



Montezuma Land Conservancy

2023 Agriculture Immersion Program Overview

When: June 5-8, 12-15, 19-22, 26-29; 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Mondays through Thursdays.

Where: meet each day at Southwest Open School (SWOS) campus at 401 N. Dolores Road, Cortez CO 81321 at 8:00 AM, travel to Fozzie's Farm at 19760 Road W, Lewis CO 81327, and return to SWOS campus by 4:00 PM; frequent field trips to other regional farms tbd.

Who:

- Jay Loschert, Community Programs Director, Montezuma Land Conservancy, jay@montezumaland.org 970-516-0304 (o), 970-799-1475 (c)
- Devyn Lacey, Agriculture Immersion Program Director, dlacey@cortez.k12.co.us
- Up to 12 local high school students will be chosen to participate based on a completed application

What to expect:

- meet promptly at 8:00 AM, travel to Fozzie's Farm on the SWOS activity bus
- work on projects at Fozzie's Farm and/or SWOS campus as needed
- travel to various agriculture sites for service-learning, return to SWOS campus by 4:00 PM
- \$125 stipend for each week of **full attendance** 8:00-4:00, Monday through Thursday
- .25 school credits per 30 hours of participation (up to 1 full credit possible) for SWOS students; credit at other schools to be determined with administration
- hands-on learning opportunities involving regenerative agriculture, permaculture, holistic management, research, land/water/soil conservation, wildlife, forestry, orchard care, livestock management, irrigation techniques, weed control, cover crops, and careers in related fields.

What to bring:

- positive attitude and willingness to work hard and be engaged
- re-usable water bottle
- dress appropriately for outside physical labor:
 - close-toed shoes or boots, no sandals

- long pants, long sleeves
 - hat, sunglasses
- Fozzie's Farm will provide sunscreen, work gloves, drinking water, healthy lunches, and snacks