

Junior Gardeners Program 2019

Schedule of Activities

(schedule is approximated will change depending on weather and growing season)

May 11 - Learn how to grow a giant pumpkin and learn what the early pioneers to Canada had to contend with as they tried to establish a life that was sustainable in this harsh climate of Northern Ontario.

May 18 - Learn about and help plant the Three Sisters. This is a planting method the Ojibwa taught the new settlers trying to establish themselves in the Sault Area.

May 25 - Plant your own garden plot of pie pumpkins and then plant the pumpkin plant started in our city greenhouse that will produce our entry in the Giant Pumpkin Contest

June 01 - Begin planting the root vegetables in our garden plot.

June 15 - Garden days – Come plant in our gardens along with our junior Gardeners. Learn about the importance of worms and how they help in the composting of vegetative material that can be put back into your garden. Learn how to make an indoor worm composter.

June 29 - Garden Maintenance – Learn about garden maintenance, the pest that pioneers had to deal with and the concerns of watering your crops.

July 06 - Composting – Learn about garden compost. What compost is used for and the different methods used to keep the crop land productive. Learn about worms!!

July 27 - Berry Picking – time to pick raspberries and the current bushes. How to process them.

August 03 – Jelly Making – Learn how to make jelly out of the currents we harvested from our gardens.

August 10 - Baking in Summer Kitchen – Learn how the pioneers would cook and bake in the hearth. Make some cookies!!

August 17 - Harvesting Days – Harvesting the crops.

August 24 - Pollinators – Amanda Roe will talk to us about the different insects that pollinate plants. We will build houses for them and see how many we can identify in our gardens.

August 31 - Preserving Days – The ways the pioneers would have used to preserve their harvest for the coming winter months. Make pickles!!

September 7 - Seed Saving – *The importance of collecting and saving seeds along with the methods of collecting them.*

October - Giant Pumpkin Weight In – Junior Gardens will get their pumpkin weight at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion and place in the Junior Gardener category.