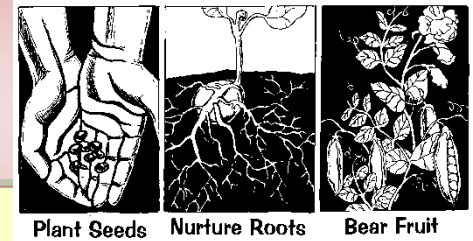


HEY YOUTH GROWERS!

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Plant Seeds

Nurture Roots

Bear Fruit

FLAWLESS FEBRUARY

Hey Everyone!

It might not seem like it, but spring is just around the corner which means summer will be here soon! This month's focus is all about getting the rest of **YOUR REQUIREMENTS** done before Youth Leader applications come out!

We have TWO events this month that can count for either a retreat or volunteer hours—whatever you need most.

Youth Leader applications come out in March and will be due in April! There are up to 7 positions and each one will earn **\$500** additional dollars this summer. Take advantage of all of the great opportunities this month to help you get your requirements done! Completing your requirements this month will set you up to be the best candidate for our leadership positions!

Even though it's February, we're still growing food at the Main South Farm! You can **VOLUNTEER** with Tom on **MONDAYS from 3-5** harvesting winter greens. You can also **VOLUNTEER** with him in the warm **HOLY CROSS GREENHOUSE** on **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25th from 3-5**. This is a great way to work toward completing your volunteer hours and helps support the UGROW school and community gardens network! #FarmLife

-Stacie, Eliza, Tom, Kelvyn, Jefferson, Gabby, Yeimi, & Tevaughn

Text Stacie: #youthjobs to be in the running for a prize at our next retreat. Cell: (508) 579-0725

FEBRUARY EVENTS

*This month is a **two-for-one!** You can come to the **sign-making party** at the Worcester Youth Center **AND** the **Youth Jobs Rally** in Boston, and count them for either a retreat or volunteer hours!*

*****IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO ANY OF THESE EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT STACIE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE!*****

Sign Making Retreat

Where: Worcester Youth Center, 326 Chandler Street

When: Wednesday, February 12th, from 4:30-6:30

What: Come ready to flex your artistic talent! We will be making signs to bring to the Youth Jobs Rally!

Youth Jobs Rally

MUST BRING PERMISSION SLIP (we'll have them at the retreat)

Where: Meet at the Worcester Youth Center or in front of City Hall downtown. We will attend a Worcester rally and then travel to Boston to march to the State House to advocate for youth jobs funding. This will count as 1 retreat and 4 volunteer hours, or 7 volunteer hours, you choose!

When: 8:00-4:00 Thursday, February 20th! Meet at the Worcester Youth Center or in front of City Hall downtown at 8:00 and we will return around 4:00!

Other Details: Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes. You will be walking outside. Also rest those beautiful vocal cords the night before because we are going to do some singing and chanting on the way to the State House, and you'll have a chance to tell our State Reps why youth jobs are important!

Volunteer Opportunities

When: 3-5 Mondays

Where: Main South Farm

What: Harvesting winter greens

When: 3-5 Tuesday February 25th

Where: Holy Cross Greenhouse

What: Planting seeds

Want your job back next year?

1. Attend 5 retreats

You can only miss 2 total if you want to apply for a leadership position

2. Complete 15 volunteer hours

(10 must be farm related)

3. Complete one 30-hour internship

To secure your job, you must complete your requirements by **May 1st**



Junior Staff **Tevaughn, Yeimi, Jefferson and Yeimi** attended the *Youth Climate Summit* at Mass Audubon in Worcester. The conference highlighted *climate change, environmental justice and youth activism*. They listened to speeches, attended workshops, and will be leading a YouthGROW project on what they learned!



YouthGROWers are killin' it with the internships this winter!

Sky has been interning with Tom and the Farmer's Market team harvesting greens and prepping for the weekly markets.

German, Isael, Luis, David, Jereiska, Yandie, Nyomie and the **Junior Staff** are working with Lily from Planned Parenthood learning about Sex Ed!

Timia, German, Keiran, Rachel, Simone, Chelsea, Jefferson & Gabby will also be continuing a Hydroponics project/Internship starting this month!

KEEP IT UP!



- Sign Making Retreat is February 12th from 4:30-6:30 at the Worcester Youth Center.
- Youth Jobs Rally Retreat is Thursday, February 20th, have your parents sign the permission slip and please bring it in!
- Volunteer 3-5 on Mondays at the farm and 3-5 on Tuesday February 25th at the Holy Cross greenhouse
- Youth Leader Apps come out in the beginning of March and they are due April 1st! In order to apply, you need to have completed all of your requirements.



