

Victory Gardens for Peace GardenCorps® Pilot Program

Mission: Training leaders to serve their communities through establishing a stronger home and community gardening culture to promote food security and a healthier more peaceful future.

GardenCorps trains community leaders to grow a sustainable gardening movement

GardenCorps leaders create opportunities and organize community to increase access to organic local food through promoting home and community gardening

A strong and resilient community has its roots in local food- *We can do it! Si se puede!*

Victory Gardens for Peace GardenCorps program trains teams of individuals in sustainable food systems and community organizing to support the establishment of a local food and gardening culture.

This pilot program is a 3-part course including 45 hours of handson training in sustainable food production, 27 hours of diet planning and design and 27 hours of agricultural leadership training. A description of the curriculum is on the reverse side.

Program participants are accepted on the grounds that they will apply what they learn and dedicate their efforts in 50 hours of community service within a 1 year period to improve access to gardening land and resources for people in Fort Bragg.

GardenCorps graduates are provided the tools to demonstrate, teach and organize community around sustainable home and community gardening. They are supported in this work by their teachers, classmates and community. The goal is a sustainable and local food system for all. This pilot will serve a further development of an international program to train GardenCorps leaders around the world.

2021 Program Dates:

Part 1: Saturdays June 5th- July 31st 9AM-3PM

Part 2: Saturdays August 21st- October 16th 9AM-3PM

Cost: \$450 (scholarships may be available)



VGFP is a project of Ecology Action, a 501c3 based out of Willits, California. Visit www.growbiointensive.org and www.victorygardensforpeace.com for more information.

Victory Gardens for Peace GardenCorps® Curriculum



GardenCorps is taught on site at the Victory Gardens For Peace Mini-Farm located in the town of Mendocino. All classes are led by certified Grow Biointensive® Teachers including Master-Level instructors. These instructors have experience working with farmers, gardeners and community organizers from around the world and bring a global perspective unified under the theme of growing soil, food, seed and community.







45 Hours Grow Biointensive Sustainable Gardening Techniques:

- Soil preparation, cultivation and fertilization
- Seed propagation and transplanting
- Composting
- Calorie and carbon farming
- Seed saving, adaptation and preservation

27 Hours of Agricultural Leadership Training:

- Garden and project management
- Community organizing and creating networks
- Working with businesses and government
- Community seed banking
- Education and outreach methodologies
- Supporting home and community gardeners

27 Hours of Sustainable Garden and Diet Design:

- Applying permaculture principles
- Garden layout and infrastructure
- Planning for diet and nutrition in the garden
- Creating a sustainable garden plan for soil fertility
- Integrating theory and practice through real world application



For more information on how to become involved contact <u>Matt@Victorygardensforpeace.com</u> or call (847)404-2586 Donate to support a GardenCorps team in your community through our scholarship program!