

## **4-H Youth Gardening Partnership Summer 2004**



### **Project Description:**

The 4-H Summer Garden is a place for kids to grow! This project is a team effort with the Memorial Park Arboretum & Gardens, Boys & Girls Club Fox Valley, and UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development. The goal is to reach youth who may not already know the joys, responsibilities, and lifelong benefits of gardening. The youth will learn how to plan, plant, and care for their garden. Educational projects will focus on science and art to explore and discover the world of gardening. Foods and nutrition education and community service will be incorporated.

Youth from the Boys & Girls Club will come to the garden once per week for two hours for 12 weeks. They will spend each session planting, weeding, watering, and caring for their garden. Each garden session is designed to develop 4-H project skills and life skills. Project skills are focused on learning how to plan, plant, and care for the garden, but the program goes beyond the basics of gardening. The development of life skills is an important part of the curriculum. These include: communicating, relating to others, solving problems, sharing, and others. The young gardeners keep a weekly journal to reflect on their experiences and to share with family members. Produce will be shared with the Salvation Army and plans include a Row for the Hungry.

### **Partners' Responsibilities:**

- Memorial Park Arboretum – Provides garden space & some garden tools.
- Boys & Girls Club – Recruit youth & provide transportation & refreshments.
- UWEX 4-H Youth Development – Provide education and oversee the garden planning, planting, maintaining, and harvesting.
- UWEX Food and Nutrition Program – Provide nutritional education activities and celebration with garden produce.

### **Requested Funding from NE District**

- \$250 for seeds, plants, stakes, tools, and other materials (We will contact master gardeners and local greenhouses for donations.)

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