

Master Gardeners teach youth about gardening, science and healthy eating

Written by

Tuesday, 26 June 2012 15:25



University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener volunteers and the University Department of Recreational Sports/Youth Programs are collaborating for the third year to teach 9-13 year-olds about the science—and fun—of gardening.

Extension Master Gardeners have designed 10 weeks of activities based on the national Junior Master Gardener curriculum. The University's three-acre Horticulture Teaching Garden on the St. Paul campus serves as the outdoor classroom. Participants are youth in summer day camps through the Department of Recreational Sports.

Pictured: Laura Opsahl, a Target employee who volunteers as a U of M Extension Master Gardener, helps summer day campers at the U water the bush beans they planted.

Throughout the summer, class topics include basic gardening, healthy eating, soil, water conservation, composting, botany, insects and birds, and caring for the environment. The kids planted Kennebec potatoes, onions, and nasturtium seeds, and each took home a pot of bush beans they had planted.

Master Gardeners teach youth about gardening, science and healthy eating

Written by
Tuesday, 26 June 2012 15:25



<http://www.extension.umd.edu/masters/gardening>