

Title: Basics of Dirt (Old-School) Gardening for Children

Grades: 4th and 5th grades

Duration: July 13- August 17 (6 weeks), meet Thursdays for 2 hours (10 am-12)

Maximum number of children- 8; minimum number of children- 2.

Location: Pagosa Springs Community Garden at Centennial Park on 5th Street. This garden has received an extensive renovation.

Cost: \$15

Register via phone or email to Jen Pitcher @ 970-731-5635 ext. 210

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Description: This summer “hands-on activity” will encourage children to get outside and enjoy nature by providing fun and creative plant-related activities set into weekly lessons. Children will learn how to grow and nurture plants from seeds and/or transplants. In addition, freedom, creativity and invention will be encouraged by offering STEM activities centering on exciting science and natural world explorations. We will cover topics including seeds, soil, composting, types of vegetables and their growing habits, insects, and healthy eating. Emphasis will be on having fun and learning about our finite resources while teaching values of environmental stewardship, and concepts of nutrition and health. Teachers are Colorado-certified Master Gardeners, holding postgraduate degrees. ***So slip into your muddy clothes, and learn how to grow vegetables the old school way, outside in dirt.***