Two hours, Ten Weeks; Life-changing

Change your life and change the lives of the youth in your care through gardening. This ten week, two hour series which includes registration to the school garden conference will increase your knowledge base, introduce you to resource personnel, offer networking opportunities, and increase your confidence as a garden educator. Research shows that gardening with youth has significant impacts including better test scores, increased love of learning, greater nutrition awareness and more.

Help us make educational gardening a solid part of the culture in central Ohio by learning best practices in gardening education as well as ways to educate, engage and mentor others. Together we can grow school garden education in Ohio.

HISTORY:

Project Green Teacher was developed by 4-H personnel at Ohio State University Extension in Franklin County. The program has now developed into a partnership program, re-imagined by some of the members of the Central Ohio School Garden Advisory Committee representing:

OSU Extension, Franklin County 4-H in partnership with:
Franklin Park Conservatory
Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District
Granville Exempted Village Schools
Slow Food Columbus
Worthington City Schools

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What is Project Green Teacher?

Project Green Teacher is a school garden educational program for afterschool personnel, educators and others who are engaged in, or would like to learn more about gardening as a context for learning.

Grow Your Knowledge!

What is your worst fear when it comes to educational gardening—things won’t grow—that the kids will be wilder than weeds in the garden? Project Green Teacher is a program facilitated by Ohio State University 4-H personnel in Franklin County, in collaboration with the Central Ohio School Garden Advisory Committee comprised of area partners. This ten week fall series features an option to go to the We Dig Ohio! Conference, and is open to educators, afterschool personnel and others in Central Ohio who would like to know more about school gardening.

The program will take place on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Waterman Farm off of Lane Avenue on the Ohio State University campus.

Meeting dates and topics to be covered:

January 4: Sustainability and volunteer management, engaging stakeholders, motivating staff, making the garden a destination

January 11: Site selection, soil testing, soil quality, site preparation, behavior management, garden safety, legal issues, insurance, vandalism

January 18: Selecting garden type (raised bed, container, in-ground, hydroponics, etc.); garden themes such as Three Sisters, pizza, heritage, pollinator, herb, etc.; planning the garden with activities that will engage youth in the planning process; site visits

January 25: Grant writing, funding, supplies needed

February 1: Basic information with hands-on activities about growing specific vegetables and other plants

February 8: Specific gardening activities including germinating, transplanting, pruning, mulching, amending, composting, etc.

February 15: Soil, water, sun, weather, seed, root, and related lesson plans that pertain to plant growth, erosion issues, climate, etc. which can be taught indoors or out, as well as vermiculture activities

February 22: Curriculum connections: finding lesson plans, aligning, basic plant science

March 1: Integrated pest management, pesticide and fertilizer information, animal pests, insect types, plant health/diseases, bees and native pollinators, organic gardening

COST: $150

Register online at: Regonline.com/pgt2017

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