

The Children's Garden

July 11, 18, 25
August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2018



held at the
**Suffolk
County
Farm and
Education
Center**
in Yaphank



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Master Gardener Volunteer, Class of 2014

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The Children's Garden Registration Form

****SPECIAL OFFER**** If more than one child from the same family attends, the first child will be charged \$70, and each additional child will be charged \$35.

Parent's name _____

Child's name _____ Age _____

Child's name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone Number _____

Total enclosed \$ _____ Make check payable to: Cornell Cooperative Extension

Mail completed form to: Cornell Cooperative Extension • Children's Garden • 423 Griffing Avenue, Suite 100 • Riverhead, NY 11901-3071

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Exp. date: _____ Signature (if charging): _____

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Welcome to the Children's Garden at the Suffolk County Farm and Education Center! 2018 is the 26th consecutive year that the Master Gardener Volunteers of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County have offered this engaging and interactive summer gardening program that children love, and return to year after year!

Growing interest in the summer gardening program has led to its ongoing renovation and expansion of the garden, where children learn firsthand how to grow fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs, native and pollinator plants that attract many species of birds and butterflies. Children love to visit the whimsical Fairy Garden, create art in the garden, and learn all about recycling through composting and so much more.



Activities for the 2018 Children's Garden program include:

- ❁ Planting seeds and transplants in reclaimed (recycled) pots, to take and grow at home
- ❁ Learning about herbs, saving seeds, and Art on the Garden
- ❁ Tending the different garden areas, and learning about the birds, butterflies and beneficial insects that are attracted to them
- ❁ Planting square-foot gardens and growing food in raised beds
- ❁ Harvesting fruits and vegetables from the strawberry patch and vegetable gardens



- ❁ Learning about composting and how food scraps turn into 'Gardener's Gold' in our 3-bin compost system
- ❁ Exploring and playing in the bean teepee, sunflower house and garden gazebo
- ❁ Keeping a nature journal to record what they have learned and their experiences in the Children's Garden
- ❁ Favorite activities each year include a tour of the Butterfly House and wagon ride tour of the Farm, and our celebratory feast on the last day, when we harvest and enjoy the bounty of the garden we tended to all summer long.



The 2018 program provides a hands-on, engaging learning experience for children ages 5 through 12. Children will be included in one of two appropriate groups for their age, either 5-8 years or 9-12 years old*. Other than the last session on August 29, parents do not participate in the program.

The eight-week summer program meets every Wednesday morning, 10:00- 11:30 am from July 11 through August 29. Sessions cancelled due to weather conditions will not be rescheduled. Please inform us in writing of any serious allergies.

We hope your children can join us this summer. We have lots of new, exciting and fun activities planned! Feel free to contact Donna Alese Cooke, at dmc72@cornell.edu or 631-727-7850 ext 225, if you have any questions, or would like more information about the Children's Garden.

*Looking for a youth gardening program that lasts longer than the summer, or for your child over 12 years old? Ask about our new Junior Master Gardener Program for ages 8 & up!



Please mail the attached registration form before June 29, 2018 with your check or credit card information to:

The Children's Garden
Attn: Sarah Osborn
Cornell Cooperative Extension
423 Griffing Ave. Suite 100
Riverhead, NY 11901-3071

