



Food Systems Program of NorthWest Initiative
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Garden Club

Hello Gardeners!

The NorthWest Initiative Food Systems Program is excited to announce this year's FREE garden club! With fun activities, both recreational AND educational, you can get ready to learn, play, and create. We will plant and play in the garden, but we will also learn about what helps plants grow, how calories from food affect our bodies, and all sorts of useful information about our local environment. We will cook and taste the plants we grow, and talk about different exciting recipes we can make ourselves from things grown right in our backyard.

This year we'll feature two time slots. **Both time slots will be held at the First Presbyterian location in downtown Lansing, located at 510 W. Ottawa**

Wednesday, 10 AM - 12 PM

This time slot will be geared towards younger gardeners with lots of fun activities and energy release.

Wednesday, 1 PM - 3 PM

This time slot will be geared towards our older gardeners, focusing on science and how they can personally make a difference

If one time slot has too few participants, they will be combined into the 10 AM - 12 PM slot.

If registration is full, we may ask to put you on a waitlist to cover any cancellations.

You can also register online!





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Enrollment Process:

The registration form is due by June 7th. To ensure your child gets a spot we recommend that the form be submitted no later than the last day of school. As space is limited you may be placed on a waitlist. If you are placed on a waitlist you will be contacted as space becomes available. Your child is only enrolled when we have received your registration form. If your child has not attended for two weeks, we will contact you regarding your interest in continuing or allowing space for another child on the waitlist.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who can attend?

This program is designed for children grades 1st-8th. If you would like to participate in this activity with your child, you are welcome to do so.

When are the programs held?

This program will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 510 W. Ottawa (corner of Ottawa and Pine).

Is bussing available?

Unfortunately there is no bussing available.

Is there a cost for this program?

No, this program is free.

Is breakfast/lunch provided?

Students will prepare and taste a healthy recipe during the course of this program, however this is a sample size portion, not a full meal.

What does the daily schedule look like?

Our programs follow a similar schedule:

First ½ hour: Check-in, Learn about the "Harvest of the Week," Physical Activity/Stretch Break

Second Hour: Kids in the Kitchen--Cooking and Tasting activity, Growing Healthy Habits curriculum item

Last ½ hour: Free Choice Time (Garden, Games, Physical Activity, Special Projects)

What is the drop off and pick up policy?

Children should not be dropped off prior to the identified start time. Doors will not be open until 15 minutes prior to the start time and staff will not be present to supervise children prior to that time. Children will only be released to an authorized adult identified on the waiver form. Children should be picked up at the program end



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time identified for the program site. Adults must come in to sign their child out. You may also choose to give your child walking permission to sign themselves out.

What if I am running late to pick up my child?

We do not have staff available for child care after dismissal. Children must be picked up by dismissal time. The Lansing School District policy requires staff to call the police if a child is not picked up by a parent and all attempts to reach family members have failed. If you are running late, please call or text program staff to make sure that they understand the situation. If a parent is repeatedly more than 15 minutes late to pick up their child, we may ask that the child not participate until the parent is able to pick them up on time.

How can I contact program staff during the program?

In case of emergencies, you can call or text **(517) 798-6742**. We will also provide cell numbers of the Garden Nutrition Educators that will be on site on the first day of attendance.

What if my child won't be attending for the day?

We are a drop-in program, so daily attendance is not required. You do not need to notify us unless your child will be away for an extended absence. If you would like to notify us you can text or call the number listed above.

Please know we make every effort for every child to have an enjoyable time and find success in our program. This may include meeting with parents, a behavior plan or sometimes dismissal from the program, if a child's behavior consistently impedes on other children's experience or safety.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time please contact the food systems program at (517) 798-6742 or jacobnwlansing@gmail.com

Please Keep The First 3 Pages Of This Document For Your Records.

The enrollment form (last page) can be returned in person by dropping them off at the office of your child's school. You can also scan and email the form or mail it to the North West Initiative Office.

Enrollment Forms should be returned before June 7th



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2022 Summer Garden Club Program Enrollment Form

Time (please circle one): 10am - 12pm 1pm - 3pm

NOTE: If one time slot does not have enough participants, participants will be combined into the 10am - 12pm class

Name of Participant: _____ **Age/Grade:** _____
(Separate form required for each child)

Parent/Guardian Information

Primary Contact	Secondary Contact
Address	Address
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip
Phone Number	Phone Number
Email Address	Email Address

Person(s) to Notify in an emergency situation, when the Parent/Guardian(s) are not available:

Name:	Phone Number:
Name:	Phone Number:

Medical or Behavior Needs or Other Important Information

Does your child have any allergies, medications, special needs, behaviors or other conditions or concerns we should be aware of?

Note: If behavioral needs are too great, an adult may be asked to attend.



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Please fill in the bubbles to answer yes or no.

Participation Agreement: I give permission for my child to participate in the Food Systems Program's Summer Garden Club Program. I agree that my child will abide by all program rules. I understand that failure of my child to observe these rules may result in their exclusion from participation in the program.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Photo Consent: I hereby give permission for images of my child, taken during regular activities through video and photograph to be used in printed materials or on our website and facebook page.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Medical Assistance: I hereby authorize and grant permission to the Food Systems Program staff to secure routine and emergency medical services as deemed necessary for the above named minor in instances where all attempts to contact the parent or guardian have failed, for the health and safety of the child or when the nature of the emergency allows insufficient time to contact such parent or guardian.

Liability Release: I agree to waive any claim of any kind whatsoever, whether resulting from an injury or otherwise and further agree to realize, indemnify, and hold harmless the North West Initiative's Food Systems Program and their respective directors, employees and representatives from any liability occurring as a result of my child's participation in the program.

Authorized Pick-Up List: Names of persons other than the previously listed authorized person(s) listed in the first section of this form to whom the camper may be released:

Optional Walking Permission: I give my child permission to walk to and/or from this program. I assume the responsibility to assure that my child knows and will follow traffic safety rules. I hereby release the North West Initiative's Food Systems Program and its representatives from any and all claims or liability arising from or related to my child's travel to and/or from the North West Initiative's Food Systems Program Summer Garden Club Program. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date: _____