

Garden Class Registration

The classes held at the Growing Kids Educational Garden are designed for children in kindergarten through the 4th grade. The garden is located in the Park at Harlinsdale Farm on Franklin Road across the street from The Factory retail/office complex.



Garden tools, plants and seeds are provided for the classes. However, there are a few things that you need to provide for your child:

Sunscreen - The garden is in a full sun location, so put on the sunscreen! A sun visor or hat would also help to prevent sunburn.

Closed toe shoes - Protect their feet - No flip-flops or sandals in the garden.

Garden gloves - Good for digging around in the dirt and pulling weeds.

A parent or guardian of a child must remain in the garden area during the classes. Kids do not have to attend every class at the Growing Kids garden. But the more they attend, the more they learn! **Classes are subject to change due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts with guest teachers.** If cancellation or rescheduling of a class is necessary, notification will be by phone and/or email.

Below is the schedule for the 2015 classes at the Growing Kids Educational Garden:

June Classes:

Garden Heroes: Which bugs are the heroes in the garden and which bugs are the bad guys?

Mind Your Own Bees-ness: All about bees and why they are so important to gardens and the overall environment. Johnson's Honey Farm will bring beehives and honey to class!

The Big Green Fling & Squash Smash: Learn and "fling" what should go into the compost pile to make healthy soil and smash squash and other veggies to learn more about saving seeds from garden crops

A Berry Good Day: It's "Super Fruit Day" in the garden with blackberries & blueberries. Both taste good and are very good for your body too

No Class on July 2nd

July Classes:

Pickin' Party: Picking vegetables, fruit and flowers to sell at the Franklin Farmers Market

Jr. Farmers: Be just like the farmers and sell veggies/fruits and flowers from your garden at the Franklin Farmers Market

Moo-ving On Out: A field trip visit to Bear Creek Farm

Don't Mess With Mother Nature: A lesson on why growing organically is better for both your body and the environment

Melon Mania: Watermelons, cantaloupes and pumpkins, oh my!

August Event:

Garden Party: Enjoy the taste of what you raised with garden goodies prepared by a special guest chef

Classes last approximately one hour and include work inside the garden area like picking produce and weeding. Classes will be held at 10am.

Registration for garden classes begins on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and class registration is for one month at a time. For example, registration for June classes will begin on May 12th. The majority of classes take place on Thursdays. Classes with special guest farmers could take place on a different day of the week.

Tuesdays at the garden are work days. Your child can attend a work day at the garden to help with weeding, garden maintenance, etc. Participating in a garden work day is not mandatory. If you would like information on a garden work day, please email: ffeducationalfoundation@gmail.com

All garden classes are free, but donations to help the garden grow are much appreciated!

Registration is now open for July classes. To sign up, please fill out the registration form and mark which classes your child will attend. Please date and sign the release form to complete registration.

2015 July Classes

All July classes at the kids garden begin at 10am. Please check the classes your child will attend:

____ **Thursday/July 9th - Pickin' Day**

____ **SATURDAY/July 11th - Jr. Farmers Day at the FFM**

____ **Thursday/July 16th - Don't Mess With Mother Nature**

____ **Thursday/July 23rd - "Moo-ving On Out" Farm Visit**

____ **Thursday/July 30th - Melon Mania**

Fill out the registration form completely:

Child's name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zipcode: _____

Birth date: _____ Phone#: _____ Email: _____

If you are enrolling more than one child, please fill out their information below:

Child's name: _____ Nickname _____

Child's name: _____ Nickname _____

Parent or Guardian's name: _____

Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Does your child have any allergies or special health considerations? If so, please list below: _____

Release and Waiver:

I/We the parents/legal guardian of the above child, participating in the 2015 Growing Kids Educational Garden, hereby give my/our approval to his/her participation in any and all the activities of the program. I/We assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities. I/We do further hereby indemnify, hold harmless, and forever release the Franklin Farmers Market Educational Foundation, City of Franklin, its mayor and alderman, representatives, agents, servants and employees, from and against any and all claims or actions of any and all persons for judgments, losses, expenses, death, bodily injury, or damage to property which arises from or is a result of his/her participation in the garden program, negligent act, error or omission whether such claims are based in whole or in part upon the negligence of the Participant or the Franklin Farmers Market Educational Foundation or City of Franklin for any defect in equipment, any site condition, or any negligence by any person, including other participants.

Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____
(registration incomplete without signature)

There are two ways to complete registration. You may email the completed registration form to: ffmeducationalfoundation@gmail.com . If you email the registration form, you will need to bring the **signed release form** to the first garden class your child attends.

Or mail both the registration & release form to:

Growing Kids Educational Garden

P.O. Box 682931

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