

The Youth Garden Project

FALL BREAK CAMP FAQ'S

When is Fall Break Camp held?

Fall Break Camp is a full day camp (9:00am-3:00pm) held Thursday & Friday during Fall Break, October 20-21.

Who are the Youth Garden Project camp instructors?

Erin Vick is the Youth Programs Director. She manages the youth camps from handling camp registrations to supporting the Youth Programs Instructors. These instructors will be planning and facilitating the majority of camp. Our instructors have prior experience working with groups of children; have an interest in connecting them to various aspects of garden-based education and the outdoors; and will receive *multiple* trainings related to working and engaging 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. The Youth Programs Director over-see the day-to-day operations of camp and *at least* two instructors will be with your child each 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 & pick-up and suggestions on how to prepare your child for camp!

What does my child need for camp?

CLOTHING

- o Please send your child to camp in comfortable clothes and shoes that can (and likely will!) get dirty. We recommend sturdy sneakers. If you send your child to camp in sandals, ensure they have a back heel strap. Dress your camper in layers, as it can be cool in the mornings and warm up in the afternoons. Additionally, we suggest to apply and pack sunscreen.

FOOD

- o YGP provides a healthy morning and afternoon snack in addition to lunch. All food served will be vegetarian and incorporate garden ingredients as much as possible. Please be sure to list specific food allergies (and severity of allergy) or other specific dietary restrictions on the parental release section of registration. In order to ensure your child is drinking enough water, please send them with a water bottle!

DO NOT BRING

- o 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 435-259-(BEAN). If there is an emergency, you can reach Erin Vick, Youth Programs Director, on her cell phone at 612-269-4683 or Emily Roberson, YGP Executive Director, at 605-464-0331.

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?

Fall Break Camp is **\$50 per camper** for the two days of camp. Full payment for camp is due at the time of registration starting on: September 20, 2022. If you find you need to cancel registration for any reason, a refund will be contingent upon YGP's ability to fill your camper's spot.

SCHOLARSHIPS: we have a sliding scale rate of either **\$20/\$35** for qualifying families who apply

- o If you are applying for a scholarship, please submit the application at the same time as registration. The Youth Programs Director will be in touch on or before the week of October 10, 2022 (or sooner!) regarding your scholarship amount and payment for camp will be due by the first day of camp.

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 OTHER than Parents/Guardians 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 YGP office. 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, YGP asks that all participants follow the CARES model of behavior expectations. 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

- Follow KYHF&OOTY: "Keep Your Hands, Feet, & 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.
- 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.
- Be thoughtful of other camps feelings and different abilities.

S: Safety

- Stay with the group at ALL times.
- Use walking feet unless otherwise instructed.
- Try your hardest not to step on any plants—follow the woodchip pathways!
- Wash your hands after visiting animals and before eating.
- Stay hydrated by drinking a lot of water.

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.
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 erin.v@youthgardenproject.org or call us at 435-259-BEAN!

