CHAPTER PROFILE

CHAPTER NAME: Southwest OEFFA Chapter  SWOEFFA

CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT / GOALS: The Mission of SWOEFFA is to increase awareness, production and consumption of locally grown products through public education and farmer-consumer relationships

DESCRIPTION OF CHAPTER MEMBERS: SWOEFFA members are producers, consumers, students, and/or educators who are also OEFFA members

EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMS/EDUCATION/OUTREACH/INFORMATION/NETWORKING MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH CHAPTER: Tours, annual potluck, joint purchasing

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   PRESIDENT: OPEN

   VICE PRESIDENT: OPEN

   STEERING COMMITTEE: OPEN

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHAPTER: SWOEFFA has existed since the original five state regions were changed to a chapter system. Local members have done many activities over the years, including mini-conferences, farm tours, movie showings, booths, lectures, grower supply joint purchasing, and potluck meetings. Chapter activity has varied over the years and has partly depended on the time and energy availability of many volunteers.

   Facilitators have included Eric Pawlowski, Melinda O’Briant, Sandra Murphy, Charlie Gonzalez, and Sally Godschalk. Core group planners have included Mary Lu Lageman, David Rosenberg, Debra Jordan, Sue Ellen Shoupe, Jim Lowenburg, Karen Mandell, Matt Tomaszewski, Bonnie Mitsui, Mary Ida Compton, Amy Casper, Anne Welling, and Steve Edwards.

We are currently reorganizing and seeking new leadership.