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We are so glad that you are interested in purchasing school garden-grown vegetables during the 2010 summer season! Thank you for your interest in participating in this unique opportunity - to have access to fresh, organic vegetables grown by Student Gardeners participating in Calypso's Engaging Alaskan Teens in Gardening (EATinG) Program.

This season we are offering full vegetable shares and Farm Stand shares at four different school garden locations: Pearl Creek Elementary, Effie Kokrine Charter School, Woodriver Elementary and Hunter Elementary. If you would like to be a shareholder at any one of our school gardens this year, please call or send in your Payment Slip right away - we can only offer a limited number of shares. Shares will be filled on a first-come basis. Your share payment goes directly toward running the program. Sales from the gardens cover approximately 10% of the overall annual program costs.

We also hope that you will make an additional donation to support the Schoolyard Garden Initiative. This program is not possible without the generous support from many members of the community. Thank you for your involvement!

Vegetable Shares

As a CSA shareholder, you've entered into a partnership with the Student Gardeners. You support the garden financially and receive a weekly supply of vegetables throughout the summer. Unlike buying vegetables from the grocery store, you will receive food grown locally for flavor and nutrition, rather than for durable shipping qualities. As a shareholder, you and your family have the opportunity to make a connection with the place and people who grow your food. June harvests will include salad mix, chives, kohlrabi, greens, radishes, and turnips. In July, snap peas, beets, lettuce, summer squash, herbs, and broccoli will join the salads. By August your harvest shares will be even more diverse, including carrots, cauliflower, potatoes, slicing onions, greens, cabbage and more! All shares include a weekly harvest note with garden updates and recipes written by the Student Gardeners.

Farm Stand Shares

New this season! Each school will set up a weekly Farm Stand. You can prepay for Farm Stand vegetables by purchasing Farm Stand Shares. Choose any amount (\$100 minimum). You can add money to your share through the season if you need to. This will allow you to shop at the Farm Stand anytime during the summer and choose what you'd like. Student Gardeners will keep track of your total. This is a great option for someone who won't consistently be in town or someone who really likes to choose their own vegetables each week.

Calypso Farm and Ecology Center is a 501 (c) (3) Non-profit Organization (EIN 92-0169368).

Our mission is to encourage local food production and environmental awareness through hands-on education in natural and farming ecosystems.

Share Options

- **Vegetable Shares - \$450** This share includes a weekly array of vegetables during the school's summer break from early June through mid-August (approximately 10 weeks). Shares will offer a greater variety than the farm stands.
- **Flower Shares - \$100** Brighten your surroundings with a weekly flower bouquet! The bouquet season will be about 4 weeks long, starting in mid-July. We'll contact you for the first bouquet pick-up.
- **Farm Stand Shares - \$100 minimum** Come select produce from the weekly Farm Stand – anytime throughout the season. The Student Gardeners will keep track of your total. You can always add money to your share throughout the season!

Please note – Calypso accepts Food Stamps and offers a sliding fee scale for those in need of financial assistance. If you are interested in these options, please call Calypso Farm 451-0691, to discuss these options.

Consider a Donating a Share! The Stone Soup Café, Street Outreach Program for Homeless Youth, and the Cancer Treatment Center are all willing recipients of share donations!

Your Pick-up Day

CSA Pick-up is from 5-6 pm at your school garden, Farm Stands are open on the same day from 4-6 pm. Pick-up days are as follows:

Pearl Creek Elementary (Auburn Drive) – Mondays

Woodriver Elementary (Palo Verde Drive) – Tuesdays

Effie Kokrine and University Park Elementary (Loftus Road) - Wednesdays

Hunter Elementary (Gillam Way) – Thursdays

Become a School Garden Shareholder Today!

To use a credit card, call the Calypso office 451-0691 or print out the School Garden Payment Slip and send it to Calypso with your payment. Send slips and payment to Calypso Farm, PO Box 106, Ester, AK 99725

Thank you for taking this opportunity to invest in the health of the Fairbanks community and directly in your food supply. We look forward to hearing from you soon and feeding you this summer!

Kelsey, Meredith, Katie and Colby

The 2010 School Garden Supervisors on behalf of the Student Gardeners!

P.S. Thank you for participating in the EATinG program! The crews of Student Gardeners make school gardens possible in Fairbanks by caring for gardens during the summer. Your partnership as school garden shareholders is essential. Thank You!

School Garden CSA Payment Slip
Calypso Farm and Ecology Center

(Please call 451-0691 to provide information and pay with a credit card or return this form with payment)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please check which shares you'd like:

- Vegetable Share - \$450**
- Farm Stand - \$100 (minimum)**
- Flower Share - \$100**

Please choose the school garden for pick up:

- Pearl Creek – Mondays**
- Woodriver - Tuesdays**
- Effie/U-Park – Wednesdays**
- Hunter - Thursdays**

Payment Options

You can pay in full for your share(s) or we offer the following simple payment plan. Divide your personal total by four to determine your monthly payment. Send or call in your first payment now. The remaining payments are due June 15th, July 15th, and August 15th.

We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Please make checks payable to Calypso Farm and Ecology Center.

Please check your payment choice: I will pay in full I will use the payment plan

Share Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Contribution to the Schoolyard Garden Initiative \$ _____
(this entire amount is tax deductible)

I would like to donate a share (list type and \$ amount) _____, \$ _____ to the following:

- Street Outreach Program, Stone Soup Café, Cancer Treatment Center Other (please list)

_____ note, the recipient must be able to pick up at the school garden.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Signature _____

Credit Card Number _____ **Exp Date** _____ **Security Code** _____

Thank You!

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