Roots & Wings Youth Leadership and Urban Agriculture Program
2018 Adult Mentor Program at Blackhawk Courts Farm

**What is Roots & Wings?** Roots & Wings is a youth leadership program based at Blackhawk Courts Farm and Garden. It is a project led by Angelic Organics Learning Center in collaboration with the Rockford Housing Authority and Zion Outreach.

**What is a Youth Leader?** Roots & Wings Youth Leaders are ages 11-14 and practice leadership skills through a farm and garden program. They work with adult mentors to set goals, and have responsibilities with the farm and education programs.

**What is an Adult Mentor?** Adult Mentors commit to 5-8 weeks of programming and relationship building with youth leaders in summer 2018, 4+ hours per week. Each mentor attends weekly education sessions with youth leaders on Monday afternoons, in addition to one other weekly “specialty” commitment with a small group of 2-4 youth leaders. Adult mentors are strongly encouraged to attend our overnight at Angelic Organics Lodge on June 12-13th.

**What are the specialty commitments?** We ask each adult leader to commit to one specialty area, together with another staff or mentor and 2-4 youth leaders.
- Farm work: All youth leaders work at Blackhawk Courts Farm from 2 to 4 on Weds.
- Harvest: 9 to 11 on Wednesday mornings
- Education: 3 to 5 pm on Mondays
- Markets: Fridays, dates vary, off-site
- Community Events: Dates vary, planning meetings to be scheduled.

**What is the commitment?** Roots & Wings Youth Leaders program runs from June 12th to August 3rd. Most youth leaders attend 6-8 hours of programming per week.
- Mentor orientation: June 4th, 1 to 3 at Blackhawk Courts Farm
- Retreat (June 12, 11 am to June 13, noon): Overnight at Angelic Organics Lodge, Caledonia, IL: *strongly encouraged!*
- Core Summer Weeks: June 18 to July 20
- Bonus Weeks: July 30 to August 10th; optional, but encouraged! Hours will vary.
- Opportunities to continue during the school year.

**How do I apply?**
New volunteers fill out the application by May 30th. We will ask for an interview at Blackhawk Courts Farm and complete a background check if we haven’t done so previously.

**Questions?** Contact Program Director Tedd Snowden at tedd@learngrowconnect.org or (815) 243-0403.
Roots & Wings Youth Leaders
Calendar, Summer 2018

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**Core Summer Weeks**

| **Education Sessions** | Mentors and Youth Leaders (Mentors meet at 12:30) | June 18, 1 to 3 pm  
June 25, 1 to 3 pm  
July 2, 1 to 3 pm  
July 9, 1 to 3 pm  
July 16, 1 to 3 pm | Blackhawk Courts Farm and Garden |
| **Farm Work Sessions** | Youth leaders  
Optional for mentors | June 20, 2 to 4 pm  
June 27, 2 to 4 pm  
July 3, 2 to 4 pm  
July 11, 2 to 4 pm  
July 18, 2 to 4 pm | Blackhawk Courts Farm and Garden |
| **Overnight Farm Camp (by invitation to youth who achieve)** | Sunday, July 22 to Friday, July 27 | Meet at Blackhawk Courts, travel to Angelic Organics Lodge, Caledonia, IL |
| **Bonus Weeks (by invitation to youth who achieve)** | July 29-August 10 (hours to be determined) | |

**Specialty Schedule** (Each adult mentor will work with one specialty)

| Education | Meets Mondays, 3-5 pm | Blackhawk Courts Farm |
| Harvest | Meets Wednesday, 9-11 AM | Blackhawk Courts Farm |
| Market | Meets 3 Fridays (dates and locations to be determined) |
| Events | Holds 2 community outreach events and several planning meetings (dates to be determined) |