



WSU Master Gardeners Program Presents: Blueberry Park Kids Cultivate!

Wednesdays * 10:30 to 12:00 from July 10th through August 7th

*As per requested, we have a new time due to afternoon heat the last two summers.

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

This summer's topics include:

- ◊ July 10—Stepping stones and wonderful messy art day
- ◊ July 17—Soil, Worms, and Sprouting Seeds
- ◊ July 24—Insects: Beneficial, harmful, ugly & beautiful
- ◊ July 13—Composting & our local streams
- ◊ August 7—Planting in Unbelievable Containers



While the "theme" changes each week, certain activities will repeat with a new focus, such as general gardening: planting and watering; scavenger hunts in the gardens; scientific discovery; dress up our scarecrow "Blueberry Kid"; arts/crafts projects.

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.

One or more adults must accompany each group of children.

**For individual groups of 6 or more, childcare centers, summer recreational program, etc., please RSVP one week in advance to:
cmiko@co.kitsap.wa.us**



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Blueberry Park Kids Cultivate & Learning Garden Background

In 2009 Blueberry Park opened to the public as a new community park. It 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, Kitsap Leadership Team, and Armin Jahr Elementary School, the City of Bremerton was awarded a grant 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 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, 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:

Ann Elbertson, Marjie Vigil, Kirstin Johnston, Tae McKinney, Sherry Kanode, Carol Clackley, and Airen Lydick

We Are Proud of the 2018 Season

In our five-week Kids Cultivate program we had 294+ children and 167 adults participate with 29 volunteers working with the children. They helped tend to the garden beds by planting, watering, weeding, and harvesting crops. A total of 474 pounds of produce was donated to the Bremerton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen! Bon appetite Bremerton!

