

Parent Permission for Student Participation in the Garden Club 2023-24

I give my permission for my child, a student at Cornerstone Christian Schools, to participate in the Garden Club. I understand that the Garden Club meets twice a week Monday and Thursday after school until 4:15pm and that parents may register students to participate on one or both days. Mr Sandy (club advisor), will coordinate the Garden Club activities and lessons.

I understand that club members collaborate as a team to perform the activities required to maintain the student garden at the school. These activities include planting, watering, weeding, fertilizing, harvesting and composting.

Lessons in the different aspects of agriculture and human nutrition will be provided. Club members will learn

- what plants need to thrive - types of soil, kinds of nutrients, watering strategies, amount of sunlight, temperatures of soil and air
- how plants reproduce, insects in the garden – beneficials and pests,
- how to grow your own food - choosing the best crops for each season, preparing the soil, planting seeds or seedlings, managing insect and animal pests
- what Bible stories say about gardening
- what part of a plant is edible and how is it prepared as food. Students will have the opportunity to sample the produce harvested in the garden.
- Making fertilizer from garden waste - composting

Students will practice sharing with others. Garden produce is shared by students who work in the garden and at times with school and church staff.

On rainy days students will meet in the computer lab or under the back patio roof.

There is no charge for attending Garden Club. **Snacks will not be provided. Students should bring afterschool snacks from home.**

Garden Club meeting arrival and departure:

- Student checks in with EDC after school, letting EDC know he/she is going to the Garden Club. Join Mr.Sandy & sign-in to Garden Club.
- Garden Club concludes at 4:15pm. I can get my child on the back patio at that time, then sign out at EDC. Students remaining after 4:15 will be returned to EDC.
- A parent or parent-authorized adult is required to sign when taking a student from a Garden Club meeting.

My child may participate on **Monday Thursday** Please circle one or both days.

My child's allergies to food, pollen and dust: _____

My child's health conditions that may restrict garden activities: _____

Adults authorized to leave school with my child – print names:

Student – Print name

Grade

Parent - Print name

Parent Signature

Date

Phone number