

UCSB Gardening with Kids Workshop Series

Bring indoors can be tough, especially for the little ones. During times like these, it is hard to get them out of the house in a safe manner, however you are in luck! There is still a way to enjoy gardening while following COVID-19 guidelines!

UCSB's Edible Campus Program presents a workshop series directed at families with children in the household. The workshops will be held for college students to do with a child, younger relative, or someone you are babysitting for. This workshop series aims to engage kids with hands-on activities to comprehend how plants work and how to care for them. As well as, introduce kids and guardians about what plants need and how they survive! To make it accessible for participants, we will be providing free online lessons and materials for those that sign up.

The lessons are planned as follows:

1. Week 1: Saving Seeds
2. Week 2: Importance of Using Correct Soil
3. Week 3: Water Cycle Model
4. Week 4: Hydroponics Model
5. Week 5: Chlorophyll Rubbings
6. Week 6: Sun Printing

Those who are accepted to the workshop series will receive free items that correspond to the lesson plans listed above-- shipped to your doorstep. Some of these items are sun printing kits, recycled materials, different soil types and more!

We hope that you are excited by the opportunity to learn to grow your own food! Please fill out the application below, everyone is encouraged to apply! However, please note that if we have more applications than spaces available, priority will be given to low-income students with less access to fresh produce. Your perm number is required to assess financial aid, demographics, etc. We are excited to hear from you soon!

Requirements for participation in the workshop series:

1. Must be a current UCSB student
2. Workshops are designed for a college student to do the workshop series with a child or younger relative
3. Must be able to commit to attending online workshops

Application link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXBJMiBIBUfDIdCZBEOAVuTagW8xD22onAa3yIsduhOf_XiA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Saving Seeds

Many foods in our home contain seeds. By digging deeper we are able to remove and grow plants from these seeds! Join us for homegrown plants and crafty pot paintings !

A Plant's Environment

Growing food can be a very fun activity to do at home! The first step to growing plants is to pick their ideal environment so they can thrive! Connect with us to take a closer look at how a plant's environment is crucial towards their survival.

Creating a Water Cycle Model

The water cycle is a helpful way to move nutrients and other tiny particles throughout the entire ecosystem so that they reach plants, animals, and humans alike! Water is often recycled through this process; join us to take a closer look at how that happens.

Growing Plants without Soil

Limited space in our homes calls for different growing methods. This DIY workshop is low cost and suitable for children to learn about none-soil gardening methods. If you are interested in learning more about DIY hydroponics models, come and see a model being built in this workshop.

Why Do Leaves Change Color

Leaves change color all the time during different seasons. By taking a closer look, we can see what sets the different leaves apart. If you're interested in the science behind color changing leaves, come learn about chlorophyll, photosynthesis, and seasonality through this workshop.

Sun Printing

Making nature art is a fun and easy activity to do with the little ones. Sun printing will teach kids about the power of the sun and nature all around them. Join us in creating fun nature art with items right from your backyard!