's Office. Any questions should be directed to Nina Brackett at 753-3788 or [ninab@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:ninab@cals.arizona.edu).