



SUMMER CAMP  
2024



COME GROW  
WITH US!

### WILDLIFE GARDENER SERIES

## Junior Master Gardener

Junior Master Gardener camp (JMG) is a youth gardening program where we develop an appreciation of the natural world and cultivate the mind! The 2024 Wildlife Gardener Series will focus on integrating native plants in the garden and identifying and understanding forms of wildlife that may be encountered in garden habitat. We engage youth by combining life skills, gardening techniques, COOKING (nutrient dense food experiences), physical activity, and stewardship engagement. Gardeners can participate multiple years and grow their garden and nature knowledge. JMG connects with community, builds entrepreneurial skills by selling produce at the Lowell Farmer's Market, visits local farms and businesses to better understand Michigan's rich agricultural contributions, and develops stewardship and leadership skills helping care for the WWC gardens.

## JMG—Garden Gurus

JMG Garden Gurus - A Level Up!

After participating in JMG for at least 1 season and meeting the age requirements, participants can continue to grow and learn in the WWC Gardens. Students will grow their own gardens that emphasizes sustainable horticulture practices. They will be in charge of their garden from planting to harvesting. Both groups meet on the same days and participate in the same outings.

In addition, they develop job and life skills such as responsibility, teamwork, communication, problem solving, and leadership. They will have the opportunities to successfully lead small groups. They will start to learn about farm management and develop garden and horticulture skills. They will help mentor new JMG members in the WWC gardens and model good stewardship, teamwork, and build community.

Who.....JMG for students entering grades 4 & 5 in fall of 2024

Who.....JMG—Garden Gurus for students entering grades 6, 7, 8, in fall of 2024

Where...Wittenbach Wege Center + 3 Offsite Field Trips

When....May 30, June 13, 20, 25, 27, July 11, 16, 18, 25, 30, Aug 1

Cost.....\$275

How... Follow the link to our Sign-Up-Genius to reserve your spot by May 24.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4EAEAF22ABFB6-48788490-2024#/>

Registration forms will be sent after signing up. **Forms AND \$100 deposit due by MAY 30.**

Final camp fees due on June 13.

Questions: contact Courtney Cheers at [ccheers@lowellschools.com](mailto:ccheers@lowellschools.com) or 616-987-2565



# Wildlife Gardener Series 2024 JMG—Garden Gurus

## Registration Information for Junior Master Gardener & JMG—Garden Gurus

- JMG camp runs 8 weeks from 9:00-12:30 unless otherwise noted  
May 30 (6:00-8:00 pm)  
June 13, 20, 25 (9:00-3:00 field trip), 27  
July 11, 16, 18, 25, 30,  
August 1 (farmer's market day 9:00-2:00)
- **Camp fee is \$275:** includes materials, JMG hand book, t-shirt, and transportation for field trips.
- **Registration and Deposit Due MAY 30!** Please fill out one registration form for each camper. After May 30, sign-ups without deposit will open up to the waiting list.
- Cooking is part of most sessions and we work with honeybees, please make sure to fill out the ALLERGY portion of the registration.
- Campers will be responsible for bringing a snack each day camp meets.
- Camp size is a maximum of 16 students with a minimum of 8 students.
- Camp drop off begins at 8:50 am. Children are expected to be picked up no later than 12:40 pm.
- No camp the week of July 4th
- **Your Child's Safety:** We are serious about maintaining a safe learning environment for your child. All program instructors are either employees of Lowell Area Schools or volunteers and have participated in criminal background and driving record checks. Activities involve working on uneven surfaces, bending, twisting and walking outdoors. Persons with limited mobility and sensitivity to the sun and heat should consider these factors. If individualized attention is needed for campers with special needs, please contact Courtney Cheers to discuss options.
- Most of camp days will take place outside. Please dress for the weather and plan to be outside—layers are recommended!
- **Cancellations:** Camps will be held with a minimum of 8 students and a maximum of 16. Cancellations with a full refund will be taken up until **June 5, 2024**. After this date, cancellations will be charged a \$40.00 fee. Cancellation fees will be automatically deducted from any due refund. Parents will be notified by **May 30, 2024** if a camp will be cancelled due to low registration. If this occurs, full refunds will be issued.
- **Student and adult volunteers are needed for summer camps—Contact Courtney if interested!**
- Contact Courtney Cheers with registration or volunteering questions at [ccheers@lowellschools.com](mailto:ccheers@lowellschools.com) or 616-987-2565.



Wittenbach Wege Center—Agriscience & Environmental Education

11715 Vergennes SE Lowell, MI 49331 616-987-2565

# WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER – SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION



## Camper Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address*

*Apartment/Unit #*

*City*

*State*

*ZIP Code*

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Day Time Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Best Number to be Reached at: Day Cell Work

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Circle T-Shirt Size  
Youth: YM YL YXL  
Adult: S M L XL

Grade Entering in Fall 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contacts

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Camp Information

Camp Choices (please check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Green Adventures—(\$50 deposit/\$150 total) (**entering grades 2, 3**). 6 Tuesdays: June 11, 18, 25, July 9, 16, 23 (9:30-12:00)

\_\_\_\_\_ JMN—Audubon Adventures (\$50 deposit/\$100 total) (**entering grades 3, 4, 5**). 3 Wednesdays: June 12, 19, 26 (9:00—12:30)

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Master Gardener (**entering grades 4, 5, 6**) & JMG—Garden Gurus (**entering grades 6, 7, 8**). (\$100 deposit/\$275 total) 8 weeks: May 30, June 13, 20, 25, 27, July 11, 16, 18, 25, 30, Aug 1

**Cancellations:** Camps will be held with a minimum of 8 students and a maximum of 12-16. Cancellations with a full refund will be taken up until June 5, 2024. After this date, cancellations will be charged a \$40.00 fee. Cancellation fees will be automatically deducted from any due refund. Parents/guardians will be notified by June 5, 2024 if a camp will be cancelled due to low registration. If this occurs, full refunds will be issued.

**Deposits due May 30, 2024.** Please mail or drop off your registration and deposit (checks made payable to Lowell Area Schools) to: Courtney Cheers, WWC Director, 11715 Vergennes SE, Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 987-2565 or [ccheers@lowellschools.com](mailto:ccheers@lowellschools.com)

## Additional Information

How did you hear about this camp? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your child have any allergies (food or environmental)? If so, please list. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parent Agreement and Photo Waiver

**\*\*Camp drop off begins 10 minutes prior to start time. Children are expected to be picked up no later than 10 minutes after camp end time.**

I give my permission to allow the Wittenbach/Wege Center & Lowell Area Schools to photograph my child for the purposes of evaluating and marketing our summer camps. I understand that images of my child will not be sold or used to produce materials for profit or sale.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Wittenbach Wege Center - Agriscience and Environmental Education - is located approximately 18 miles east of Grand Rapids at 11715 Vergennes SE, Lowell, Michigan, across the street from the Lowell High School. Contact [ccheers@lowellschools.com](mailto:ccheers@lowellschools.com) or 616-987-2565 for directions. The center is funded by Lowell Area Schools.

Lowell Area Schools is an affirmative action, equal-opportunity employer. Programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.

## Medical Authorization and Release Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,

(Print your first and last name)

(Print child's first and last name)

consent to my child's participation in the specified education programs. In an emergency I can be reached at the numbers listed above. In the event that I cannot be reached, I authorize the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center and Lowell Area Schools staff to authorize or refuse necessary emergency treatment for my child.

I further agree to indemnify, protect and hold harmless the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center and Lowell Area Schools, its officers, board members, supervisors, agents, servants, employees and all other persons or organizations volunteering services without charge to supervise or chaperone the children who participate in this activity from any claim or liability whatsoever, including, but not limited to personal injury, property damage, court costs, attorney's fees and interest, however caused, even if caused by the negligence of WWC and LAS Personnel, as a result of my child's participation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date