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## Elderberry Handling & Preserving: Interactive Workshops on Best Practices for Food Safety



*Elderberry Harvest. Photo Credit: Evett Kilmartin.*

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**Join us at the beautiful Cedar Pass Snow Park in Modoc County to learn about elderberry handling and preserving techniques with a focus on food safety!**

*These workshops will feature hands-on activities, expert guest speakers, demos, and taste-testing.*

**Participants will learn:**

- Food safety best practices for harvesting, washing, drying, and preserving elderberries
- Methods for harvesting, washing, drying, and preserving elderberries
- About [California Cottage Food Law](#) as it pertains to making elderberry products
- And sample delicious elderberry products!

**Who should attend:**

- Small-scale elderberry growers and foragers
- Makers of value-added products and Cottage Foods using elderberries
- Anyone interested in food preservation and safe food handling

**Location:**

Cedar Pass Snow Park, Co Rd 195, Cedarville, CA 96104 (no cell service - plan ahead or see map below)

**When ([sign up](#) for one or both days):**

Tuesday, August 27th, 5:30-8:00pm

- Harvest activity with advice for food safety
- Washing demo with guidance on sanitizers and small-scale systems
- Destemming methods, including basket destemmer demo
- Drying techniques with tips for safe food handling

Wednesday, August 28th, 10:00am-1:00pm

- Elderberry preserving activity with food safety guidance
- Information about [California Cottage Food Law](#)

**Registration:** <https://ucanr.edu/modoc-elderberry>

**Cost:** \$5 per workshop

**About Blue Elderberry:**

[Western Blue Elderberry](#) grows naturally in California, and farmers and land stewards are including it in hedgerow plantings as a way of increasing biodiversity on agricultural landscapes. In addition to ecological benefits, growers can process or preserve elderberries to make value-added products, such as jams, syrups, and cordials.

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Visit the UC SAREP [Elderberry](#) website to learn more about producing blue elderberries in hedgerows.