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Food Notes: Local Food Awareness Day, etiquette dinner, ham hotline

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The Illinois Stewardship Alliance is hosting Local Food Awareness Day on April 28, giving farmers and supporters of local food an opportunity to lobby legislators about sustainable agriculture. The day will include training on local food legislation and how to contact legislators; lunch; lobbying; and a reception at the Pasfield House. The cost for training, lunch and lobbying is \$10; the reception is another \$10.

Register by April 19 at localfoodday2010.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Wes King at 528-1563 or wes@ilstewards.org.

A "Dining for Success" dinner, allowing participants to brush up on table manners, will start at 5:30 p.m. April 9 at the Public Affairs Center restaurant at the University of Illinois Springfield. It is sponsored by the school's Office of Alumni Relations.

The instructor will be Beth Reutter, coordinator of the hospitality management program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and a corporate etiquette consultant

The cost is \$10 for UIS students and \$25 for others. Reservations can be made by April 2 at www.uiaa.org/uis/dining or by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at 206-7395 or alumni@uis.edu.

Cooks with questions about preparing ham can get answers at the Kentucky Legend Ham Hotline, open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday through April 30. The toll-free phone number is 866-343-5058. Information also is available at www.specialtyfoodsgroup.com.

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