

Ithaca Children's Garden

Volunteer Opportunities

Education Programs

After School Enrichment Programs

A six week plant science program at elementary schools for K-3rd graders. Help Children's Garden staff lead hands-on activities, games, and experiments with a group of 10 to 12 children.

When: February, March, and April

Commitment: an hour and a half once a week for seven weeks.

Where: Tompkins County Elementary Schools

Who: teen and adult volunteers

Public Events

Turtle Hatchday Celebration
Saturday August 2nd

Pumpkin Jam
Friday October 17th

Scarecrow Jubilee
Saturday October 18th

Growing Gardens Programs

Salad Farmers — a hands-on gardening program for 5 to 10 year olds at the Ithaca Children's Garden. From design through harvest, kids are involved in all parts of growing their own salad gardens. Share your love of gardening and get your hands dirty helping children grow their own gardens and learn horticultural skills and garden ecology along the way.

When: Late April through Mid June

Commitment: an hour and a half once a week for eight weeks

Where: at the Ithaca Children's Garden

Who: teen and adult volunteers

Summer Programs

Summer Sprouts: for children 2-5 years old and their caregivers; experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on gardening projects. Wednesday mornings June-Aug.

Turtle Time: a time for families to explore Gaia the Turtle and her wetland habitat evenings at the Children's Garden: art, storytelling, science, and games. One evening a week June-Aug.

Veggies Around the World: hands-on gardening in the *Ugly Vegetable Garden* and *Pizza Travels Garden* with children 6 and up. One morning a week June-August.

Kids' Gardening Club: a Saturday morning gathering of kids interested in learning about gardening in ICG's *Growing Gardens*. A variety of activities and gardens of their own to take care of.

Family Fun Workshops: hour-long weekend workshops for kids and their grown ups on all types of themes from art to insects, music to gardening.

When: June, July, and August

Commitment: varies depending on your interest and availability

Where: at the Ithaca Children's Garden

Who: volunteers ages 11 and up



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At the Garden

Interested in helping the Garden grow, literally? Get your hands dirty this spring, summer, and fall.

Volunteer waterers, weeders, and turtle keepers needed starting in April plus lots of opportunities to help out on special projects during the growing season.

Interested in getting involved?
Call the ICG at 272-2292 x122

Volunteer Groups Needed Weekends Starting in March!

The Ithaca Children's Garden is scheduling a volunteer group for each weekend March through June, September, and October to help start, maintain, and build gardens at the Cass Park site!

Interested in getting your
group involved?
Call the ICG at 272-2292 x 122

Behind the Scenes

Event Planning Committees

Join the behind the scenes force that makes the Ithaca Children's Garden three big events happen: Turtle Hatchday Celebration, Pumpkin Jam, and Scarecrow Jubilee. Planning committees meet about twice a month in the three to four months leading up to an event and members often help out preparing for the event behind the scenes and on the day of the event. Interested? Contact the ICG at 272-2292 x122.

Advisory Committees

Make a difference in the community through the Children's Garden's advisory committees. Share your expertise or interest in learning more about education and outreach, development and fundraising, marketing, or garden site development. Committees meet monthly often for one to two hours. If you're interested in getting involved contact:

Education and Outreach: Harriet Becker, kdzgrdn@yahoo.com or 272-2292 x122

Development and Fundraising, Marketing, and Garden Site Development: Bill Scoones, wscoones@ithaca.edu or 257-1437.

Board of Directors Seeking Members

Interested in learning more?
Contact Bill Scoones, President
wscoones@ithaca.edu
607-257-1437

More Info? Want to Get Involved?

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Through May 15th: LTK5@cornell.edu

After May 15th: LAM26@cornell.edu

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