CHILDREN’S VEGETABLE GARDEN PROGRAM

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION
FALL 2010

WHEN:  August 21 thru December 4
FOR WHOM:  Children 8-13 in age
WHAT TIME:  16 Saturday’s from 9:00-11:00 AM
AT TIMES POSSIBLY TILL NOON

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:
Texas AgriLife Extension Service provides an opportunity for children 8-13 in age to learn about gardening by growing their own vegetables through the mentoring of Bexar County Master Gardener volunteers. Each child is allotted a 3.5’x 28’ plot at the beautiful San Antonio Botanical Garden. Children will have fun growing different types of seeds, herbs, vegetables, and ornamental annual flowers. Weekly educational gardening presentations will stimulate these young minds. The children will also participate in fun, hands-on Junior Master Gardener activities.

In order to gain the most from the learning experience and to help ensure successful growing, participants are required to attend all sessions (two absences are allowed). Families are welcome to share the gardening experience with their child(ren); however, parents should remember that this is the child’s plot and learning experience.

HOW TO APPLY:
Legibly complete the attached application and submit it to the San Antonio Botanical Garden no later then Friday, August 6, 2010. Space is limited, so apply early. The submission of an application does not necessarily confirm acceptance into the program. Acceptance in the program will be based on completeness of the application and willingness to attend each Saturday morning session (two absences are allowed). Participants accepted into the program will be notified by August 16.

After notification of acceptance into the program, a non-refundable program fee of $25 which is used for the purchase of seeds, plants, compost, fertilizer, mulch, and other material must be paid on August 21, the first day of registration/orientation. Make check payable to the SABG Children’s Vegetable Garden Program.

Submit fall 2010 Application no later then Friday, August 6, 2010 to:
Children’s Vegetable Garden Program
San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston • San Antonio, TX 78209

The San Antonio Botanical Garden is a division of the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information or any special child requirements, please contact the Program Coordinator: David Rodriguez with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service at dhrodriguez@ag.tamu.edu

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Application
(Please print legibly)

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________
Age: _________ Grade : _________ (circle) Boy or Girl

Parent/Guardian:

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Address:

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Phone and e-mail address: _______________________________________________________

Have you attended the program before, if so, when?

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Do other siblings want to tend a separate plot this season? Yes or No
If yes, what are their names? Remember, they have to fill out a separate application.

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(This section shows the importance of commitment to this gardening program)

Will applicant be able to attend the Children’s Vegetable Garden Program every Saturday, August 21 through December 4, 9:00 am-11:00 am and at times possibly till noon (two absences are allowed)? Yes or No

Will child or a family member be able to attend the first four weeks of planting (very important)? Yes or No

Will child and family be able to attend the Saturday, November 13 Vegetable Show, Picnic and recognition ceremony which ends around 1:00 PM? Yes or No

Will child and family participate on cleanup day Saturday, December 4; both for their plot and the garden? Yes or No

Will applicant be on time every Saturday by 9:00 A.M., do their daily chores, stay for the daily presentation as well as participate in the daily JMG activity? Yes or No

Why do you want to participate in the Children’s Vegetable Garden Program? (This section to be completed by child, not parent).

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Children’s commitment to the program signature:

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Parent’s/Guardian commitment to the program signature:

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Monetary donations for further support and growth of the program are always encouraged and accepted. I wish to donate an extra $________________.