

Technology Overview: EarthDance Website, Google Accounts, Google Groups, and the Google Calendar

EarthDance Website: the EarthDance website is located at www.earthdancefarms.org. The website is the place to read our blog updates and learn about EarthDance history. The EarthDance site also has a "hidden" resource section, where you can find links to useful, apprenticeship-related information, such as the EarthDance Amazon store, Apprenticeship Schedule and Google Calendar. The Resources section also contains materials that relate to the enrichment sessions. To access this section, type:

<http://www.earthdancefarms.org/farmyresources/> into your browser window.

Creating a Google Account

This is an optional step. You do not need to have a google email address or a google account to send emails to the group, receive emails from the group, or view the google calendar. Having a google account will make it easy to go back and find past emails to the group if you don't want to save them in your own email files. Additionally, if you have a google account, it is easy to change your subscription settings, explained below. To create a google account, type <https://accounts.google.com/NewAccount> into your browser window.

Google Groups

If you set up a Google Account, you can go to <http://groups.google.com/>, and click sign in which you will find at the upper right hand corner of the page. After you sign in, a column called "My Groups" will be visible. Click on "EarthDance Freshman Farmies -2013." On this page, you can view and read postings that have gone out to the group. It is a good idea to check the Google group page before your shift, in case there are any pertinent messages. You can send new messages to the group by clicking the "new post" button.

On this page, you can also **change your subscription settings**. If you do nothing, you will receive an individual email each time anyone messages the group. If you would prefer to get only one email per day from the group (containing all email activity for the day) click settings located in the top right hand corner of the screen. On the screen that comes up, look at the column labeled "Subscription type." Below this, click the box that says "Email."

Choose the setting "Digest Email." Then click the button that says "save group settings." You can also send messages to the google group from your own email account. Simply address your email to freshfarmy@googlegroups.com

Google Calendar

You can check your farmers market schedule on the Freshman Farmies Google Calendar. You will be able to access the Freshman Farmy Google calendar from the EarthDance website apprentice resource section. (<http://www.earthdancefarms.org/farmyresources/>)