



Groundwork SOMERVILLE

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ENRICH YOUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING WITH A GROUNDWORK SOMERVILLE GARDEN CLUB!

BACKGROUND: Groundwork Somerville (GWS) strives to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment through the development of community-based partnerships which empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well-being. Our work can be divided into three categories: healthy education, green jobs, and sustainable communities. In our hands-on garden education programs, knowledgeable staff lead children in activities that promote exploration of urban natural areas, planting and harvesting food, and learning to make sensible choices for their own health and the health of the planet.

GARDEN CLUBS: GWS healthy education staff are trained to lead weekly and bi-weekly 1 to 1.5 hour garden "clubs" for students in elementary and middle school. In the 2009-2010 school season, an average of eight weekly clubs met each season in elementary schools across the city. Club themes vary depending on season and age of club members. Possible themes include: seeds, flowers and pollinators, decomposition/composting and worms, nutrition and cooking balanced meals and snacks, garden maintenance, trees, birds, local food and the environment, and more!

ENRICH YOUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING WITH A GARDEN CLUB: GWS charges a sliding scale fee of \$60-90/hour for garden education programming. \$90 covers the cost of a garden educator and assistant and covers the cost of planning time and office overhead costs. Additional arrangements may be made for garden construction projects or site-specific activities with significant material costs. Past partnerships with community groups include garden workshops at the West Branch Library and a weekly Garden Club with summer campers at the Mystic Learning Center.

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Groundwork Somerville, please contact me to request a garden club at your site or if you have any questions,

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