Glendale Community Education Drop In Program

This summer two Minnesota Landscape Arboretum staff are creating and providing programs to the Glendale and Prospect Park community on 27th and Essex Street in southeast Minneapolis. The Glendale area has set an example of successful low income housing for over 58 years with 184 town home units. Each Saturday afternoon these staff stop by to run a 2 hour long drop in program for both adults and children living within the community. The programs have a plethora of different activities ranging from garden bed maintenance to providing recipes and cooking simple meals with produce from the residents’ community gardens. We also bring along different projects, such as making cow pies and leaf rubbings for the children, some of which is taken from the Urban Children’s Garden in Residence curriculum.

Program Goals:

- To encourage children and adults to explore nature through the different hands on topics of cooking, gardening and art!
- To offer children regular interaction with, and support from, caring and encouraging adults who are role models for positive behavior.
- To enhance children’s feelings of self-esteem, self-sufficiency and a connection to their neighborhoods.
- To increase Glendale residents’ knowledge of horticultural, plant science, entomology concepts and gardening skills.
- To increase the community’s awareness of the interconnectedness of plants with products from everyday life, including food.
- To offer the community more opportunities for eating fresh, nutrition food and expanding personal food choices.

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