

## The Children's Vegetable Garden Program Spring 2015 Contest Guidelines

Saturday, **May 16, 2015**. Agenda #13

*Everyone is encouraged to arrive a little bit earlier today.  
If you are bringing a perishable dish, please bring it iced down.  
Please give any financial donations to Miss Mary.*

*Parents, Children, Instructors, Mentors, and Volunteers  
Please stay to help clean up after the event  
(help put the chairs, tables, and any trash around the garden)*

### Contest Timeline:

- 8:30 - 9:30 Prepare vegetable entries for the contest and work on routine observations and general plot maintenance.
- 9:00 - 10:20 Entries will be submitted **no later** than 10:20 am at the Quality Control (QC) table (in front of Sunday House).
- 10:30 – 11:30 Vegetable Judging and Picnic
- 11:30 - 12:00 Appreciation Ceremony and Recognition
- 12:00 – 12:30 Pick up ribbons and vegetables. Unclaimed ribbons will be distributed at the Children's Vegetable Garden the following week. Unclaimed vegetables will be donated to a homeless shelter. Everything has to be picked up by 12:35 pm.



## Contest Rules: Please check off once completed

- Vegetables entries must be harvested directly from the child's garden plot.
- Entries must be free from diseases, insects, and soil.
- Each contestant is allowed to submit only one entry per vegetable category.
- The maximum number of vegetable category entries per child is four (6).
- Each entry must be accompanied by a completed (top and bottom) entry card.
- Entries must have the exact number of vegetables required for each category submitted.

## Entry Procedure: Please check off once completed

- Vegetables should be washed thoroughly (but gently) to remove any soil.
- Complete an entry card (top and bottom) for each vegetable category submitted.
- Uniformity of size, shape, and color is important when more than one vegetable per entry is required.
- BIGGER is NOT necessarily BETTER.** Silly vegetables should be **VERY** different from normal (Example: ODD shape, MUCH too big or small, funny color).
- Trim all root hairs from the root vegetables.
- Cut leaves to no longer than three inches at the crowns of root vegetables, such as onions.
- Either green or red tomatoes may be entered, not both.** Think about size and shape.
- Large (two fruits) and cherry tomatoes (three fruits) may be entered separately.
- Leave a 1/2 inch stem attached to each tomato and bean while cutting them.
- Place vegetables in a black tray with accompanying entry forms.
- Submit vegetable entries for review by the (QC) team before contest entry.
- Bring vegetables and entry forms in black trays to the Sunday House to enter into the contest.



**Entry forms must be completed accurately before submitting to the Quality Control team. If forms and vegetables are not approved by the Quality Control team, instructors will need to work with and re-evaluate their children's entries. Forms will be given out by Miss Mary. Vegetable entry guidelines are attached.**