Children’s Garden Mentor Job Description 2015

Job description:
We are looking for four mentors for each of our Children’s Garden programs. As garden mentor you will be a role model to the younger gardeners in the session. If you love gardening, have experience gardening, and would like to help younger kids enjoy gardening, you should consider applying to become a garden mentor. We are looking for mentors who have the following qualifications:
- Have completed 2 years in the Children’s Garden Program or other garden experience
- Are at least 12 years old as of May 1, 2015
- Demonstrate ability to follow directions and work well with others
- Love gardening and nature exploration
- Like working with younger kids.
- Enjoy contributing ideas and working on special projects.
- Like being out-of-doors in all types of weather, rain or shine. (of course except in severe weather).

Responsibilities and expectations include:
- Assisting garden leaders in set up and clean up, including washing dishes, prepping snack, and wiping tables.
- Motivate the participants in the activities we are doing including weeding, watering, harvesting.
- Working alongside participants to complete activities.
- Modeling appropriate behavior to promote a peaceful garden environment.
- Showing enthusiasm and enjoying their time in the garden.

Commitment:
- One morning or afternoon per week. Mentors will be expected to arrive ½ hour before children arrive to help set up the day’s activities and will be expected to stay ½ hour after children are scheduled to leave to help cleanup. Times listed reflect set up and clean up time.
- In an effort to provide consistent mentoring for program participants, mentors are encouraged to consider their ability to commit for the entire program. We ask that you miss no more than two program days.

Sessions:
Mentors may choose any one of four garden sessions: Mighty Mites two session options, Seed Sowers, or Garden Chefs (mentors must be >16yrs old for Chefs). Read the descriptions, dates/times, and choose the session which works best for your schedule and interests you the most.

Questions:
Please call or email Melinda Hooker  612-301-3480  mhook@umn.edu

Thanks for your interest in becoming a mentor!!!
Mighty Mites for Entering Kindergarten - 1st Grade Grads

Monday Series (971-05-16-15)
Planting Saturdays: May 16 & June 6, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Summer Mondays: June 15, 22, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10 9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m.

OR

Wednesday Series (971-05-09-15)
Planting Saturdays: May 9 & 30, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Summer Wednesdays: June 17, 24 July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

This introductory experience has a focus on fun! Mighty Mites is the perfect place to start growing a love of gardening. Throughout the summer, we will dig, build, plant, weed, water, investigate, taste-test, explore, participate in scientific discovery, learn the value of teamwork, and marvel at what we make! Join us as we grow a garden full of favorites, including fun-size varieties that you'll love, from Baby Bush zucchini to Big Smile Sunflowers! Each week, we will receive new and great rewards from a small garden space.

Seed Sowers For 1st - 4th Grade Grads

Planting Saturdays 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: May 16 & June 6
Summer Mondays 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: June 15, 22 July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10

This year, Seed Sowers will have a spacey science explorer theme, so get ready to grow a garden that is out of this world! Learn about varietals with imaginatively stellar names, such as Flying Saucer Pattypan squash and Pluto basil. In pairs, you'll tend your very own garden-galaxies through planting, weeding, watering and harvesting...leaving time for science discovery and Arboretum explorations! You'll be "over the moon" during our taste-tests, as we create "out of this world" snacks and practice unexpected cooking techniques. Seed Sowers will make you and your garden a star!

Garden Chefs For 3rd - 8th Grade Grads

Planting Saturdays 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: May 9 & 30
Summer Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: June 17, 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12

Cook up some fun this summer in this culinary-focused, royalty-themed garden experience. In pairs, you will plant and tend your own garden plot fit for a king or queen! We will discover royal varieties of produce such as King of the North pepper and Lemon Queen sunflowers...and they will set up court in our gardens. Each week, we will have a royally good time as we discover and explore, spend time tending our garden plots, and transform our regal bounty into magnificent bites in the kitchen. Your friends and family will want to knight you for your garden-to-table skills!