



Inspiring kids & families to play in kitchens & gardens

Product Request

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Objective

Farm to Table Kids inspires children & families to play in kitchens & gardens through hands on learning experiences based at our educational farm in North Yarmouth, Maine. Farm to Table Kids (FTTK) is a 501c3 non-profit that operates a Kids Farm Summer Camp program for children 5-12 years of age, and provides farm to table education to local Maine schools in the spring and fall months. In 2019 Farm to Table Kids will be expanding programming to include adult education, school STEAM educational field trips and exploring the possibilities of hosting a Fridays on the Farm Dinner Series throughout the summer & fall. We are seeking select donations to help our organization maximize our efficiencies and operational standards so we may increase our program reach and impact.

2019 Goals

To expand the Farm to Table Kids educational platform to a greater number of children and adults, in 2019 Farm to Table Kids will be:

- expanding from a 7 week summer program to a 10 week program
- Welcoming over 600 children to the farm this season (approximately): 200 children via farm camp, 250 via school field trips, 150 special events (adult education, dinners, etc.)
- introducing a series of adult education classes in the shoulder seasons (spring and fall) that will provide growing, harvesting, and cooking education (i.e.: how to plant from seed; how to prune and trellis tomatoes, basil & cucumbers; etc.)
- fostering relationships with local schools to welcome field trips to the farm for hands-on education
- hosting Fridays on the Farm Dinner Series throughout the summer months

With the increased demand and development of the Farm to Table Kids program, we are investing in a Maine made, solar powered, energy efficient greenhouse to replace our existing greenhouse. The addition of a new energy efficient greenhouse will serve as the center point and foundation of the Farm to Table Kids operation - for the summer camp, adult education classes, Fridays on the Farm Dinner Series, and all other FTTK program offerings.

NEW Greenhouse & STEM Garden Installation

The Farm to Table Kids greenhouse is the home base for all our program offerings. With the continued growth and demand for FTTK education we are investing in a new Maine made, cedar framed, solar powered, energy efficient 19' x 54' greenhouse from Maine Garden Products. The entrance to the greenhouse will be through a lovely victory/boutique style garden that will serve as our STEM garden for our Kids Farm Camp and all farm based educational platforms at the farm. The model/STEM garden at the entrance to the greenhouse will be kept to the highest standards, and the large fields in the main farmland will continue to be the areas where the children will plant and harvest on a large scale. *We are seeking seed and tool donations for the greenhouse or model garden to help offset the costs associated with the purchase of a new greenhouse and model garden installation.*



Project Outline

Farm to Table Kids will be installing our new greenhouse in February, 2019. The installation of the STEM model garden will be early spring of 2019 as soon as soil can be worked.

- *November, 2018* - crowd funding to support the new Farm to Table Kids greenhouse and increased program offerings.
 - *November, 2018 - January, 2019* - FTTK grant applications and sponsor request submissions (ongoing)
 - *March/April, 2019* - STEM garden installation
 - *May, 2019* - Adult education and spring planting sessions begin at the farm
 - *June - August, 2019* - Farm to Table Kids Summer Camp program in session
 - *June - September, 2019* - Fridays on the Farm Dinner Series in session (pending licensing & certification approval)
 - *August - November 2019* - Adult education classes and school field trips to the farm
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DONATION REQUEST

Vegetables grown at FTTK are donated to Maine communities and families

Farm to Table Kids grows everything from seed and uses organic growing practices.

We Plant:

- 1.5 acres of field vegetables
- Children's play garden
- 19x54' greenhouse
- Model/STEM garden

Since our inception Johnny's Select Seeds has been our primary and favorite seed provider. Now that the FTTK program is poised for a tremendous year of growth with our new Maine Garden Products greenhouse installation and new STEM garden installation we would love to have a partnership with Johnny's via seed or tool donation.

FTTK is requesting a seed or tool donation of your discretion. Typically our seed purchase from Johnny's is about \$800 annually. As a non-profit that donates our harvest within our community and to our camp families, we are requesting a seed donation or discount to purchase seeds.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We sincerely wish you come visit us at the farm once our new greenhouse and STEM gardens are installed so we can show you the amazing things we create with your wonderful seeds.

Thank you Johnny's!

With Gratitude,

Stephanie

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