

The Youth Garden Project

SPRING BREAK CAMP FAQ's

(updated 2018)

When is Spring Break Camp held?

Spring Break Camp is a half day camp (9am to 1pm) and is held Monday through Friday of the vacation week.

Who are the Youth Garden Project camp instructors?

Julie Zender is the Youth Programs Director. She handles all camp registrations, manages the program, and supports the Youth Programs Instructors. At least two instructors will be with your child each day. Youth Programs Instructors are at YGP for six months completing an internship program. Our instructors have prior experience working with groups of elementary-aged children; have an interest in connecting them to various aspects of nature and the outdoors; and will receive multiple trainings related to working with youth.

What is the child to instructor ratio?

We maintain a camper/instructor ratio of 8:1. There will be no more than 16 campers registered for camp. Julie, Youth Programs Director, over-sees camp and additional YGP staff and interns will also be on site for the majority of the camp day.

How will I know when my child is signed up?

After you submit registration materials you will receive a registration confirmation e-mail. Included in the confirmation will be information about drop off and pick up and suggestions on how to prepare your child for the morning at YGP.

What does my child need for camp?

CLOTHING

- Please send your child to camp in comfortable clothes and shoes that can (and likely will!) get dirty. We recommend sneakers. If you send your child to camp in sandals, please ensure they have a back heel strap. Additionally, we suggest to apply and pack sunscreen.

FOOD

- The Youth Garden Project will provide a healthy morning snack and lunch. All food served will be vegetarian and incorporate garden ingredients when possible. Please be sure to list specific food allergies (and severity of allergy) or other specific dietary restrictions on the parental release form. Please send your child with a water bottle!

DO NOT BRING

- Electronic games, personal toys, etc. Cell phones are not allowed to be used at camp. Your child will be asked to turn their cell phone off and put it away until pick-up time. If you need to contact your child, please call the office at 259-2326 (BEAN). If there is an emergency, you can reach Julie Zender, Youth Programs Director, on her cell phone at 847-204-8121 or Ruth Linford, YGP Executive Director, at 801-389-6099.

Are there any additional fees?

No, the cost of the camp includes all materials, take-home projects, snacks, and lunch.

What is your payment and cancellation policy?

Spring Break Camp is \$80 for the week. Full payment for camp is due at the time of registration starting on: *February 21st, 2018*. If you find you need to cancel registration for any reason, tuition refund will be contingent upon YGP's ability to fill your camper's spot.

If you are applying for tuition assistance please submit the application with your registration form. We will be in touch on or before the week of March 19th, 2018 regarding tuition assistance awards, and payment for camp will be due by the first day of camp: March 26th, 2018.

Can someone else other than the listed authorized individuals pick up my child?

If your child will be regularly picked up by someone other than yourself or another parent/guardian please list them on the registration in the section titled "Individuals Authorized to Pick-up My Child." If your child is going to be picked up by someone other than those you have listed on the registration form, let us know as soon as possible. You may send the child to camp with a written note of permission, or if it is last minute, call the Youth Garden Project office at 259-2326. If you plan to have your child walk and/or bike to camp daily, please provide written permission on the first day so they can sign themselves in/out and thus are properly accounted for at the end of the day.

What are your behavioral expectations?

In order to foster a fun and safe learning environment, the Youth Garden Project asks that all participants follow the CARES models of behavior expectations. Please go over the model below with your child before the start of the program. We will go over the CARES model in detail with campers at the beginning of the week.

C: Cooperation

- Follow directions.
- Work as a team.

A: Attitude

- Come ready to have fun!
- Come ready to try new things!

R: Respect

- Please follow KYHFOOTY: "Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself."
- Kindness and respect should be shown to all campers, staff, and guests at all times.
- Be gentle with plants and animals at the garden.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Please use an indoor voice in the Shafer Home and the YGP Kitchen.

E: Empathy

- Follow the Golden Rule: treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it.

S: Safety

- Stay with the group at ALL times.
- Walking feet only at the garden.
- Try your hardest not to step on any plants-stay on the woodchip pathways!
- Wash your hands after visiting animals.
- Stay hydrated by drinking a lot of water.
- Please do not share your food.

Anyone who does *not* follow the above expectations will:

1. Be given one verbal warning and discuss behavior with an instructor.
2. If behavior continues, the camper will be removed from the activity (time-out) with a follow-up discussion with an instructor. If more than one time-out is given in a day, family will be notified at pick-up.
3. If more than three time outs are given in a day or as deemed appropriate by staff, the camper will meet privately with the Youth Programs Director. In some cases, a parent/guardian will be called immediately. Depending on severity, if issues continue, the child will be dismissed for the remainder of the day or week. Camp tuition will not be refunded.

Still have questions?

E-mail julie@youthgardenproject.org or call us at 259-BEAN!

