Arboretum Lasagna Beds Work Team
Urban Garden Youth Employment 2010

Arboretum Lasagna Beds is a work team of 6 urban teenagers (age 16) who use public speaking, networking, and research skills to communicate about lasagna bed* gardening in the Twin Cities metro area. The team will make a series of public multimedia presentations announcing their work’s progress and research findings. The team works 12 hours per week for 7 weeks, mid-June to mid-August.

Learning Goals

Through on-the-job training, work-team members will:

- Learn how to use a variety of organic materials to build and grow a lasagna-style garden
- Meet and interview professionals in the horticulture and urban-agriculture fields
- Experience working as a member of a work team
- Learn basic job skills
- Practice communication and public speaking techniques
- Practice computer technology skills
- Learn how to run a science experiment
- Network effectively within a community

* Lasagna bed garden: No-dig, no-till organic gardening method using layers of organic materials that “cook down” over time.

Kodiak Zugeler, Nipre Williams, Jasmine Wilkins, Jaimee Sanders & Cecil Porter (l-r) have just completed layering three different kinds of lasagna garden beds for their experiment (not pictured: Shaquille Dixon).