Youth who participate in the Junior Master Gardener Program:

- Experience hands-on activities in planning the layout, planting seeds and maintenance (weeding, watering and harvesting) of a garden.
- Become familiar with the structure of plants and their growth process.
- Take part in soil testing of the garden.
- Learn techniques to grow high quality fruits, vegetables and herbs.
- Develop cooking skills to prepare food safely.
- Participate in using the produce from the garden to make nutritious recipes.
- Learn the importance of eating a variety of healthy foods, including fruits and vegetables.

The Junior Master Gardener Program in Fond du Lac County receives support from the following agencies.

- University of Wisconsin-Extension
  Fond du Lac County
- Fond du Lac Area Foundation
- Fond du Lac Area United Way Youth Grant
- Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Program

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) education is supported by the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), UW-Extension, FoodShare Wisconsin, and local partners. In Wisconsin, FoodShare can help provide a healthy diet. To find out more about FoodShare, call 1-888-446-1239 or go to [http://access.wisconsin.gov](http://access.wisconsin.gov)
What is the Junior Master Gardener (JMG) Program?

The Junior Master Gardener Program is made possible with inquisitive youth, involved parents, and a collaboration of the Fond du Lac County University of Wisconsin Extension 4-H, Master Gardeners, Community Gardens, and Wisconsin Nutrition Education Programs.

Adult volunteers and Master Gardeners help out by guiding and advising the youth along the way to provide a premier educational hands-on program.

Along with growing vegetables, youth learn how to prepare the food safely while being conscience of healthy eating. They learn everything from buying quality produce at grocery stores and farmers markets to preparing meals at home.

Who can join Junior Master Gardeners?

All youth ages 8 to 19 are welcome to participate in JMG. There is no joining fee. Meetings are held weekly in the summertime and monthly in spring and fall.

Check out some of the fun things Junior Master Gardeners do by visiting our website: http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/hort/mg/jmg/

If you are interested in joining or contributing to Junior Master Gardeners, please call the Fond du Lac County UW-Extension office at 929-3174 and ask for Sharon Woolhether or Patty Percy.

Junior Master Gardeners Give Back to the Community.

- In addition to planting vegetables, JMG participants also plant flowers in their garden. Floral arrangements are made with the flowers and taken to local nursing homes.
- Produce from the garden that isn’t used during the nutrition education sessions is donated to local food pantries.

Who provides leadership for The Junior Master Gardener Program?

The Junior Master Gardener Program is sponsored in Wisconsin by the University of Wisconsin-Extension which is supported financially by county, state, and federal tax dollars. The program also receives support from the Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Program and grant dollars.

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