

FoodChain and Seedleaf are joining together this summer to host BUFF: Bluegrass Urban Farm Friends!

This program is designed to work out kids' urban farm and garden knowledge muscles with the combination of outdoor raised beds, farms, and indoor aquaponics experience. This opportunity is open to both middle and high school students. Students will get to spend time in Seedleaf's community gardens, FoodChain's indoor aquaponics, community centers, and field trips to agricultural destinations in the area.

Middle School Program Details:

- Two Sessions- Students may only participate in one session per summer
- Session 1:
 - @ Seedleaf Gardens: June 17th- 9 am-12 pm, 18th 9-1:30 (field trip day), & 20th 9 am-12 pm, NO CLASS WED JUNE 19th!
 - @ FoodChain Aquaponics Farm: June 24th 9 am - 12 pm, 25th 9 am - 12 pm, & 26, 9 am - 1:30 pm (Field trip day)
- Session 2:
 - @ Seedleaf Gardens: July 22nd 9-12, 23rd 9-12, & 24th 9 am- 1:30 pm (Field trip day)
 - @ FoodChain Aquaponics Farm: July 29th 9-12, 30th 9-12, & 31st 9 am - 1:30 pm (Field trip day)
- Paid! Depending on attendance, participation and behavior, each student can get up to \$200 in work stipends- \$50 week 1, \$100 week 2, and up to a \$50 bonus for achievements including special projects, perfect attendance, and behavior awards!
- Must fill out I-9
- Lunch included! Lunch time is from 11-11:30
- Wednesdays are field trip days- through Fayette Co and surrounding counties- students must be on time in order to participate!
- Transportation services available upon request!
- Eligibility: Students who will be starting the 6th grade in Fall 2024 to students entering 8th grade in the 2024-2025 school year.
- Application due by May 23rd, 2024
- Applications can be filled out online here >>>>>>>>>
- Paper applications can be dropped off or mailed to
FoodChain, Inc
501 W Sixth St, Suite 105
Lexington, KY 40508



BUFF Middle School Student Summer Program Application

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Age (as of June 1, 2024):

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Phone Number:

Which Session do you prefer (Session 1 or 2):

Please share one paragraph (**5 complete sentences**) about why you would like to be part of the BUFF program this summer: Please ensure this is written by the student applicant and not the parent.

Participants: By signing and completing this form you are committing yourself to working with Seedleaf and FoodChain from June 3rd to August 2nd. You are also agreeing to complete your duties with enthusiasm and professionalism. Some assistance for transportation may be provided for participants, however there is no guarantee that all transportation barriers can be met or accommodated. It is your responsibility to get to work on time for scheduled workdays. It is also your responsibility to come prepared for working outside or on an indoor farm that can be wet, dirty, and have live animals (fish). This includes being equipped with a water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray and protective clothing (hat, light cotton clothing and protective footwear). A legal waiver will be required.

Parent/Guardians: By signing this form, you agree to the terms of participation and that your child/ward has permission to participate in BUFF and related field trips.

Signature of Participant:

Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

WAIVER:

Thank you for your interest in BUFF. We are delighted to have your child with us. Please read over the following statement, check the box and sign below to confirm your agreement.

- I understand that personal injury, death, property damage, and property loss are all inherent risks. I assume all risks involved when my child participates in programming offered by FoodChain Inc. and Seedleaf Inc. I accept personal responsibility for any liability, injury, loss, or damage in any way connected with their participation in BUFF programming.

Do you give permission to FoodChain/Seedleaf to use photos of your child taken on-site in promotional materials in print & online? (please circle) Yes No

Child's Name: _____

School name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit the application: Scan, photograph and email application to leandra@foodchainlex.org or drop off to FoodChain at 501 West Sixth St, Suite 105 (stop sign at Jefferson and W6, M-F 8-5 or Sat 9-12.
Questions call 859-428-8380 and request Leandra Forman