

SAN CARLOS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Application for Garden Plot

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (Cell/work) _____

Have you ever had a community garden plot? YES _____ NO _____

What is your goal or reason for wanting to participate in the San Carlos Community Garden? _____

Names of other individuals who might be gardening with you: _____

Annual cost to be submitted at time of application:

Fee pays for expenses of maintaining the community garden (water, community tools, etc.)

_____ **4'x 12' raised bed; \$100/year**

Eight (8) volunteer hours per year are required to help make the garden an enjoyable place for all. Please mark three areas that you would be interested in volunteering with during the year. Each gardener is expected to help during the year with general chores in areas outside of their own garden bed.

_____ Site maintenance

_____ Path maintenance

_____ Phone calls

_____ Construction Projects

_____ Mailings

_____ Watering

_____ Assigning plots

_____ Annual Planting

_____ Fall cleanup

_____ Composting

_____ Social events

_____ Weeding

_____ Mentoring fellow gardener

_____ Community presentation/lesson

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Contract and release of all claims

I, _____, am a participant in the Community Garden. As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- I have read the rules, received a copy, and understand the conditions of membership in the SCCG. I understand that failure to comply will result in non-renewal/non-approval of my application or termination of gardening privileges. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that might arise through participation in the Community Garden, and assume any expenses and liabilities incurred in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have any questions about the Community Garden, I will contact the Garden Manager and discuss those questions to my satisfaction.
- In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Community Garden, I, my children, my executors, do hereby release and forever discharge the Garden Committee, Garden Manager, volunteers, other gardeners, and the cooperating landowner from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this garden. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I might incur.

I certify that my true age is either at least 18 years old, or, if I am under 18 years old, that my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire Release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Participant's Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Approved

Garden Manager _____ Date _____

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Garden Rules

Introduction and background

The San Carlos Community Garden is the first joint use garden of its kind in the area. It is located on the campus of Springall Academy at 6460 Boulder Lake Ave. It is on the south end of the school at the corner of Boulder Lake Ave. and Lake Adlon Drive near the east end of the San Carlos Park and Recreation Center.

The San Carlos Community Garden project is a vision shared by the San Carlos United Methodist Church, Springall Academy, and many other community organizations and citizens. Springall Academy is a non-public school which serves students with special needs and is the highest governing authority at the San Carlos Community Garden.

Our garden goals are simple:

- Provide access to grow food and promote healthy eating
- Provide a profound teaching tool for Springall Academy students (and students from nearby schools)
- Offer education and recreational gardening opportunities to the community
- Create a beautiful and serene amenity to the neighborhood for all ages to enjoy

The San Carlos Community Garden project seeks collaboration from community members of all ages, civic clubs, faith and non-faith based organizations and schools. The San Carlos Community Garden originated through a development grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the County of San Diego.

The Volunteer Garden Committee (committee) is responsible for ensuring that the rules are followed at all times. The committee is made up of community members elected each year at an annual leadership meeting to be held between April - June.

Consequences for failure to uphold the garden rules, terms, or conditions are cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of garden privileges. If a violation of the garden is noted, the following will occur:

1. One verbal warning from the garden manager will be issued.
2. If no response or correction is made, a written notice will be issued two weeks later.
3. If no further response or correction is made, written final notification forfeiting gardening privileges will be issued.
4. Reapplication for another plot after one year will be at the discretion of the garden manager.

Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

Garden Use and Maintenance

1. A raised bed of **4'x12'** is **\$100/year**. No refunds will begin following acceptance of the application. Garden plots are non-transferrable.
2. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded on a first come first served basis. Subsequent plot preference will be given to current plot occupants.
3. Plots must be cultivated and planted within two weeks of plot assignment. Plots cannot be left unattended for any period of three weeks or longer without arrangements through the garden manager.
4. The garden is open from dawn to dusk.
5. All plants must be maintained within the limits of the plot and not allowed to grow more than six feet high. Invasive plants are prohibited (such as Bamboo or English Ivy).
6. Garden plots are for growing produce (veggies, herbs, and fruit) and flowers/small shrubs. No illegal plants are to be grown.
7. Plot and surrounding areas must be kept clean, and reasonably free of pests and weeds. Gardeners are responsible for all tilling, soil amendments, cultivating, fertilizing, and watering, etc. Water spigots and hoses are available throughout the garden.
8. Participate in garden maintenance by completely separating waste into three groups: 1) dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts in designated Compost Bin Container(s); 2) rocks, stones, and asphalt in Rock Pile; and 3) paper, plastic, cardboard, wood, metal, etc. in Recycle Container(s). All other materials shall be disposed of in Trash Container(s).
9. If Gardner no longer wants or is able to garden, please contact the Garden manager. Remove all plants and tools within two weeks leaving the plot ready for a new gardener to use.

Cultivation

1. Tools, hoses, and watering equipment will be available in the community garden storage shed and must remain on the premises.
2. Each gardener will be given one key to the garden and the storage shed for access to tools and watering equipment. Gardeners are responsible for bringing that key each time they work in the garden. Keep garden gate and storage bin locked at all times.
3. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the Garden Manager if he or she is unable to care for their plot in any given week. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
4. Garden safe and eco-friendly practices are encouraged. The use of synthetic chemicals that act as pesticides and herbicides/weed killers is not allowed (such as Roundup and Corry's Slug and Snail Death).
5. Organic methods for weed and pest control are encouraged (such as Sluggo and Safer Insecticidal Soap brands, especially brands with OMRI labeling).
6. Organic fertilizers are recommended. However, use of animal manures is prohibited.
7. Practice water-wise guidelines. Hand watering only.

Good Neighbor Practices

1. Children and visitors must be supervised at all times when they are in the garden, and need to follow all garden rules.
2. Use common courtesy and resolve differences in a neighborly way. Stay polite and listen carefully to other gardeners if there is a problem. Solutions are usually easily resolved. No verbal or physical abuse tolerated.
3. Pets or animals of any kind are not allowed in the garden.
4. Smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited.
5. There is no removal of another gardener's plants, flowers, fruits or vegetables, etc. allowed without the owner's consent. Maliciousness of any kind towards another gardener or plot will not be tolerated.

Community Building

1. Gardeners are expected to contribute eight selected/assigned volunteer hours each year.
2. Attendance is encouraged to participate in regular (monthly) garden club meetings on the third Thursday of each month.
3. Shared tools or materials provided by the garden for community use will remain on the garden premises.
4. Work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.