

Homesteaders 4-H Garden Project Agreement 2017/2018

General Rules

1. This is a youth garden. No adults can rent a plot at the Homesteaders Ranch.
2. Everyone who uses the garden will share responsibility for overall cleanup and maintenance of the common community garden areas.
3. Please keep the paths around your garden plot clear and weed free.
4. We do NOT have any trash pickup. Everyone who uses the garden is responsible to dispose of their own trash.
5. Weeds are to be kept under control, and plots maintained. Remove all brush and weeds surrounding your plot
6. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult while at the ranch.
7. No smoking or drinking alcohol on the ranch property (this includes the parking lot and the soccer field.)
8. Return tools to their proper places, not necessarily where you found them.
9. Lock up the shed and gates when you leave.
10. This is an organic garden. The water-pumping station takes water from the aquifer beneath our garden. Absolutely no (non organic) chemical fertilizers, granular, pelletized, or in liquid form, can be used in the garden. This includes Miracle Grow and Osmocote. Absolutely no application of (non-Organic) chemical pesticide, insecticide, fungicide, bactericide, nothing with Miracle, Ortho, or Monsanto on the label is allowed without prior approval from the Garden Project Leader. **No exceptions!**
11. Do not leave water running when you are not present in the garden. If you must leave the garden for any reason, turn the water off. Report water leaks immediately to the Project Leader.
12. Visitors must be accompanied by a garden member at all times.
13. Watering, pruning, or harvesting an area that is NOT yours is NOT allowed.
14. Fruit in the community area can be sampled while in the garden. Stripping trees of fruit is not allowed.
15. Everyone who enters the garden is to behave in an orderly manner. No horseplay or running through plots. Stay on paths.
16. Do NOT go into other people's garden plots. Do not pick other people's fruits or vegetables. Do not touch other people's plants. If you see someone in another person's plot please report this to the Project Leader.

Attendance Requirement (only for those renting a garden plot)

1. There will be 2 project meetings each month.
2. Since project meetings are where major decisions and important information regarding the garden are communicated, **80% attendance of all project meetings will be required in order for a youth to maintain a plot rental at the Homesteaders Ranch.** Attendance records will be made available to project members throughout the year. If you must miss a meeting, contact your project leader prior to the start of the missed meeting to discuss a possible excused absence.
3. If a youth should fall below the required 80% attendance, the youth will be required to vacate the plot within 2 weeks. Please note, there are **NO** refunds given for plot fees. (This includes if you should lose your plot due to poor attendance.) Please contact your project leaders before renting a plot if you have any questions or if you think there will be a problem meeting this requirement.
4. Youth who lose their plot due to poor project meeting attendance will have to meet with the project leaders and/or the ranch manager to discuss the possibility of renting a plot in subsequent 4-H years.
5. There will be a minimum of 4 scheduled Garden work days (one per quarter.) Families are expected to attend and help at all work days.
6. Parents of youth under 9 will be required to stay during all project meetings.

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Plot Rental

Garden plots are available for rent to youth aged 9 and up. Youth under 9 are welcomed to help in the community learning garden. Plots are rented for one year terms starting in July and ending in June. Those youths under 9 who rented their plots prior to the 2016/2017 4-H program year, and who maintain a continuous membership/plot rental, will be allowed to keep their plot. No new youth under 9 will be allowed to rent a garden plot.

Plot Size	Yearly Fee
15 X 20	\$150
4 X 15	\$50

All adults in the garden must:

- Have an enrolled 4-H youth member in the garden project.
Or
- Be a 4-H Adult Volunteer (We urge all parents of enrolled youth to become an adult volunteer.)

Violations of any of these rules will result in corrective actions. You will receive a warning the first time. The second time you may be asked to leave.

Youth Name _____ Youth Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____