Are you a middle school student interested in being outside & learning master gardener skills? Does snacking on fresh blueberries, learning how honey is made (& tasting it fresh from the comb), & growing food for yourself & your community excite you? If so, join the Groundwork Somerville Garden Youth Crew!

Garden Youth Crew Leadership Program for Middle School Students

Groundwork Somerville is offering an exciting opportunity for students entering grades 7 through 9 in 2014. This summer there are up to 10 spaces available for students to be part of a youth crew with Groundwork Somerville helping to maintain the gardens at Somerville School Gardens. Crew members will work 4-6 hours a week for 5 weeks from July 9th through August 9th. Upon completion of the program, each member with a full record of participation will receive a $50 stipend at the end of the summer. Youth will join a team that is dedicated to:

- Learning how to grow and harvest your own fresh vegetables and herbs
- Working together as a team and getting to know each other
- Giving back to the community
- Creating value-added garden products to sell at local farmers markets
- Going on fun, educational field trips in Somerville & beyond
- Cooking and tasting fresh veggies grown in your own school gardens

The Garden Youth Crew will meet at their site for 2-3 hours twice a week from July 9th through August 9th, 2014. The crew of students will work together each week to maintain and improve their school garden site. We plan to take several trips throughout the Greater Boston area as well. Participants will attend and sell at the Somerville Mobile Market either one Thursday or Saturday afternoon. Field trips are fun but not required, will be longer than 2 hours, and will include all GYC members.

This is a great program for anyone who enjoys working outdoors and craves greater responsibility!

Deadline to bring or send your application to our office is Wednesday, June 25th!

Flip this paper over to fill out an application!
Groundwork Somerville

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Groundwork Somerville Garden Youth Crew Application

Please return completed application to the address above, or post-marked by Wed. June 25th. We will be in touch with you soon and will interview applicants over the phone.

Crew Member Contact Information

Name: ______________________________ T-Shirt Size: ________________

Home Address: ____________________________

Home Phone: ___________________ Cell Phone (optional): ________________

Email (optional): ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________ Parent Phone: ________________

Personal Information

Medical Concerns or Allergies (food, bees, etc.): ____________________________

Birthday: ____________________ Age: _________ Grade: ___________

School: ______________________ Current Teacher: _______________________

Activities in School? Hobbies? (examples: sports, art, music, clubs, jobs)
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What languages do you speak? ____________________________

What days of the week would you be available? (We will typically meet at 9am for 2-3 hours, 2 days/week on a regular schedule) □ Mon □ Tues □ Wed □ Thurs □ Fri □ Sat

Transportation (check your answer):

Can you easily get to East Somerville Community School &/or Healey this summer? □ Yes □ No

Please use additional paper to answer the following questions. *REQUIRED

1. Have you ever been involved in a garden at your school, home, or in your community? What did you do?

2. Why do you want to join the Garden Youth Crew?

*For Parent/Guardian:

Answers do not affect whether applicants are accepted to the program, but a guardian signature is REQUIRED

Are financial need &/or access to fresh produce challenges your family faces? □ Yes □ No

Are you able to financially sponsor another youth's participation? □ Yes □ No

*REQUIRED: Please sign below to indicate that you read the other side of this sheet and support your child in applying to and participating in this program.*

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___________________________

*REQUIRED: Signature of Parent/Guardian