Children’s Garden Mentor Job Description 2016

Job description:
We are looking for four mentors for each of our four 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 have other gardening experience
- Are at least 12 years old as of May 1, 2016
- 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 (except in severe weather!)

Responsibilities and expectations include:
- Assist garden leaders in set-up and clean-up, including washing dishes, prepping snack, and wiping tables.
- Motivate participants in activities such as weeding, watering, harvesting.
- Work alongside participants to complete activities.
- Model appropriate behavior to promote a peaceful garden environment.
- Show enthusiasm and enjoy 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 clean up. 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 throughout the summer.

Sessions:
Mentors may choose one of any of the four garden sessions: Mighty Mites (2 sessions), Seed Sowers or Garden Chefs. Mentors for Garden Chefs must be 16 years of age or older. 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 for more information: mhook@umn.edu or 612-301-3480.

Thanks for your interest in becoming a mentor!
Program dates and times for Children’s Garden 2016
Times listed reflect only program times, mentors should be available for ½ hour before and after each program for set-up and clean-up.

Mighty Mites for 5 - 7 year olds
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, plant, weed, water, harvest, investigate, taste-test, explore, participate in scientific discovery, learn the value of teamwork, and marvel at what we create! Join us as we grow a garden full of vegetables and flowers, and take our harvest to the kitchen to create delicious snacks. Each week, we will receive new and great rewards from a small garden space.

Monday Series
Planting Saturdays: May 14 & June 4, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Summer Mondays: June 13, 20, 27 July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

OR

Wednesday Series
Planting Saturdays: May 21 & June 11, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Summer Wednesdays: June 15, 22, 29, July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Seed Sowers for 7 - 10 year olds
Dig in and get ready for a summer of growing adventures! This summer's crop of Seed Sowers will be busy tending our living garden laboratory, investigating plant science and making garden fresh snacks. From seed sprouting, photosynthesis, and pollination to mixing, measuring and baking, we will have a hands-on adventure in the garden and kitchen. What discoveries will we make? Join us to find out!

Planting Saturdays: May 14 & June 4, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Summer Mondays: June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Garden Chefs for 9 - 13 year olds
Cook up some fun this summer as we create the perfect snacking garden. In pairs, plant and tend your very own garden plot, discover and explore, and transform our bounty into magnificent bites in the kitchen. Try out your new garden-to-table skills on your family and friends with the extra harvest you take home each week!

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