

WAYS TO ENGAGE YOUTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Art Projects:

DIY Garden Wish Flags

grab some cloth (preferably solid color), cut it up into a bunch of triangle pieces, paint/decorate how you desire, once dry attach to a long enough piece of twine or string (twine will hold longer as it is typically stronger), to attach you can use a hot glue gun, sewing needle, or super glue. Once done hang it up high enough and enjoy! Suggestion: paint your garden name or your volunteers' names or handprints!

Rock Painting

take any size rock you wish, wipe/wash off any dirt, then paint a design on it and let it dry. Once done place around the garden! (similar idea: popsicle stick garden markers)

DIY Bird Feeders

take a paper towel or toilet paper roll cover it in peanut butter then roll in sunflowers, then place outside for the birds to eat

Popsicle Garden Markers

take used clean popsicle sticks, then paint or marker them, once dry simply write fun little notes to the community or even the plants/bugs and stick them around the garden

Bottle Cap Flowers

take used bottle caps (any kind) paint them how you please, once dried

Water Colors from Flower Petals

notice a flower wilting (starting to die)? Take the petals and soak in warm water. Hint: the more petals there are the darker the color. Once the water is colorful enough simply use it like watercolor paint!

DIY Watering Can

take a used milk jug or any kind of plastic bottle. Paint or decorate however you please, then once dry/finished poke holes into the cap of the jug/bottle. Ta-da! You've got yourself a DIY watering can



HUNGRY?!

Pack some snacks, sandwiches', and drinks and have a picnic at the garden!



Games:

Can you find?

Scavenger hunt

Plant bingo

Tree bark rubbings

Nature Treasure box (egg carton)

Bug hunt

Eye Spy Nature

Tic tac toe with painted rocks

Water balloon hunt/fight

Helpful Links:

Garden Wish Flags

<https://artfulparent.com/making-garden-wish-flags/>

Flower petal Water Colors

https://premeditatedleftovers.com/naturally-frugal-mom/how-to-make-watercolor-paints-from-flower-petals/-_a5y_p=505806s

Bottle Cap Flower

<https://www.suburbia-unwrapped.com/2015/04/easy-earth-day-craft-bottle-cap-garden-art.html>

Plant Bingo FREE Print Out

<https://bitzniggles.com/nature-hunt-bingo/>

Nature Scavenger Hunt

- Something fuzzy
- Something straight
- Something round
- Something smooth
- Something rough
- Two different types of leaves
- Something that makes noise
- Something you think is beautiful
- A pine cone



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HILL



SPRINKLER



FENCE



SMALL LEAVES



STICK



BIRD



LEAF



WHITE FLOWER



FLY



ROCK



GRASS



LEAVES ON STICK

FREE



BALL



ANT



CLOUD



FLOWER POT



BUTTERFLY



YELLOW FLOWER



SUN



LADYBUG



BUSH



PINK FLOWER



TREE



DIRT