

Victory Gardens for Peace GardenCorps® 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 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.

GardenCorps is a 4-month, 2-part course including: 45 hours of hands-on training in sustainable food production and 45 hours of diet planning, garden design and agricultural leadership training. A description of the curriculum is on the reverse side.

Scholarships may be available to program participants on the grounds that they will apply what they learn and dedicate 50 hours of community service within a 1-year period to assist in the development of an approved project.

The GardenCorps program can also be taken as an internship which includes housing, food and 40 hours per week of integrating the coursework into practical and focused hands-on experience.

GardenCorps graduates develop the tools to demonstrate, teach and organize around sustainable home, school and community gardening. They are supported in this work by their teachers, classmates and community. The goal is to work together to create an inclusive, sustainable and local food

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

2023 Program Dates:

system for all which conserves resources and preserves our ecologies.

Saturdays June 3rd- October 7th 9AM-4PM

Course Cost: \$1,250

 $450~\mathrm{w}$ 50 hours community service (scholarships may be available)

On-site Internship: \$3,570

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



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 local 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!