

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In order to insure the success of the program, we need your help and cooperation:

- Children must attend all 16 sessions (two absences are allowed).
- Children need to **arrive promptly at 8:30 a.m.**, or ideally 10 minutes early.
- Children should come with appropriate clothes, closed end shoes, suntan lotion and water.
- All cell phones should be turned off or left in your vehicle.
- Parents and children should expect to stay to the end of the session and attend all ongoing garden functions.
- Don't forget – everyone needs to sign in-and-out.
- Parents should contact their Lead Section Instructor if a child cannot attend a Tuesday session.
- If the child or family member is not present when their vegetables need to be harvested, the Section Leader will allocate that harvest to someone else. Nothing goes to waste in the garden. This is referred to as "The Harvest Rule".
- Parents should be active with their child in the garden experience. Help the Section Volunteer's where appropriate, but remember to let your child do the work!
- Only the child participating in the program is allowed in the garden.

Take pride in your Section, individual plot and the entire garden.

- Help your child be in his or her proper place for Youth Gardener presentations and Junior Master Gardener activities.
- The garden is for all of us. We all need to take care of it and respect it. This includes taking care of tools and staying inside the garden gates. Have your child clean his or her tools and return them to the supply shed.
- Respect your neighbor's plot and space.
- Monitor children for safety and adherence to all rules (no running, no walking in the beds, etc.).
- Attend all meetings called by the Garden, Extension Staff or Main Lead Instructor. If you are unable to attend, contact Staff or Lead Instructor for updates.
- Notify Lead Instructor at your earliest convenience, if you are not able to attend a session. Section volunteers and parents must work together and communicate with one another for appropriate coverage in their section and the overall success of the program.
- Everyone should learn and have fun!