



Youth Gardening Rules for National Contest

CONTAINER GARDENING

You must send in registration form as soon as you apply for the contest. Each club or sponsoring mentor may set up their contest and follow the progress any way they wish. Clubs can end their contest whenever and however they choose. Set your time and date, then invite families to this meeting of recognition, celebration and/or rewards. Provide enough time for each youth to talk about their gardening experience and answer questions. All paperwork for national is due **OCTOBER 15, 2024**. Mail your completed paperwork to the Youth Gardening National Chair: Cheri Kessen, 1205 Limberlost Trail, Rome City, IN 46784 or goafortwayne@gmail.com. Mail the three required digital photos (one from each phase) to goafortwayne@gmail.com. We need large-format photos for good reproduction; please label the photos with the youth's name and age.

Container Gardening Records and Reports

My name _____

My age _____

PHASE ONE: Planting Time

1. Choose a container. It should be clean and color-enhancing to the plantings. Be sure to have drainage holes. If your container is large, what do you do to make it lightweight?
2. Choose three or more plants to grow together in your container for six weeks or more. They may be flowers, vegetables, foliage or an interesting combination, but all will need the same growing requirements. The names of the seeds or plants I am growing are:
3. The date that I planted my container is:

PHASE TWO: Growing Time

1. Rotate the container weekly by a $\frac{1}{4}$ turn. Why?
2. What is something special that you did or are doing to help your plants grow strong and healthy?
3. What is changing in your container?
4. Name the insects/animals that you have seen around your container.

PHASE THREE: Harvesting and End of Season

1. Tell us something interesting about your container.
2. What did you learn about your plant(s)?
3. What was the most fun about watching your container of plants grow and change?
4. Before you show your container garden, groom the plant material by removing any dead leaves, dirt or fertilizer spots. Water a day or two before the presentation with a soft shower to clean both plants and container. Does your exhibit look as good as possible?
5. I succeeded because _____ helped me.

If possible, take your required picture when flowering plants are in bloom.