

Attention Teens! Register for the Summer 2016 Youth Urban Agriculture Project!

Are you a youth who would like to make a difference in your community, learn about sustainable gardening, and gain leadership, culinary & teamwork skills?



Benefits:

- All participants who complete 25 hours of service* will receive a certificate of service and agriculture.
- Learn about food, nature and our earth
- Meet new friends and have fun!
- Gain leadership skills and service hours*
- Enjoy a productive summer outdoors
- Participate in 4-H county, state and national events

*Service hours count towards school mandate

Qualifications:

- Recruiting all youth 12 thru 17 years old
- Must be willing to commit 25+ hours of community service at garden sites in Montclair, Jersey City, Irvington and/or Newark from June-October (1-2 days /week)
- Must be willing to do hard work outside in all types of weather
- Likes to work with others, learn new things, and share your enthusiasm with others

* Please contact the Essex County 4-H office for information about garden clubs for youth ages 12 and younger.



For schedules and registration materials visit our website:



<http://essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/>
Essex County 4-H Youth Development
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The 4-H Urban Agriculture Youth Program is in partnership with Montclair Community Farms Coalition, the East Orange Library, the Pershing Field, the Rutgers Master Gardeners, Rutgers VETs, and the Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery.



Urban Youth Farm Club Program Agreement

Select which farm/garden site(s) you wish to participate at. Please note that the first week starts July 1st and each site meets once a week until the end of August (unless otherwise noted). All participants are invited to showcase their work at the 4-H Fall Fair on September 24th, and will be recognized at the 4-H award ceremony on November 19th. Each site has its own style and learning environment. Youth can select more than one site.

 East Orange Library (21 S Arlington Ave, East Orange): Thursdays 3:30-4:30- Help us grow veggies in the library beds while participating in hands on food tasting and growing activities.

 Montclair Community Farm (108 Orange Rd, Montclair): Fridays 10:00-12:00- Youth assist with maintaining 26 vegetable beds and care for the chickens to support the Senior Access Mobile Stand. Youth will be asked to stay late on selected dates to help with the mobile farm stand sales and are also welcome to join us on Saturday mornings during open volunteer days.

 The Children's Garden, Branch Brook Park (Cherry Blossom Center, Branch Brook Park, Newark): Saturdays 10:00-12:00- Youth work alongside the Rutgers Master Gardeners to learn and help grow the Children's Garden. Elementary age students will be invited at the end of the season to work alongside teens.

 The Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery (435 Newark Avenue, Jersey City): Wednesdays 3:30-5:30 –Youth work with a team of adult volunteers and resident goats to maintain and restore the historic gardens at the Harsimus Cemetery. Participants learn about gardening for food, and special topics such as maintaining historical sites.

 Pershing Field Gardens (201 Central Ave, Jersey City): Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 –Youth work with a team of adult volunteers to beautify the Pershing Field gardens through thoughtful garden design and implementation.

 West Hudson First Park Community Garden (Kearny): TBD: Youth work to beautify the park and learn about team projects by doing all aspects via self directed teams.

 Hay Barrel Community Garden (Kearny): Thursdays 11:30-1:30: Our garden sites alongside the Passaic river and sits in hay barrels. Come learn about community service and non-traditional gardening!



Terms

- I understand the primary objectives of this program are to have fun and learn about plants, agriculture, and our food, through a direct connection to our local natural environment. I will be working with a team of youth and adult leaders and will bring positive energy and enthusiasm to the team!
- I understand all hours served will count towards school or Scout required community service hours.
- I will try to complete 25+ hours of service by participating in weekly meetings and working at the sites from June 30th-October 30th. I have the opportunity to volunteer at of season events and additional community garden sites to help achieve these hours if need.
- I agree to text, call or email the site leader(s) if I will not make my committed schedule.
- I will do my best to attend all scheduled meeting dates and lessons in rain or shine.
- I will work hard and will try my best to meet new people and learn new things.
- I understand I will only receive a certificate of completion after 25 hours of service are complete.
- I understand I will have the opportunity to showcase my work at the annual 4-H Fall Fair.

Please sign below to acknowledge you agree to the above terms. Be sure you selected the location(s) you would like to volunteer. Forms can be emailed or mailed to: 162 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102 or essex4h@njaes.rutgers.edu. Once this form is received you will be emailed a confirmation from the 4-H office.

Youth Name: _____

Youth Cell: : _____

Youth Signature: _____

Youth Email: _____

As a parent/guardian of the above-named Applicant, I agree to support my child's participation in the 4-H program and abide by the policies, procedures and standards of behavior set forth by the 4-H Youth Development Department.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent Email: _____