



## SPRING BREAK CAMP FAQ'S

### When is Spring Break Camp held?

Spring Break Camp is a full day camp (9:00am-3:00pm) held Monday through Friday during the vacation week, March 25<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Who are the Youth Garden Project camp instructors?

YGP hires on seasonal Youth Programs Instructors. These instructors will be planning and facilitating the majority of camp, with support from the YGP Youth Programs Director. They are at the Youth Garden Project (YGP) for nine months leading camp programs, Garden Classroom field trips, and after-school clubs. 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. Each instructor has received certification in First-Aid & CPR, training on effective teaching strategies, and has undergone an extensive background check. Additionally, campers will spend the afternoon at the Moab Valley Multicultural Center participating in activities with their staff.

### 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

- 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. Additionally, we suggest to apply and pack sunscreen. Dress your camper in layers, as the spring mornings tend to be chilly but warm up throughout the day.

#### FOOD

- 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

- 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 Emily Roberson, YGP Executive Director, on her cell 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?

Spring Break Camp is **\$175 per camper** for the entire week. Full payment for camp is due at the time of registration starting on February 27, 2024. 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 **\$45/\$90/\$130** for qualifying families who apply

- 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 the week of March 18, 2023 (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 camp's Core Values?**

The activities, expectations, and decisions at camp are intentional and driven by our core values of Community, Attitude, Respect, Empathy, and Safety (or C.A.R.E.S., as we like to call it). These values are connected to everything we do at camp, and we expect campers and staff to uphold these values each day in their words and actions.

YGP is also guided by our [Inclusive Practices](#), which were implemented by staff in 2021. Using community building circles, a restorative practice, instructors will teach campers these inclusive practices and connect them to our camp's Core Values.

### **What is your approach to camper conflict?**

There is a lot of fun that happens at camp, but as with any part of life, camp comes with conflict. YGP staff are trained in restorative practices, and conflict will be met with conversation, not punishment. Campers in conflict will learn how to talk it out, how to express what they feel and what they need to move forward at camp.

Ultimately, camp needs to be a safe and inclusive space for everyone. If a conflict ever becomes a safety concern, the Youth Programs Director will work with the families involved to determine the best course of action to keep everyone in our camp community safe. We reserve the right to require an adult to come pick up a camper whose behavior is posing risks to the safety and wellbeing of themselves or others, or is interfering with camp operations. If a camper is barred from camp due to a safety concern, camp tuition will not be refunded for the remainder of the day or week.

### **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

E-mail [info@youthgardenproject.org](mailto:info@youthgardenproject.org) or call us at 435-259-BEAN (2326)!

