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I had considered having a kid’s garden for several years and finally went for it this summer with great success! We had 14 excited and eager children, ages 6-11, attend our first Junior Master Gardener Day Camp, July 12-16. As the state coordinator for the Junior Master Gardener (JMG) program, I wanted to personally experience the program activities with children, rather than just teaching educator workshops. JMG is an international youth gardening program of the University Extension network. JMG’s mission is to “grow good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through a unique gardening education.”

Camp leaders and “Hahn Garden Grasshoppers” had a weak full of fun and learning. I can’t thank the volunteers enough who helped. Linda Harris, Erica Jones, and Susan Palmer put a lot of time and hard work in preparing and assisting with the camp! The camp could not have happened without their help!

Each morning’s activities were focused on a particular garden-related theme. Of course there was a lot of talk about plants! The Garden Grasshoppers learned about plant needs, plant uses, propagation, and enjoyed plant parts as their snack each day. I was very impressed that most of the children tasted just about every fruit and vegetable we put in front of them; even unusual produce such as fresh papaya, daikon and jicama (with help from ranch and goddess dressings)!

Graduate students from the Entomology Department (Will Kuhn, Shauh-Wu, and Amy Snyder) delivered an informative presentation about insects on “Bug Day.” They brought both dead and live specimens to share with us. With a bit of squirmish-ness, I held the giant tropical millipede, which was actually very cool! The children then got the opportunity to gently clawed insect net and we went on an insect collection, identification, and examination expedition in the garden.

Camp activities included use of recycled materials, so the volunteers and I collected lots of newspaper and plastic for projects. Campers made paper pots, paper cards, paper garden hats, used milk jugs for our garden greenhouses, and plastic paper jugs for terrariums. Each child went home with probably too many things (apologies to parents), but we sure did have fun making them! And hopefully they are all composting kitchen scraps by feeding their wormcompost bin they constructed. Watch for more information on next summer’s camp!

Stephanie Hockstein, Education and Outreach Coordinator, HHG

Meet Our Summer Intern: Mr. J.B. Snelson

I’m J.B. (Jonathan Bundy) Snelson, this year’s M. Evan Gardener Summer Intern. Born in Mechanicville, VA, I lived in that area my entire life until I started Virginia Tech in the fall of 2000. During my time here I also joined the Virginia National Guard. After my third military withdrawal, during 2004, I moved back to Mechanicville. In 2008, after four years of figuring “I decided to return to VT to complete my degree. Initially, I came seeking a degree in Agricultural Education, but after several horticulture classes and meeting Dr. Holly Scoggins I found myself very drawn to Horticulture.

So the decision was set to enroll in the JMG program with a minor in horticulture this past spring and hope to start on master’s in horticulture this fall back home. I have a great family this summer being both a Sophomore in my return to school, and I could not have done it without the support of my parents. I have a 25 year old brother who is my best bud and partner in crime, and two sisters (8 & 10) who really make my trips home fun.

After finishing my education, I hope to move back to eastern VA for a career in the greenhouse/nursery business. I currently live in Christiansburg, work a few jobs, and look forward to my days in the garden. My hobbies include hunting, fishing, archery, and my little vegetable garden. Stop by the Hahn Mondays, Thursdays, or Fridays and let’s talk gardening!

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Dr. T. Marshall Hahn and family, an endowment agreement was forged with the VT Foundation, Dean Alan Grant of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and myself. The donations given will continue to flourish at the University for students, staff, and friends to enjoy forever!’

— Endowment Fund Agreement, June 20, 2010

Music in the Garden II with the Jugbusters: May 20th: a great crowd, crisp beer, and a beautiful day! Food and beverages were sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Faculty Association. We shall do this again!