



## **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 Leader 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](mailto:tedd@learngrowconnect.org) or (815) 243-0403.



Roots & Wings Youth Leaders  
Calendar, Summer 2018

<b>Application deadline</b>	May 30th to <a href="mailto:tedd@learngrowconnect.org">tedd@learngrowconnect.org</a>	
<b>Orientation for Mentors</b>	June 4 (1 to 3 pm)	Blackhawk Courts Farm and Garden
<b>Retreat</b> Staff Youth leaders Mentors	Tuesday, June 12 (11 am) to Weds, June 13 (noon)	Meet at Blackhawk Courts, travel to Angelic Organics Lodge, Caledonia, IL
<b>Core Summer Weeks</b>		
<b>Education Sessions</b> 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
<b>Farm Work Sessions</b> 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
	See specialty schedule below	
<b>Overnight Farm Camp</b> (by invitation to youth who achieve)	Sunday, July 22 to Friday, July 27	Meet at Blackhawk Courts, travel to Angelic Organics Lodge, Caledonia, IL
<b>Bonus Weeks</b> (by invitation to youth who achieve)	July 29-August 10 (hours to be determined)	

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

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