

# 2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

School Garden Network has been supporting county-wide garden programming since 2006, giving over 100,000 students, educators, faculty, and families direct access to gardening programs and fresh, seasonal, local fruits and vegetables.

Serving students in grades K-12, SGN provides enriching experiences that foster ecological stewardship and a connection to the land – an acknowledgement and mindset that is vital to our future.

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## SCHOOLYARD HABITAT

Since 2012, SGN has mentored students and teachers in the creation of wildlife habitats on campuses which provide equal access to students of all ages.

- Design, install and maintain wildlife habitat projects
- Use nature as a classroom for field study and observation
- Foster long term ecological stewardship in children
- Professional development training for teachers

**Impacts:** Facilitated six new habitat projects at schools and supported 10 existing projects.

### Suggested Donation Levels

- \$400** funds irrigation supplies for a habitat garden
- \$1,500** installs a school habitat project
- \$2,500** sponsors a professional development training for 15 educators

## GROW KITS

SGN curates and distributes 3 seasonal Grow Kits full of supplies and crops that are well suited for cooking and nutrition programs.

### Impacts:

- 63 kits were distributed
- 500 Strawberry & raspberry rootstock
- 25 Mandarin & Pomegranate fruit trees
- 220+ seed packets
- 400+ veggie starts
- 10 Compost brew kits
- Monthly Cooking from the Garden recipes and best practices

### Suggested Donation Levels

- \$50** get a school a fruit tree
- \$100** get a school cooking supplies
- \$350** buys a school an entire Grow Kit



## MAPPING PROJECT FOR PARTNER SCHOOLS

- Introduce GIS (Geographic Information Systems) technology to schools as a teaching curriculum for students
- Develop Storymaps for individual schools to showcase program elements, projects, best practices, data collections and student impacts
- Catalog soil types, crops, wildlife migration patterns, carbon sequestration, waste diversion, etc through school garden programs
- Promote school garden events for community building, fundraising and donor stewardship

**Impacts:** Building a regional network of school gardens and partners

### Suggested Donation

- \$75** supports a school to map their garden



## GARDEN CAMP

SGN's dynamic staff created a safe and thoughtful summer camp experience for children and teens. Weeks were full of creative, hands-on activities that invited opportunities for play, exploration and project based learning.

- Games & song
- Gardening & food preparation
- Nature journaling
- Natural dyeing & weaving
- Bird house building
- Herbal crafts & medicine making
- Wood carving
- Art & mural making

### Impacts:

- 75 children attended camp
- 13 scholarships given

### Suggested Donation

- Help us reach our **\$5,000 Scholarship goal**
- \$400** sends a child to camp for a week



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