

The Children's Garden at Luscher Farm



The Children's Garden at Luscher Farm was created in 2002 through a national youth grant award. The garden offers the opportunity to learn, create and experience for children of all ages, interests and needs.

We strive to encourage children to learn about vegetables, fruits, composting, bees, worms, bugs and birds. Growing vegetables, starting seeds, making crafts, enjoying a farm adventure or picnic are some of the many activities we do. We invite you and your family to come to the children's garden and learn. Please visit anytime between dawn and dusk.

Educational Opportunities



1) For Teachers and Elementary Schools

Luscher Farm works directly with Elementary Schools offering Friday Field Trips from April to June and September to November. These trips are held most mornings from 9:30 am to 11 am and some afternoons from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The cost is \$3.00 per student. Adult chaperons and preregistration is required. The maximum per field trip is 30 students. This is a great opportunity to learn about our community gardens, fruits and vegetables, local food, chickens, worms and our CSA.

2) For Mom's Club, Pre-schools or any other Kid's Club

Bring your pre-schoolers to the farm for a morning or afternoon filled with hands on activities through our Kid's Tours. Visit the garden, plant, learn and maybe even feed the chickens. There is a

five child minimum and ten child maximum. Preregistration is required. These tours are from 9:30 am to 11 am and cost \$4.50 per child. One chaperone must accompany every five children.

3) **Classes and Workshops For Adults, Families and Children**

The City of Lake Oswego's Parks & Recreation offers diverse classes, workshops and experiences all year long for children, families and adults - many take place at Luscher Farm and in the Children's Garden. For the most up to date list and descriptions please check the Luscher Farm Website!

Some highlights for Children and Families include:



- A Garden Apprentice Program
- Full Moon Family Adventures
- Family Spring Bird and Nature Walks
- A Mother's Day Surprise
- A Compost Experiment



Full descriptions can be found in our 2010 Catalogs and on line at www.lakeoswegoparks.org

4) **Volunteer Opportunities**



Volunteers are one of the successes of any organization and the Children's Garden is looking to cultivate dedicated adults and teens to help Hands on and assist with leading Field trips and Kid's Tours. If you have a passion for local sustainable farming and gardening, want to inspire youth and can relate, educate and have fun with children then please consider volunteering your time - you won't regret it. We promise that you'll learn lots of new things and create lasting memories.

For more specific details, volunteer requirements and guidelines please contact Colleen in the Children's Garden - contact information below - or click on Volunteer Opportunities on the Luscher Farm Home Page. We look forward to hearing from you.



Children's Garden Coordinator
Colleen Lockovitch

Colleen Lockovitch is the Children's Garden Coordinator at Luscher Farm. She is passionate about sharing urban and sustainable horticulture through education and hands-on experiences. Having moved to Oregon recently from Chicago she is looking forward to working with children and adults in a new climate and culture.

Questions? Please contact Colleen Lockovitch
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Luscher Farm is located at
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