

FRESH-FROM-THE-GARDEN CAMP 2016

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Welcome to "Fresh-from-the-Garden Camp", a hands-on gardening experience for children ages 6 through 12! Camps will be held Wednesday-Friday on 7/20-22, 8/3-5, and 8/24-26 from 9:30am-1:30pm. This letter contains important information to help you and your child prepare for a fun, exciting, and enriching camp experience.. Please review it carefully, and contact Magnuson Community Center staff with any questions, at 206-684-7026.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This camp is especially unique because children will be harvesting a banquet of seasonal vegetables, fruits, and herbs from our organic food garden, and then preparing a fabulous lunch buffet! Children will also learn about plants, play nature games, plant new crops for the next camp, decorate our menu and "banquet room", and more. The shared lunch buffet takes place on the 3rd day of camp, beginning at 12:30pm, and each child can invite 2 guests! (two adults, OR one adult + one sibling). *Our classroom is only large enough for each camper to invite a maximum of two guests.* Arrive hungry, and be prepared to be amazed and delighted! You can also rest assured that no nuts will be served, and our desserts and dressings will not contain cow's milk. For more info on this camp, and our other camps and classes, visit www.magnusonnatureprograms.com

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- We encourage you to provide your child with a hearty breakfast since we'll be active throughout the day.
- Campers should arrive dressed for exploring the outdoors in comfortable clothing and sturdy walking shoes. Closed-toed shoes are important for comfortable walks on the crushed rock and wood chip trails.
- They should also bring a lightweight backpack that contains the following:
 - A nutritious lunch (**1st and 2nd days only**)
 - A mid-morning snack (**all 3 days**)
 - A refillable water bottle (we will help campers remember to drink plenty of water during the camp day)
 - A small bottle of sunscreen (IMPORTANT NOTE: Please apply your child's sunscreen before coming to camp. We'll help them to reapply if needed, but the primary responsibility rests with parents.)
 - A sun hat with a brim (and sunglasses if needed), and a jacket for cool or rainy days

Please make sure that clothes, backpack, water bottles, etc. are clearly labeled with your child's name, for the best chance of retrieving any items left behind. Please don't let your children bring money, stuffed animals, special collections, or electronic games, which are a distraction to them and to the other campers. Thanks! We cannot be held responsible for the damage or loss of any possessions brought to the park.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Drop-off and pick-up will be in the Ravenna Room inside the Brig Building, which is located inside Magnuson Park at 6344 NE 74th St. For a park map and directions, visit www.magnusonnatureprograms.com and click on the "About" menu tab.

Camp begins at 9:30 am and ends at 1:30 pm. Arrangements for any late drop-offs or special pick-ups must be made in advance and are the responsibility of the parent. Please also be aware that we are unable to sign campers in before 9:30 am, and that all children must be picked up promptly at 1:30 pm. Please contact Magnuson Community Center at 684-7026 to notify staff of any late arrivals or absences.

We are looking forward to a great Fresh-from-the-Garden camp with your child! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Magnuson Community Center at 684-7026.

See you at the park!

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