

# ADA VILLAGE KIDS GARDEN

## Information and Registration Packet

2011



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## Ada Village “Kids’ Garden” Program Information

### Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Ada Village Kids’ Garden is a new program to engage area youth, ages 9-12, in vegetable gardening, healthy lifestyles, business and service. The program will consist of hands-on activities in the garden, classroom instruction and involvement with the Ada Farmers’ Market. Activities will include planting, maintaining, harvesting crops plus selling produce at the Farmers’ Market with extra produce to be donated to local food banks.

### Location:

The Kids’ Garden is next to the Community Church in Ada with all activities there or inside the Church building. Staff from the Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department, the Community Church and volunteers from the MSU Master Gardener Program will supervise and instruct the youth participants. Parents and past Gardeners may also volunteer to help.

### Schedule information:

- \*Instructional and gardening sessions will take place on **Tuesdays** starting in April and continuing through August with a closing session in September.
- \*The sessions to be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup> will be held after school from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- \*The June 14 session will be in the morning, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- \*The June 21-August 30 sessions will have time slots set up for each participant to sign up for: (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.).
- \*A final recognition dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- \*Attached is a more detailed schedule with gardening and program.
- \*Note that there may be some other times to help with watering, weeding and harvesting.

### Program Fees:

\$70 per youth for the full season which covers all instruction, supplies and snacks. Full participation is encouraged but we understand that summer vacations and other obligations will occur so fees may be pro-rated for partial enrollment at \$4.00 per session with a \$50 minimum.

### How to Register:

Complete the attached registration form and submit it to the Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department office.

You may pre-register by phone (616-676-0520) or e-mail, but registration forms and fees must be received to the Park office before Kids may participate in the program.

### Please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or special needs.

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# Ada Kid's Garden 2011 Schedule

## **Part 1: April 26 through June - After school sessions 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, April 26 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- \*Welcome
- \*Classroom - Topic 1: Soil preparation, plant selection, garden journal
- \*Outdoor activity: Tour of garden and tool shed

Tuesday, May 3 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- \*Classroom - Topic 2: Plant structure and growth cycle
- \*Outdoor activity: Spread compost on garden



**Special notes:** \***Parent help day (5:00 – 6:00 p.m.)** – Come with wheelbarrows and yard rakes to rake compost – label all your tools

Tuesday, May 10 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- \*Classroom – Topic 3: Plant families, crop rotation, composting
- \*Outdoor activity: Mark planting rows, put up fences and trellis, decomposable weed barrier



**Special notes:** \* **Parent help day (5:00 – 6:00 p.m.)** – Come help put up bean and pea fences, cucumber trellis, apply newspapers between rows as a weed barrier  
Bring buckets, shovels, sledge hammer or post pounders – label all tools

Tuesday, May 17 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- \*Classroom – none
- \*Outdoor activity: Planting cool-season crops

Tuesday, May 24 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- \*Classroom – none
- \*Outdoor activity: Planting warm-season crops

Tuesday, May 31 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- \*Classroom – Topic 4: Pest control, beneficial insects, plant diseases
- \*Outdoor activity: Garden maintenance

Tuesday, June 7 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- \*Classroom – Topic 5: Food preservation and storage
- \*Outdoor activity: Garden maintenance

Tuesday, June 14 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- \*Classroom – Topic 6: Pollination (guest speaker)
- \*Outdoor activity: Practice setting up for market!!



**Special notes: A Morning Session: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

## **Part 2: June 21 – through August 30 – summer session. During one of the May sessions you will sign up for time slots to coordinate with the “Market Schedule.” This is somewhat flexible to facilitate everyone’s needs.**

**Market Schedule:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. to 6:30ish p.m.

- \*10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. shift includes setting up for market, harvesting vegetables, and selling at market – bring lawn chair, lunch and plenty to drink
- \*1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. shift includes selling at market – bring lawn chair, snack and plenty to drink
- \*4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. shift includes selling at market, donating unsold produce to gleaners, and tearing down our stand – bring lawn chair, snack and plenty to drink

Tuesday, June 21 – market schedule

- \*Farmers’ Market opens

Tuesday, June 28 – market schedule

- \*Farmers’ Market

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Tuesday, July 5 – market schedule

\*Farmers' Market

Tuesday, July 12 – market schedule

\*Farmers' Market

Tuesday, July 19 – market schedule

\*Farmers' Market

Tuesday, July 26 – market schedule

\*Farmers' Market

Tuesday, August 2 – market schedule

\*Farmers' Market

Tuesday, August 9 – market schedule

\*Farmers' Market

Tuesday, August 16 – market schedule

\*Farmers' Market

Tuesday, August 23 – market schedule

\*Farmers' Market

Tuesday, August 30 – market schedule

\*Farmers' Market – last day for our booth

Tuesday, September 6 – NO SESSION

Tuesday, September 13 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

\*Potluck and awards

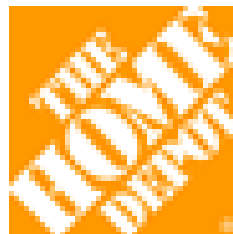
**Special note:** whole families invited



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**Including:**



**Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department**  
**Ada Village "Kids' Garden"**  
**2011 Registration Form**

**Participant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Number(s):**  
Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Alt. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Will parent or guardian plan to stay for the sessions? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If youth is to be dropped off and picked up by someone else, who is allowed to do so?  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any health items, medications or special needs we need to be aware of?  
(ex. allergies, ...) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other concerns/questions: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you allow photo's taken in the program to be used in promotional materials? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

As the parent/guardian of the participant, do you understand and accept that there are risks associated with outdoor activities in park settings and recreation activities such as gardens that may lead to injury or loss? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Program Fees:**

\$ 70 per youth for the full season. Notes: Full participation is encouraged but we understand that summer vacations and other obligations will occur so fees may be pro-rated for partial enrollment at \$4.00 per session with a \$50 minimum.

**Payment Calculations:**

**Check Option:**

\_\_\_ **Full Season @ \$70** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ **Partial Season @ \$4/ session with a \$50 minimum** or \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Circle expected dates to attend: April 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;  
June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; September 12  
Total sessions expected x \$4 / session = \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Ada Township. Send form and payment to:**

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