



June 24 - June 28, 2024
Asilomar Hotel & Conference Grounds

800 Asilomar Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Union Summer School

June 24 - June 28, 2024

Program Overview

Five-Day Event Schedule

The Union Summer School program is geared for emerging and veteran local leaders who want to take their skills to the next level. The week-long event is filled with rigorous workshops, motivated and skilled trainers, and applied learning.

Meal Information

All meals will take place at Crocker Dining Hall. You will receive your meal tickets when you check-in at the front desk. Your lunch ticket will be at the CFT registration desk for Monday.

Meals are served the following hours:

Breakfast: 7:30am – 9:00am Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

If you need to purchase meal tickets for a guest; please see the front desk.

We will have the following special events:

Monday: Bonfire Social with S'mores & hot chocolate after

dinner to kick-off Union Summer School

Wednesday: Dinner and Mixer @ Merrill Hall

Join us on Social

Make sure to post on social media throughout the CFT Union Summer School, tagging CFT – @cftunion – and using the hashtags #CFTsummerschool, #CFTleaders and #lamCFT.

Schedule-At-A-Glance

Monday, June 24th

10:00am Registration desk is open

12:00pm Lunch begins

1:00pm Opening Session

2:00pm Courses

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Conference welcome: Come hang out by the bonfire after dinner and make S'mores!

Tuesday, June 25th

9:00am Courses

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Class continues

6:00pm Dinner

Wednesday, June 26th

9:00am Courses

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Class continues

6:00pm Dinner/Mixer

Bonfire available at 7:30pm

Thursday, June 27th

9:00am Courses

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Class continues

6:00pm Dinner

Friday, June 28th

9:00am Courses

12:00pm Lunch

Schedule

Monday	June 24, 2024	
10:30am – 1:00pm	Registration	Merrill Hall
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	Crocker Dining Hall
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Opening General Session	Merrill Hall
	Introduction & Land Acknowledgement Christopher Arellano, Training Director	
	Code of Conduct Juan Ramirez, Executive Vice President Conference Welcome Jeffery Freitas, President	
2:00 – 5:00pm	Courses	
	 Building Local Union Power Through Organizing and Member Engagement 	Fredd Farr Forum
	Crash Course for New Presidents & Leaders	Kiln
	 How to use DEI and Cultural Proficiency as an Asset in your Educational Community 	Surf & Sand
	 Politics and Communications: Running Effective Campaigns 	Oak Shelter
	 Winning the Best Contract — Contract Negotiations and Campaigns 	Scripps
6:00 – 7:00pm	Dinner	Crocker Dining Hall
7:00pm	Bonfire & S'mores with Hot Chocolate	Firepit

Tuesday	June 25, 2024	
9:00am - 12:00pm	Courses	
	 Building Local Union Power Through Organizing and Member Engagement 	Fredd Farr Forum
	Crash Course for New Presidents & Leaders	Kiln
	 How to use DEI and Cultural Proficiency as an Asset in your Educational Community 	Surf & Sand
	 Politics and Communications: Running Effective Campaigns 	Oak Shelter
	 Winning the Best Contract — Contract Negotiations and Campaigns 	Scripps
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	Crocker Dining Hall
1:00 – 5:00pm	Courses Continued	

	Building Local Union Power Through Organizing	Fredd Farr Forum
	and Member Engagement	
	Crash Course for New Presidents & Leaders	Kiln
	 How to use DEI and Cultural Proficiency as an 	Surf & Sand
	Asset in your Educational Community	
	 Politics and Communications: Running Effective 	Oak Shelter
	Campaigns	
	 Winning the Best Contract — Contract 	Scripps
	Negotiations and Campaigns	
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner	Crocker Dining Hall

Wednesday	June 26, 2024	
9:00am - 12:00pm	Courses	
	 Building Local Union Power Through Organizing 	Fredd Farr Forum
	and Member Engagement	
	Crash Course for New Presidents & Leaders	Kiln
	 How to use DEI and Cultural Proficiency as an 	Surf & Sand
	Asset in your Educational Community	
	 Politics and Communications: Running Effective 	Oak Shelter
	Campaigns	
	 Winning the Best Contract — Contract 	Scripps
	Negotiations and Campaigns	
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch	Crocker Dining Hall
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Courses Continue	
	 Building Local Union Power Through Organizing 	Fredd Farr Forum
	and Member Engagement	
	 Crash Course for New Presidents & Leaders 	Kiln
	 How to use DEI and Cultural Proficiency as an 	Surf & Sand
	Asset in your Educational Community	
	 Politics and Communications: Running Effective 	Oak Shelter
	Campaigns	
	 Winning the Best Contract — Contract 	Scripps
	Negotiations and Campaigns	
6:00pm	Dinner and Mixer	Merrill Hall
	Welcome	
	Juan Ramirez, Executive Vice President	
	Bonfire available	Firepit

June 27, 2024	
Courses	
 Building Local Union Power Through Organizing and Member Engagement 	Fredd Farr Forum
	Courses

	 Crash Course for New Presidents & Leaders 	Kiln
	 How to use DEI and Cultural Proficiency as an Asset in your Educational Community 	Surf & Sand
	 Politics and Communications: Running Effective Campaigns 	Oak Shelter
	 Winning the Best Contract — Contract Negotiations and Campaigns 	Scripps
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch	Crocker Dining Hall
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Courses Continue	
	 Building Local Union Power Through Organizing and Member Engagement 	Fredd Farr Forum
	 Crash Course for New Presidents & Leaders 	Kiln
	 How to use DEI and Cultural Proficiency as an Asset in your Educational Community 	Surf & Sand
	 Politics and Communications: Running Effective Campaigns 	Oak Shelter
	 Winning the Best Contract — Contract Negotiations and Campaigns 	Scripps

Friday	June 28, 2024	
9:00am - 12:00pm	Courses	
	Building Local Union Power Through Organizing	Fredd Farr Forum
	and Member Engagement	
	 Crash Course for New Presidents & Leaders 	Kiln
	 How to use DEI and Cultural Proficiency as an 	Surf & Sand
	Asset in your Educational Community	
	 Politics and Communications: Running Effective 	Oak Shelter
	Campaigns	
	 Winning the Best Contract — Contract 	Scripps
	Negotiations and Campaigns	
12:00pm	Program Concludes	
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch	Crocker Dining Hall

Courses

Building Local Union Power Through Organizing and Member Engagement

Internal organizing is the foundation of a strong union. With a focus on having high membership and engaged members, the course will cover issue organizing and the work needed to build a powerful local union. Participants discuss concrete ways to build an effective communication network at the worksite so that members are informed about and involved in union activities. We hope that participants will leave this session ready to inspire and motivate their colleagues to get involved in the union.

Trainers:

Jacqueline Daugherty, AFT Union Leadership Institute, David Hecker, AFT Representative, Ramiro Hernandez, Western Regional Director, Pablo Acosta, CFT Project Organizer, Olivia Blydenburgh, CFT Project Organizer, Jonathan Coelho, CFT Project Organizer, Chrysanthemum Raynes, CFT Project Organizer, and Alaysha Sisson, CFT Project Organizer

Crash Course for New Presidents & Leaders

This course is designed for local presidents elected within the last two years, and those wanting a refresher course. We will cover the basic knowledge you need as an AFT local president, provide participatory training on useful leadership skills, and allow you to share best practices and challenges leader-to-leader.

Trainers:

Martha Figueroa, CFT Field Representative and Kassi Harris, CFT Field Representative

How to use DEI and Cultural Proficiency as an Asset in your Educational Community

This course is based on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) practices and the Cultural Proficiency Framework and will allow you to put the framework into practice at your worksite. Cultural Proficiency is the policies and practices in an organization, or the values and behavior of an individual, that enable the person or institution to engage effectively with people and groups who are different from them. Cultural Proficiency is an inside out approach that influences how people relate to their colleagues, clients, and community. DEI and Cultural Proficiency is a lens for examining one's work and one's relationships in schools and worksites. At the end of the course, you will use the results from the project to prepare a final presentation describing how to apply your work to your organization.

Trainers:

Dr. Christopher Arellano, *CFT Training Director* and Erica Williams, *CFT Field Representative*

Politics and Communications: Running Effective Campaigns

This course will focus on helping leaders and members strengthen the political and communications work of their local. It will feature segments that discuss COPE fundraising, identifying candidates for local office, running school board or board of trustee elections, keeping campaigns legal, effective communication for political campaigns, internal and external communication strategies, and lobbying tools for local and statewide advocacy. Participants could be local union officers, COPE chairs, and members who will be directly engaged in the local's political and communications work.

Trainers:

Ingrid Gunnell, CFT Political Organizer, Matthew Hardy, CFT Communications Director, Jessica Ulstad, CFT Political Director and Nason McCarthy, Communications Specialist

Winning the Best Contract — Contract Negotiations and Campaigns

Collective bargaining is at the heart of union organizing. When workers act together, we have a better chance of achieving gains for our families and our students. This simulation-based course will focus on the basic strategies, best practices, and skills necessary to ensure that your local union is in a good position to negotiate the best contract possible.

Trainers:

Jason Elias, CFT Field Representative, Sarah Henne, CFT Field Representative and Dan Martin, CFT Field Representative