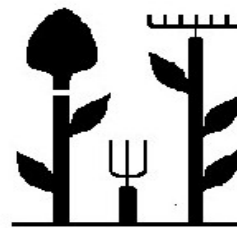


**MASTER GARDENER 2010 SCHOOL PROGRAM
COBB EXTENSION - COBB SCHOOL SYSTEM
MASTER GARDENERS VOLUNTEERS OF
COBB COUNTY**



I INTRODUCTION: What is a “Master Gardener?”

The Cobb Extension and Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County have partnered with Cobb County Water System and other educational organizations to help schools grow environmental youth leaders, sustainable gardening practices and interdisciplinary, hands-on curriculum. The School and Master Gardener Program of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service provides community-minded gardeners and teachers with practical horticultural training that can be taken back and shared in their schools and communities. This training is an **introductory** course in horticulture and school related topics. Completion of 50 hours of school service earns each volunteer the designation of Master Gardener.

II SCHOOL AND PARTICIPANT BENEFITS

Knowledge: The traditional Master Gardener Program training has been adapted to provide participants with the background and knowledge needed to implement successful, student-centered gardens and landscapes at their school. Gardening will expand classroom lessons on the sciences, literature, math and history.

Materials: Teams will receive the Master Gardener textbook, and an assortment of materials for the school garden.

Staff Development Credit: The ten day training (June 14 – 25) is approved for 5 PLU credits.

III TEAM COMMITMENT

Classes: Participants are required to attend all classes of the training to receive certification and qualify for PLU credit.

Volunteer Component: Participants must contribute 50 hours of volunteer service at their school and develop an educational garden (design training and some plant materials will be provided).

IV SCHOOL TEAM PROPOSAL

Team proposal must demonstrate:

- Student, teacher, parent, administrator and school involvement.
- Project-related activities that involve gardening, landscaping and/or horticulture that are

TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION

Name _____
Home Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Work Email _____
Home Email _____
School _____

Please check all that apply:

____ Teacher, grade taught and subject area _____
____ Administrator, please specify _____
____ Parent, please specify age and grade of children at school _____
____ School Staff, please specify position _____
____ Volunteer/Other, please specify school commitment _____

In 2-3 sentences, please describe why you want to be a Master Gardener. _____

As a representative from a school in Cobb County, I would like to be considered for the 2010 Master Gardener Training Program. I understand that this training begins on June 14, 2010 and concludes on June 25, 2010. I will attend all 10 days of training and contribute 50 hours (outside of the classroom) of volunteer service at my school. To qualify as a Master Gardener, I will complete this commitment and submit my required documentation by June 2011. As a Master Gardener, I promise not to use my title for any commercial enterprises or to promote any commercial products.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

2010 SCHOOLS MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

(1 Per Team)

Name of School	_____
School Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____
School Phone Number	_____
Principal's Name	_____
PTA President 2009-10	_____
Please check:	____ Cobb School System ____ Private School in Cobb County
Please list team members from your school	_____

Submit applications for all members of your team in one mailing.

TEAMS MUST MEET THESE CRITERIA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPLICATION REVIEW:

Please complete this checklist before submitting school application:

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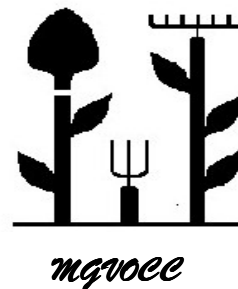
Applicant Use

- School is located in Cobb County
- Team member information enclosed that consists of 3—5 members, including at least two teachers.
- Submitted by Friday, April 16, 2010
- Letter of support from school principal enclosed
- Letter of support from PTA enclosed
- Registration fee \$75/team member, check payable to Cobb County 4-H enclosed.

Attention Teachers

Become a Georgia Master Gardener

- Learn how to teach engaging K-12 lessons utilizing the new Georgia GPS's in your outdoor classroom.
- Learn gardening & landscaping techniques tailored for school grounds to create an outdoor classroom.
- Earn 5 PLU's while you learn about gardening in Georgia plus hands-on activities for your students.
- Give back your required 50 volunteer hours at your own school.



Who? 3-5 member team from your school—composed of at least two teachers with administrators, faculty, parents, PTA members, custodians or any Cobb employee interested in using gardening to teach students and beautify their school.

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County School System em-

What? Certified Master Gardener curriculum, adapted to school needs.

Where? Chattahoochee Tech, North Metro Campus, Acworth, GA

When? June 14, 2010 to June 25, 2010 9 am—3 pm

Why? Many schools attempt gardens without the basic knowledge that will allow them to flourish. With this training, you can increase the success of your school's gardening activities and improve your students' mastery of required GPS's, thus improving standardized test scores.

Cost? \$75.00 per person. You will receive the Master Gardener curriculum, hands-on materials, and many supplies and plants to use in your outdoor classroom.

How? Apply by contacting Cobb County Extension at 770 528-4070 or www.cobbextension.com.

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- student-centered and school oriented.
- Enhancements to school grounds and go beyond aesthetics to provide substantial educational and environmental benefits.
- Interdisciplinary focus.

Team applicants need to adhere to the following:

- Only ONE team per school may apply.
- Teams must consist of 3 – 5 school representatives (teachers, administrators, custodians, faculty, parents and community volunteers) that include at least **two teachers**.
- Letters of support from both the school principal and PTSO must be submitted with the application. The application is included with this material.
- A check for \$75.00 per person **MUST** be attached to the application. Checks should be made payable to Cobb County 4-H. The application is due by Friday, April 16. Mail to:

Cobb County Extension
678 South Cobb Drive, Suite 200
Marietta, GA 30060

Attn: Carolyn Gentry

V APPLICATION REVIEW AND NOTIFICATION

A panel will review the applications and select the school teams. Acceptance letters will be mailed in mid-May.

VI REPORTING

Teams will be required to submit a final report to the Cobb County Extension describing their school volunteer project, plans for use and sustainability. It will also require documentation from each team member of at least 50 hours (outside of the classroom) school volunteer service for Master Gardener certification. In addition, teams **should supplement** the written summary with **photographs, published articles, conference presentations**, or other **relevant materials**.

VII QUESTIONS

Please direct all questions concerning the program and/or application to:

Carolyn Gentry 770 528-4070 or
Carolyn. Gentry@CobbCounty.org

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