

The Sustainability Project

The Sustainability Project's Outdoor Center in the Emerson Brook Forest is open for the season! The Sustainability Project will host monthly work days, activities and programming for all ages. We invite you think about how you might like to be involved in the work that we are doing. The Center exists as a community resource, a beautiful place in nature, and a learning laboratory for edible forest gardening, permaculture design and sustainable community practices. Whether your family, school or organization is looking for a place to hold a gathering, complete a community service project, or participate in an educational program we can work with you to make it happen. Lend a hand, take some time to explore and enjoy being outdoors in good company!

Our 2018 projects at the Emerson Brook Forest Center include:

- building organic demonstration gardens
- installing perennial polycultures
- invasive species remediation
- supplying the food needs of interns, volunteers and guests, as well as for the Keene Community Kitchen Gleaning Program
- building and maintaining wheelchair accessible & hiking trails
- creating an outdoor kitchen, an amphitheater, and 2-3 tent platforms
- creating educational materials, including maps and interpretive signs for gardens and trails

New for 2018! Stewards of the Earth Summer Teen Program

High school students are invited to attend a **week long "Stewards of the Earth" program** with environmental educator, Lenoir McDougal, at the Emerson Brook Forest Outdoor Center. **Two sessions will be offered, July 23rd - 28th and August 20th - 25th.** Daily sessions run from 9 am to 3 pm with a planned overnight on Friday with pick up Saturday morning at 9 am.

Fun-filled activities for the week include natural history exploration, constructing primitive structures, trail work & gardening, nature artwork and journaling. The program draws on the 13 Core Routines found in the Coyote's Guide to Connecting with Nature by Jon Young. Sessions include time for immersion and reflection in the forest as well as time to explore and learn about the area through a variety of ways. Attendants will be supported to strengthen leadership skills and to advocate for a healthy planet. Participants will also help tend the garden, expand and maintain trails and think about ways to share their learning with visitors to the Center. **Students can apply this time towards community service hours needed for school or other organizations.**

The Sustainability Project offers a variety of Stewards of the Earth programs designed to encourage environmental stewardship skills and healthy choices. Program leaders and participants use naturally occurring, teachable moments to deepen their relationships with the world around them.

Registration for the week is \$100. Barter options are available and no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Students are also encouraged to inquire about completing additional community service hours, senior projects or service projects for scouting or other groups.

For more information, to register for a program or schedule an event, email Lenoir McDougal at lenoir@emersonbrookforest.org or call 603-439-7108. Visit www.emersonbrookforest.org to learn more about The Sustainability Project's work.