

Sustainability Newsletter

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Fact of the month: Sustainable agriculture is the production of food, fiber, or other animal and plant products using farming techniques that protect the environment, public health, human communities, and animal welfare. To learn more about sustainable agriculture, click [here](#).

The Early Childhood Center Visits the Community Garden



On July 10th, a group of campers from the Early Childhood Center summer camp visited the NKU Community Garden for an informational session and garden-related activities. The campers were given a tour of the garden and were taught how to identify different types of vegetables, how compost is formed, and how to harvest vegetables when they are fully grown. The students were led through two activities, one which demonstrated the growth cycle of a plant from a seedling, and the other which demonstrated how plants receive water and are nourished by the type of soil they are planted in.

STEM Girls Day Out

On July 11th, a group of girls from around the area interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) came to campus to learn about all things science! Their visit began with a tour of the power plant, where the students learned how the university is powered through steam and chilled water. Later, the students had time to complete a carbon footprint activity that, through processing information about individual daily choices and lifestyle, calculates how many Earths it would take to sustain your lifestyle. To calculate your own carbon footprint and impact, click [here](#).

Opportunities at Civic Garden Center of Cincinnati

Students, go take advantage of two great opportunities to further your teaching skills and love for the environment! The Civic Garden of Cincinnati will be holding the following two programs in the fall to

teach youth about important topics. Each program offers participants a \$50 stipend and an opportunity for professional development.

The Green Learning Station Program:

This program is seeking individuals who are excited about teaching middle and high school students about science, storm water management, and water quality. To find out more, click [here](#).

The Compost Kids Program:

This program is looking for individuals who are excited about teaching children ages 5-12 about the importance of composting, recycling, gardening, and caring for our world. To find out more, click [here](#).