



WSU Master Gardeners Program Presents: Blueberry Park Kids Cultivate!

Wednesdays * 10:30 to 12:00 from July 13th through August 10th

This summer join WSU Master Gardeners for five consecutive Wednesdays at Blueberry Park Children's Garden to learn about bugs, composting and veggies, and construct cool take-home crafts! One or more adults must accompany each group of children. Activities are designed for elementary school-age youth.

This Summer's Topics Include:

- July 13 - Soil: Is there a difference between soil and dirt? What might it be?
- July 20 - Worms & Sprouting Seeds: Are worms important for growing plants?
- July 27 - Insects: Which ones do we want in our gardens and yards?
- August 3 - Stepping Stones: Should I be walking in my garden beds?
- August 10 - Art in Nature: What do colors have to do with what I need to eat?



We welcome your participation! The purpose of this garden is to involve children, families, and the public in learning about sustainable gardening. In addition to crafts, learning and fun, the food harvested by the children and adults goes to the Bremerton Salvation Army.

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**For individual groups of 6 or more, childcare centers, summer recreational program, etc., please RSVP one week in advance to:
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Blueberry Park Kids Cultivate & Learning Garden Background

In 2009 Blueberry Park renovation project was completed and opened to the public as a new community park with walking paths, playground equipment, p-patch plots, demonstration/learning gardens, a pavilion, rain gardens, and low-impact development features. Blueberry Park went from a blueberry farm to a small community p-patch to today's well-utilized park. Due to the combined efforts of the City of Bremerton Parks & Recreation Department and their collaboration with several partners the City of Bremerton was awarded grants which funded this exemplary project. The continued success of the learning gardens and community p-patch gardens is supported by the work of the WSU Kitsap County Master Gardeners and the City of Bremerton Parks & Recreation Department.

Local Supporters for Kids Cultivate & Learning Garden:

City of Bremerton Parks & Recreation Department, WSU Kitsap County Extension Office, The Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County, Master Gardeners of Kitsap County, Bremerton United Methodist Church, WSU FoodSense Program, WSU Rain Garden Mentors, Mitchell Lumber, Cedar Products, Lowe's, and several dedicated community supporters.

Blueberry Park Kids Cultivate & Learning Garden Leadership Team:

Carol Clackley, Sherry Kanode, Ann Elbersen, Kirstin Johnston, Marjie Vigal

We Are Proud of Our Modified Program for 2021

In our five-week Kids Cultivate program we served 182+ children and 91 adults, with 24 volunteers working with the children. They helped tend to the garden beds by planting, watering, weeding, and harvesting crops. A total of 490 pounds of produce was donated to the Bremerton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen! Bon appetit, Bremerton!

