

SAMPLE EMAIL for Food Systems

Dear [teacher name]:

We will be applying to be **teen teachers** in the TRY Foody Systems program. TRY stands for Teens Reaching Youth and it is a **teen-led environmental education program** designed to teach environmental literacy and responsibility to younger youth.

As part of our application we are required to identify two classrooms that are willing to have us teach the TRY lessons between January 1 – May 26, 2023. **We are hoping that you would allow us to teach your students!**

Let us tell you a little bit about the TRY Food Systems program. The lessons are geared for students in **grades 2-4** and explore the food system and the need to protect our soil, seeds, pollinators and climate. There are 6 lessons, each approximately 1 hour. All lessons are hands-on, engaging and fun!

The six lessons, aligned with Next Generation Science Standards as well as support the Common Core Standards, are:

- How Did That Get in My Lunchbox?
 - *Students will learn where their food comes from and the process (food system) for getting food from farm to table.*
- The Soil We Grow In
 - *Students will gain an understanding that one of the most important natural resources is soil, and that most life on Earth depends upon the soil for food.*
- The Importance of Seeds
 - *Students will learn that plants grow from seeds and that they need air, sunlight, water, and soil to mature and be healthy.*
- Pollen, Pollen Everywhere
 - *Students discover the pivotal role bees and other pollinators play in food production.*
- Climate and the Food System
 - *Students understand that changes in weather and climate affect plants, animals and people.*
- Explore Food Systems Jobs
 - *Students will learn what decisions farmers face in their daily lives as well as the knowledge needed to make these decisions; students will learn about the many different jobs and careers in the food system.*

Can we set up a time to discuss this further? Our application is due no later than November 7, 2022 so we would need a commitment from you before that date.

Thank you for your consideration!

[Your names and contact information]