

Good Natured Garden Partners (GNGP) Program

Good Natured Garden Partners (GNGP) program is a collaboration between OSU Mahoning County Extension and local youth programs in the Mahoning Valley. Youth will team up with trusted and knowledgeable adults to form a 'Growing Team' to tend to an urban garden for the growing season. Growing Teams will be provided some starter materials for their garden, and in addition they can also be sponsored by community organizations.

These teams, comprised of adults and children, are tasked with planting a garden and participating in the Veggies and More Tour events that take place on Monday nights throughout the summer. After all their hard work growing their garden teams will compete for a variety of prizes. At the end of the experience, all participants will be recognized at the end of the year Harvest Party in August.



The GNGP Program strives to:

- Foster positive youth development
- Enhance nurturing relationships
- Develop a sense of ownership
- Generate an appreciation of plants
- Promote understanding of food production
- Reward positive behavior and achievement



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GNGP Program TO DO Checklist

REGISTER – Submit the GNGP Registration Form by May 19th, 2023, to the Extension Office.

ATTEND KICK OFF EVENT - on May 30th, plus two additional Veggies and More Tour events (youth must be present). *Participation in these three events is required to be a partner and receive awards.*

SECURE GARDEN SITE - Find a garden location and inform the Extension Office of size and address.

PLANT – Tend to and care for plants all summer long.

SHOW & TELL - Enter your produce at the annual Harvest Party on Monday, August 21st, 2023. A 'Requirements & Harvest Party Award Categories' sheet is available for each team.

PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT – If not done so already, adults will need to fill out a volunteer form and complete a BCI report to participate and receive awards. Reimbursements are available.



Program Events & Dates

- **Program Kick-Off:** Tuesday, May 30th
- **Veggies and More Tour Events:** Mondays, June 5th - August 21st
- **Harvest Party:** Monday, August 21st



Other Team Opportunities:

- Participants will receive additional prizes/awards for attending other Veggies and More Tour events between June 5th, and August 21st, 2022.
- A FREE Soil testing every THREE years for gardens. Bring in a cup of dry soil to our office in early spring for analysis.
- Partners are encouraged to enter their produce and flowers in the Canfield Fair & Gardeners of Greater Youngstown Shows. For details and deadlines, go to: www.canfieldfair.com.

Garden Partners Registration Form

Team Name

Team Leader

Team Mailing Address

Zip

Phone

Email Address

School / Youth Organization

Garden Site Address

Garden Type in ground, raised bed, container, etc

Group Size

* OSU Extension reserves the right to limit the number of participating groups if the demand is larger than anticipated. Groups that are within the city of Youngstown will be given priority in this case.