

River Valley Area Community Gardens, Inc.  
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Junior Gardeners Program

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, Teachers, 4-H Club Leaders, Scout Leaders, Youth Leaders

The RVACG believes the future of gardening lies in the youth of the community. Therefore, it has created a 2 tier Youth Gardening program for children living in the River Valley School District. The Busy Bees Garden Club is for children ages 3 through Grade 5.

The Junior Gardeners program is for students Grades 5 through 12. Students may use the garden plot to grow produce or flowers for the family, the school fair, 4-H or scouting program.

Each Junior Gardener will receive a free 10 x 10 ft. garden plot. The student will be assigned a mentor to teach gardening practices and techniques to help make the experience a successful one. The students will have access to tools, water, fertilizer and mulch. Junior Gardeners are encouraged to purchase their own seeds and seedlings. If that is a financial hindrance, the RVACG will provide assistance in securing seeds and seedlings. The students are required to take care of their plot, watering and weeding as needed, and clearing the plot after harvest in the fall.

Junior Gardeners are required to follow all the rules as outlined in the Gardeners Guidelines. Junior Gardeners and their families are invited to participate in all garden activities including workshops or seminars, work days, task forces established to care for the greater Gardens area, fundraisers, social activities and Board meetings.

Youth groups, scouts, 4-Hers or other youth organizations may plant a group garden request info about planting a group garden. Leaders should contact the RVACG to determine the needs of the organization.

Further questions or requests for applications will be answered by contacting the RVACG at [info@rvacg.org](mailto:info@rvacg.org)

Sincerely,

Committee Members,

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