

TEMG State Conference Agenda Early Summer Snapshot

When: October 9-11, 2024

Where: Davidson and Williamson Counties- our local EMG group hosts

Drury Hotel in Franklin for rooms

Main event locations at Williamson Ag Expo Park, Ed Jones Auditorium and tour sites around the Franklin and Nashville area

More details will be coming that have specific session details, all the addresses and details you need, but here is a snapshot for early summer!

Agenda:

October 9th

4:00pm-7:00pm: Convene at Ed Jones for mix and mingle time, welcomes from the host groups and Search for Excellence awards as well as local food truck options (vouchers provided with registration).

- 4:00 – Welcome
- 4:15 – Time for food and visiting
- 5:15 – Search for Excellence & Kick-Off
- 6:15 – 7:00 – Last call for food

Later evening – on your own – A list of recommended places to visit in the area will be provided

October 10th

Morning tours begin at 8:30 or 9:00 AM

Attendees meet at 1 of 4 different tour options for the morning (tour selected when registering, transportation on your own with carpooling encouraged)

Tour 1- Ellington Ag Center – demo garden and arboretum, Cultivate farm

Tour 2- Cheekwood Garden- (arrive @ 8:30 am)

Tour 3- Southall Urban farm – plan to tour greenhouse, orchard

Tour 4- Giving Garden

11:30 am-1:00 pm: Tours conclude and participants come back to Williamson Ag Expo Park for lunch

1-4pm: Breakout sessions for speakers (3 sessions with 15-minute breaks in between)

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Breakout 1 1:00-1:45	Edible landscaping	Working with your HOA- panel discussion	Leadership in person part 3 session	Native plants across the state, native plant database, where to start with Smart Yards
Breakout 2 2:00-2:45	To turf or not to turf	Growing food in the city and the countryside– community gardens, EMG outreach, home garden trials that support these sites		Non-traditional food production Urban container trial, rooftops
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6:00 -7:30 pm: Sit down dinner all together with a local food panel (all the details will be shared soon!)

Night-time – On your own - Provide a list of recommended places to visit in the area

October 11th:

9:00 am: Meet at Williamson County Ag Expo park for short welcome and then breakout hands-on and interactive morning sessions

	Option 1 (40)	Option 2 (30)	Option 3 (20)	Option 4 (20)	Option 5 (40)
Workshop 1 9:15-10:30	Tree pruning-	Flower pressing and preservation	Food preservation slot 1- canning-	Indoor small-scale hydroponics	Diagnostics training
Workshop 2 10:45-12:00	Propagation	Mushroom inoculation	Food preservation slot 2- fermentation	Microgreens	Diagnostics training

12pm-1pm: Convene for closing remarks and lunch

1-3 pm: Local nursery tours (sign up required during registration)

Nursery stop 1 Riverbend

Nursery stop 2 Grow Wild

Nursery stop 3 Bates

(Plus, information about other Franklin stops shared, indoor plants and such)