



## Garden Gurus

### 3rd & 4th Grade

Here at Red Butte Garden, we believe learning is fun and can happen anytime, anywhere. To help continue the fun at home, we've included an outline of the topics we'll study this week at camp as well as a list of additional activities, books, and other resources related to this week's theme. We hope you'll use this to engage with your camper and keep the learning process happening all summer long! Thanks for coming to Summer Camp, and we'll see you soon at the Garden!

### CAMP THEME

This week campers will dig, plant, water, and weed their way across the Garden as we explore the world of horticulture. In addition to learning the special things plants need to grow and thrive here in Utah, and campers will also get a chance to work alongside real RBG Horticulturists and take care of the Garden. Be sure to ask your camper about the following:

- **Monday** –Composting, Nutrient Cycling, decomposers,
- **Tuesday** – Plant needs, Identifying problems, pests
- **Wednesday** –Plant parts, Plant protection, ladybugs,
- **Thursday** – Horticulture, Greenhouses
- **Friday** – Design and plant your own garden

### ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Create a countertop compost bucket
  - <http://tinyurl.com/DIYKitchenComposter>
- Help your camper create their own stepping stone
  - <http://tinyurl.com/DIYSteppingStones>
- Avoid pests in your garden by releasing a praying mantis cocoon
  - Pick up at your local nursery
- Take a micro-hike. Lie out a string on a spot of ground and use a magnifying glass to look for tiny intricacies.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- *A Seed is Sleepy* by Dianna Hutts
- *The Gardener* by Sarah Stewart
- *Lily's Garden* by Deborah Ray

