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## Dig into Garden Programs for Kids and Families at Green Spring

Bring your kids to Green Spring Gardens on Saturday, July 9, 2016, for an herb container workshop. You and your little ones will plant a simple herb container that brings the love of food and gardening together. Learn to grow the tasty herbs that will make your pizzas, salads and teas something special. We'll teach you how to care for and harvest your herbs and share some of our favorite herb recipes. The cost is \$35 per project, and the workshop runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Children with a green thumb will enjoy a Thursday series of Let's Grow Garden Club programs in July and August.

On July 7, the topic is Dig In. Children will visit Green Spring's greenhouses and nursery areas to see the garden staff at work, help them start some seeds for late summer planting, and trek down to the veggie patch to talk about what plants need to grow. Make a plant marker for the garden and pot a plant to bring home.

On July 21, go on a Bee Quest. Test your pollinator spotting skills in the gardens with our pollinator game. Figure out how pollinators help us grow food and what plants they like to visit. Visit our bee hives and sample some delicious flower honey. Take home some pumpkin seeds for planting.

It will be Sunny Days on August 4 as children form a human sundial before tending the garden and collecting veggies for a pizza snack. Kids will learn why the sun is important to photosynthesis and cook garden-fresh pizzas in a solar oven.

These three programs are designed for children age 6 to 10 and run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sign up for one or all three. The cost of each program is \$15 per child.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria, VA. For more information, call 703-642-5173 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/>.

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