

# Youth GreenCorps



Growing the future  
together..Engaging  
youth in the  
building of  
sustainable  
Communities

## What is Youth GreenCorps?

**The Youth GreenCorps is an exciting new grass-roots initiative that engages youth in local environmental, horticultural and artistic hands-on projects.**

The Youth GreenCorps will provide youth opportunities to be of **service to their communities**. Youth from all ages will do hands-on work to:

- support existing urban gardens and create new urban gardens
- plant trees, create natural habitats and rain gardens
- build birdhouses, compost bins and raised beds
- create art installations from recycled objects and create public murals
- develop community green map designs
- perform exterior home repair for community elders
- cleanup parks, water systems and neighborhoods
- distribute compact fluorescent "spiral" bulbs
- and other work to beautify or **green-ify** the community.

The Youth GreenCorps will begin these projects in the **northeast** Lexington community with a vision of expanding throughout the county

**Nurture the next generation of community leaders:** engage young people as true partners in community gardens while nurturing their artistic and leadership skills, environmental awareness, and commitment to community action.

**When does the Youth GreenCorps begin?**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> YGC session is Sat. February 3, 2007 9am**

**YGC begins Saturday February 3, 2007** and will continue through November. YGC will meet **Saturday mornings at 9am and end at 12 noon** on every **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** Saturdays of each month. Our spring schedule is Feb 3, 17; March 3, 17; April 7, 21, 28; May 5, 19. A registration and parental consent form is required of all participants.

**Where does the Youth GreenCorps meet?**

YGC will gather on Saturday mornings at the **Community Ventures Building 360 East Third St.** After a short discussion we will walk to our project sites in the area. We will end each session at **Third Street Stuff 257 N. Limestone St.**

**Who can participate in Youth GreenCorps?**

Youth GreenCorps is open to all children and youth aged 8 to 20. Parents are encouraged to participate and get involved.

**How can you help?**

**Sponsorship-** become a Youth GreenCorps *sponsor or partner* and pledge your **financial and/or resource support**. We accept individual, organizational, government and corporate sponsorship.

**Volunteer** -call us to find out the many ways in which you can offer your skills and time to support the mission of the Youth Green Corps. Call (859)312-7024, 494-4883; or email [jgembr0@cs.com](mailto:jgembr0@cs.com). Visit our website [www.sustainlex.org](http://www.sustainlex.org) for other information and updates.

**Youth Green Corps Partnership organizations:**

*Northeast Lexington Initiative(NELI), Sustainable Communities Network, Third Street Stuff, Central KY Council for Peace and Justice, Transylvania Environmental Rights and Responsibility Alliance(TERRA), UK Green Thumb.*