



# BLANDFORD | nature center

youth farm team

- Are you 12–16 years old?
- Are you looking for fun summer gardening experiences?
- Do you enjoy learning outdoors in the natural environment?
- Would you like to know more about organic agriculture?
- Would you like to help build a sustainable urban food system?
- Do you enjoy being a leader in your community?



Blandford Nature Center is offering three separate hands-on youth farm programs that offer many rigorous, practical, and integrated experiences. The YFT will be working and learning on the Blandford Farm located at Blandford Nature Center. The YFT summer sessions will present their knowledge of nutrition and sustainable choices on Friday's at Fulton Street Farmers Market and help bring awareness of these issues to their community. The YFT participants will gain valuable life skills as they work to build a sustainable urban food system.

## 2012 Youth Farm Team (YFT) Programs

YFT Spring Session: Five week program, April 21 to May 19. Saturday from 9 am until 12 pm. Curriculum includes soil science, growing in a greenhouse, local business 101— including a local business tour, vermicomposting (composting using worms), healthy eating choices and much more.

**\$110 per participant.**

YFT Summer Session I: Five week program, June 13 to July 13. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am until 12pm. Participants meet at the Fulton Street Farmer's Market on Fridays. **There is no meeting Friday, June 15.** Curriculum includes organic pest management, building healthy soil, solar cooking, field trip to a local farm, healthy eating choices, weekly farmers market, and much more. **\$250 per participant.**

YFT Summer Session II: . Five week program, July 18 to August 17. **There is no meeting on Friday, July 20.** The curriculum and weekly format is the same as Summer Session I. **\$250 per participant.**



For more information please visit our website:  
[www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/youthfarmteam](http://www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/youthfarmteam)  
Or contact Jesica Lamden, YFT Coordinator, at  
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