

Youth Horticulture Apprentice Program (YHAP)

Who?

Teens 14-18 years old who live in Tompkins County.

What?

A summer job that combines creating and maintaining gardens at the Ithaca Children's Garden with skill building and career exploration opportunities.

When?

July 9 to August 23
Monday - Thursday
8:30am-2:00pm

Where?

Ithaca Children's Garden, Cass Park Rt. 89 is our home base and where we spend about 75% of our work time. We also travel to places like nurseries, orchards, greenhouses, and farms.

How?

Apply! Fill out an application and we'll schedule an interview with you. Give us a call or drop us an email if don't know where to start or would just like some extra info.

Call 272-2292 and ask for Leigh MacDonald or send email to LAM26@cornell.edu.

My YHAP Experience by Jake Sheavly, 2005 Apprentice

Until last summer, I never really knew how much I enjoyed gardening. I've always watched my mom outside working in our garden. I never really wanted to help out there, but working with YHAP was a whole lot of fun, and it definitely made it the best summer ever. Before the program started I was nervous that all of the other apprentices would be master gardeners and I'd be left behind, but everybody else there was learning and having a good time. Working with Bart and Kirsten was great. I had a lot of fun with all of the people there, because I could really talk and say what I wanted to say without feeling embarrassed. YHAP is a great thing to do for teens who like the outdoors.



The 2005 Youth Horticulture Apprenticeship Program was a great experience. We started off the summer by getting our own garden boxes. We watered them and took care of them on our own. We did many other activities ranging from going to the Cayuga Nature Center Ropes Course, to workshops at Cornell, to building a compost area at the Ithaca Farmers' Market. They were each fun in their own sort of way. The on-site work was hard, and in the hot weather extremely grueling, but it was fun, and in the end very rewarding. We built a sofa made from sod, and an apple dome. We did these activities with Alex Lovallo. Some other activities we did were designing, building several gardens, and we also made a labyrinth. We learned how to prune as well, and this is useful for my home life too. We went further up in Cass Park to clean up the 'Welcome to Ithaca' sign garden. We made it nice and it was fun.

How to apply?

Applying is easy! Download an application from the Ithaca Children's Garden website:

www.ithacachildrengarden.org/teens.html

Applications can also be picked up at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, 615 Willow Ave. Monday-Friday 8am-4pm.

Feel free to contact Leigh MacDonald at the Ithaca Children's Garden 272-2292 x186 or LAM26@cornell.edu if you have any questions.





- Are you looking for a summer job?
- Are you between 14 & 18 years old?
- Do you want earn some extra money?
- Are you looking for a job where you can be creative, learn a lot, meet new people, and have an impact on your community?
- Do you want to be outside this summer rather than cooped up inside somewhere?
- Do you want to work as part of a diverse team of teens from all over Tompkins County?
- Would you like to learn skills that will help you get other jobs in the future?

The Ithaca Children's Garden is...

- ◆ a place: a three acre garden is being built at the southern end of Cass Park, Rt. 89 in Ithaca. In 2005, the first Garden element -- Gaia the Turtle -- was completed;
- ◆ a program: ICG's programs include the YHAP, Growing Gardens, After School



Visitors relax on Gaia's head during the Turtle Hatchday Celebration.



Phase 1 of the Ithaca Children's Garden includes the Turtle Sculpture and Wetlands Habitat, three Growing Gardens, the Compost Area, two Discovery Gardens, a labyrinth, the main pathway, and the entrance.

Apprentices will help with building elements of Phase 1 this summer.

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Summer 2007 Employment Opportunities

Work hard. Learn a lot.

The Ithaca Children's Garden

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