

January 2017

Dear Future Gardeners:

The Junior Master Gardener Committee is excitedly making final plans for the annual Grow Team Program to be held at the Monmouth County Agriculture Building, 4000 Kozloski Road in Freehold. The program is for children ages 9 to 11 years. Your child will enjoy a fun-filled and unique eight-week gardening program which will include hands-on experiences in both the classroom and in the garden under the supervision of certified Rutgers Master Gardeners. Children completing all eight weeks of this program will receive certification as Junior Master Gardeners.

The topics covered in the program include Seeds and Plant Benefits, Plant Growth and Development, Soils and Water, Ecology and Environmental Horticulture, Landscape Horticulture, Insects and Plant Disease, Vegetables, Herbs and Fruit and Harvesting. Your child will enjoy unlocking the mysteries of seed germination, learning how to propagate plants, experimenting with soil composition, creating a vermicompost container, dissecting flowers and seeds to see how they work, examining and identifying insects, and harvesting their gardens.

Upon completion of the program, the children are encouraged to return to the garden to harvest produce for their families or for donation to local food banks. Children may also enter their produce in the Monmouth County Fair Home Gardeners' competition in July and will be shown how to prepare their entries.

The Grow Team Program will be held on Saturday mornings with classroom drop-off at 9:15 a.m. at the rear entrance to the Agriculture Building. Pick up time at the garden is 12:30 p.m. The classes are scheduled for April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20, June 3, June 10, June 17 and June 24, 2017. There is a \$30.00 registration fee (additional siblings are \$25.00 each) and class size is limited to 18 children.

Please complete and return the enclosed application and media release with the registration fee by January 31, 2017. Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions, please contact the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County at 732-431-7260. We look forward to seeing your child in the garden!

Sincerely,

Tom Lang

Tom Lang, Chair
Junior Master Gardener Committee
Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County

Volunteer through Horticulture



Junior Master Gardener 2017 Program Application

Please complete the form below and send it with a \$30.00 check made payable to Rutgers, The State University, by the submission deadline of January 31, 2017 to:

Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County
Junior Master Gardener Program
4000 Kozloski Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Child's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Child's shirt size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Please explain any health conditions, allergies or disabilities: _____

Please note that no medications will be administered by our volunteers.

Do you anticipate any circumstances that would prevent your child from attending all eight sessions and fulfilling the requirements for certification in the JMG course (i.e., sports or other Saturday morning commitments)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain:





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x-7280 ARMA
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732-303-7614 Master Gardeners
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Media Release for Minors

I hereby authorize Rutgers Cooperative Extension to use all of my child's spoken and written comments for news articles, success stories, videotapes, and/or audiocassette tapes about the Junior Master Gardener program offered by the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County. I also acknowledge that the above-named organization has my permission to distribute my child's/children's photograph and/or videotape clip as part of its educational and promotional programming efforts. I further acknowledge that my authorization and permission is voluntary and I will not be paid any royalties, fees, or other form of remuneration.

Name of child _____

Name of Parent _____

Signature of Parent _____

Date _____