




 Q&A

Keynote Speaker Rick Sherman

03 Mar 2017, 06:00 - 19:00

Why are we here, when we have absolutely no business gardening in our state? . . . Do you feel that your school garden is an island among itself, all alone? Rick will show you how to unite your school garden movement in your neighborhood/city/state in seven easy steps! Join Rick as he will share how Oregon became a leader in the farm to school and school garden movement, detailing how they united their State's school gardens into a mega-force.

155 Participants 	42 Questions 	404 Total votes	42 Highest vote 
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Question status breakdown:



42 Questions Allowed

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:02

What advice do you have for coordinating garden maintenance when school is out?

3 Comments:

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:07 • 2 ^

If you have an after school program in your area such as ACES or Connections in Mankato, possibly touch base with those programs to see if the children want to be involved with the maintenance.

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:17 • 1 ^

We have started a partnership with the school's summer childcare program as well as the Community Ed program to involve kids in the garden this summer. The Comm Ed piece could be paid if we do some lessons/activities with the kids. Kids are excited to have the chance to work in garden in the summer. New Ulm

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:29 • 2 ^

Work with your City's Parks and Recreation department to offer gardening camps. Set up a volunteer program to weed and water good source is the City Senior Center.

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:01 • ✓ ANSWERED

In one of your first slides, you showed container gardening on a chain link fence. Where are those containers from?

2 Comments:

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:04 • 2 ^

Woolly Pockets

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:11 • 3 ^

They are called Woolly Pockets- <http://www.woollypocket.com/>

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:02 • ✓ ANSWERED

Do you have go to curriculum that your schools have utilized successfully? Some examples?

2 Comments:

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:22

MN Agriculture in the classroom through the MN Dept. of Agriculture has a great school garden guide for all ages.

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:25

Slowfood USA has school garden curriculum available to download for free online as well.

24 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:00
What kind of standards connections have you seen with the school garden work?

23 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:02
What are the biggest barriers you hear from school administrations for school yard gardens?

22 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:01 • ✓ ANSWERED
How does the food get picked, processed, stored, used, canned?

1 Comment:

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:25

What role have contract foodservice companies played in school gardens compared to self operated?

19 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 09:42 • ✓ ANSWERED
Do you have advice about how to get students involved in the garden?

18 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:03
Do you know of resources for getting Early Childhood children involved in gardens/teaching Farm to School? Curriculums out there? (18months-5years old)

16 Comments:

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:15 • 4 ^ • 1 v

Our Center was the first Child Care facility in MN to receive a Farm to School grant! We have 76 kiddos working the earth, composting, harvesting eating and cooking with the bounty. I have pictures and would love to show you what we do. We are expanding this spring! Last year was our first full growing season and it was phenomenal! We have been fortunate to have Master Gardeners dedicate many hours for our children as well and have been the driving force for planning and implementation.

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:17 • 4 ^

What is your center called?

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:18 • 6 ^

Grow It Try It Like It curriculum is available online for free for early care www.fns.usda.gov

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:19 • 4 ^

Kate Lower with FoodCorps Iowa is here today. She is a service member that is working directly with early childhood this service term. I am sure she can give you some advice/guidance.

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:23 • 4 ^

Civic League Day Nursery. We are a non profit located in a historic home in Rochester. I

have just receive the Grow it. Try it. Like it. Curriculum. It looks really good. My name is Jackie and I am the Executive Director. Maybe we chat sometime today. :)

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:23 • 3 ^

Kate Lower - kate.lower@foodcorps.org Northeast Iowa Food and Fitness Initiative has a Farm to Preschool curriculum also available free online, check it out!

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:28 • 3 ^

Preschoolers- my people! my name is Kris and I would love to connect today or anytime with like minded people who enjoy gardening and preschoolers. Where can we meet up?

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:29

IATP has a curriculum - <http://www.iatp.org/documents/farm-to-childcare-curriculum-package>. Renewing the countryside coordinates trainings across MN - http://www.renewingthecountryside.org/farm_to_school.

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:31

Minnesota Department of Education has a Farm to Early Care resource list - <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/FNS/prog/CACFPCen/nut/>

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:32 • 2 ^

I am sitting 5th row from the front directly in front of Rick. I am wearing black and have my hair pulled back and am sitting next to a woman with striking white hair.

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:34 • 5 ^

Minnesota Department of Education table at the back of the Great Hall room will have free copies of Grow It, Try It, Like It Education kits available for attendees to take home. Contact Molly Butala at molly.butala@state.mn.us for more copies or info on Farm to Early Care in MN

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:38 • 1 ^

Maybe we could meet up at break time at 2pm. In lobby area?? Or other suggestions?

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:39 • 2 ^

Kris - I would love to meet up - I will hang out by the table with the Grow It, Try It, Like It kits in the back after this session. Anyone else interested in talking about early care please come by! - Molly Butala (Minnesota Dept. of Education) - wearing grey pants, dark purple/indigo cardigan sweater, white shirt.

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:39

I work with the SHIP grant in Wright county and am working with 12 home based and 3 centers. Would love to meet and share. After questions at the podium?

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:40 • 2 ^

Let's meet at the grow it try it table!

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:42

I will meet there as well! Jackie

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:04 • ✓ ANSWERED

How do we get a Rick Sherman in Minnesota? AKA a Farm to School/Schoolyard Garden Coordinator position in state government?

4 Comments:

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:25 • 1 ^

The bill was introduced to the MN Legislators on Thursday. Here is the House and Senate Bills: HF2049/SF1657.

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:48

Rep Kiel - <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=15353>

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:48

Senator Goggin - http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15482

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:52

Please also show support for school lunches with this bill: HF 1217 (Rep. Deb Kiel) & SF 1038 (Sen. Bill Weber) Worthington

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Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:02 • ✓ ANSWERED

How do you incorporate native foods?

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Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:03 • ✓ ANSWERED

What's your favorite way to get buy-in from resistant staff/admin/parents?

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 09:22 • ✓ ANSWERED

What can Minnesota do to get legislators on board?

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:01 • ✓ ANSWERED

Rick can you post your email again?

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:03

Who do you enlist for garden care during summer vacation and how do you get families invested to help?

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:05 • ✓ ANSWERED

How do you educate families in how to use the produce (i.e. cooking classes)? What regulations or obstacles might stand in the way?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:01 • ✓ ANSWERED
Have you worked with faculty from community colleges or other higher ed institutions to develop campus/community gardens?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:02 • ✓ ANSWERED
Should schoolyard gardens in Minnesota be in a greenhouse to be the most successful?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:02 • ✓ ANSWERED
Who else have you found, outside of schools, are a good source of support?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:03 • Hidden
Are you married?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:03 • ✓ ANSWERED
What is the grant you talked about that allows schools to get reimbursement for local foods and education?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:01 • ✓ ANSWERED
Can you please put the slide back up with your contact info?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:02 • ✓ ANSWERED
Can you talk a little more about the way you were able to get the grant money.

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:04 • ✓ ANSWERED
How is climate change playing a role in long-term planning of gardens and education in Oregon?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:06 • ✓ ANSWERED
What approach or ideas do you have for getting the paid Garden Coordinators at schools?

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:13 • ✓ ANSWERED

Are people familiar with the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership and the funding available for school gardens?

4 Comments:

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:22

You can usually find SHIP coordinator info on county websites. Checkout what Healthy Northland (NE 7 county region) is doing!!

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:29

Blue Earth County SHIP is here with local school garden staff today. Feel free to connect with Gretchen from Blue Earth County today.

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:30

All Minnesota counties receive SHIP funding but not all counties designate funds for school gardens. Ask your county if there is funding available and how to access those funds. Ask your public health office for information.

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:33

Wright County SHIP staff is here. Connect with Anna for more information on funding opportunities in Wright County/Wright County School Districts.

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Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:25

Do you have any specific examples of how your students with disabilities are included in this process? Particularly students more severely impacted by developmental or physical disabilities.

1 Comment:

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:37

Raised gardens at wheelchair height help. Also paths 4 feet wide to accommodate

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:02

what is your advice on how to start a school yard garden and have commitment from school and community?

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:03

Rick, how do you work through concerns for food safety barriers and resistance from our nutrition staff? Great garden, but no food to table yet.

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:04

Do your gardens grow food for pollinators as you teach kids how to widen the circle of compassion to others and show students the connection of pollinators to their food?

4 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:19
How do the food service kitchens plan to work with the produce? Are they involved with what is planted.

4 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:21
What are some ways you've seen school gardens connected to service learning?

4 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:30
How common is it in your area for school gardens to be used as a business (CSA, farmers market) as well as a teaching tool?

3 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:06
Are the majority of gardens maintained by one grade or class? Or is it a multi-class/grade effort?

3 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:20
How many schools that you work with are rural? How do we tackle barriers when we're in the middle of no where :)

2 VOTES Reid, north branch • 03 Mar 2017 10:07
What companies do you know that donate seeds? Can you direct us to some? -I know Adaptive Seeds does, in Sweet Home.

1 Comment:

Andrew, foodcorps iowa • 03 Mar 2017 10:24 • 1 ^

Seed savers exchange! They have a donation program for school gardens called 'Herman's Garden' www.seedsavers.org

2 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:08
What role does/should the school garden have in the classroom?

2 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:17
So many ed grants specify no staff payments. What grants might help with coordinator funding?

2 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:26
What are some ways you've seen school gardens connected to service learning?

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VOTE

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:16

How do you ensure that students respect garden space?

1 Comment:

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:28

Involve them from day one.

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VOTE

Barb mechura • 03 Mar 2017 10:34

This question is more for the people in the room driving the MN legislation - where can we find information on the bill so that we can support it?

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VOTE

Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:41

Do you work with any schools where students sell product at the local farmer's market?

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Anonymous • 03 Mar 2017 10:29

Many grants available are eligibility based. How do you recommend funding your garden if you do not meet those eligibility requirements. (Usually need to be 50% free and reduced)
