

January 2019

Dear Future Gardeners:

The Junior Master Gardener Committee is excitedly making final plans for the annual Grow Team Program to be held at the Monmouth County Agriculture Building, 4000 Kozloski Road in Freehold. The program is for children ages 9 to 11 years. Your child will enjoy a fun-filled and unique eight-week gardening program which will include hands-on experiences in both the classroom and in the garden under the supervision of certified Rutgers Master Gardeners. Children completing all eight weeks of this program will receive certification as Junior Master Gardeners.

The topics covered in the program include Seeds and Plant Benefits, Plant Growth and Development, Soils and Water, Ecology and Environmental Horticulture, Landscape Horticulture, Insects and Plant Disease, Vegetables, Herbs and Fruit and Harvesting. Your child will enjoy unlocking the mysteries of seed germination, learning how to propagate plants, experimenting with soil composition, creating a vermicompost container, dissecting flowers and seeds to see how they work, examining and identifying insects, and harvesting their gardens.

Upon completion of the program, the children are encouraged to return to the garden to harvest produce for their families or for donation to local food banks. Children may also enter their produce in the Monmouth County Fair Home Gardeners' competition in July and will be shown how to prepare their entries.

The Grow Team Program will be held on Saturday mornings with classroom drop-off at 9:15 a.m. at the rear entrance to the Agriculture Building. Pick up time at the garden is 12:30 p.m. The classes are scheduled for April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, June 1, June 8, June 15 and June 22, 2019. There is a \$30.00 registration fee (additional siblings are \$25.00 each) and class size is limited to 18 children.

Please complete and return the enclosed application and media release with the registration fee by January 31, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County at 732-431-7260. We look forward to seeing your child in the garden.

Sincerely,

**Tom Lang**

Tom Lang, Chair  
Junior Master Gardener Committee  
Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County

*Volunteer through Horticulture*



## Junior Master Gardener 2019 Program Application

Please complete the form below and send it with a \$30.00 check made payable to Rutgers, The State University, by the submission deadline of January 31, 2019 to:

Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County  
Junior Master Gardener Program  
4000 Kozloski Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Child's shirt size: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain any health conditions, allergies or disabilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that no medications will be administered by our volunteers.

Upon acceptance into the Junior Master Gardener program, I understand that class attendance is expected, and agree that my child will attend all classes and garden sessions to become certified as a Junior Master Gardener.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian





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[www.njaes.rutgers.edu/extension](http://www.njaes.rutgers.edu/extension)

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x-7280 ARMA  
x-7264 4-H  
x-7271 FCHS/SNAP-Ed  
732-303-7614 Master Gardeners  
732-409-4813 Fax

### Media Release for Minors

I hereby authorize Rutgers Cooperative Extension to use all of my child's spoken and written comments for news articles, success stories, videotapes, and/or audiocassette tapes about the Junior Master Gardener program offered by the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County. I also acknowledge that the above-named organization has my permission to distribute my child's/children's photograph and/or videotape clip as part of its educational and promotional programming efforts. I further acknowledge that my authorization and permission is voluntary and I will not be paid any royalties, fees, or other form of remuneration.

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_