

# GROWING GARDENERS

**Grow Together. Learn Together.**

Students will learn how to plant and care for a variety of vegetables, herbs, and flowers while exploring native plants.

They'll discover the important roles of birds, bees, and butterflies, and enjoy hands-on activities like scavenger hunts and exciting farm days at Gillen Farm in Kersey.



**LIMITED TO 15 CAMPERS**

**WEDNESDAYS FROM JUNE 3- AUGUST 19**

**9am-11am | SMCES Garden | \$60.00/student**

Students entering grades 2nd-6<sup>th</sup> in the 2026-2027 school year.

**MORE INFO AT:**

**[WWW.ECCSS.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS/](http://WWW.ECCSS.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS/)**





# Elk County Catholic School System

## Growing Gardeners Summer Camp

Participants will learn about planting and caring for various vegetables, herbs, and flowers; explore native plants; study birds, bees, and butterflies; and enjoy scavenger hunts and farm days at Gillen Farm in Kersey. Camp will be held indoors pending inclement weather. Camp is limited to 30 students.

Age: Students entering grades 3-4

When: Every Wednesday June 3-August 19, 2026 | 9-11 am

Where: St. Marys Catholic Elementary School-Community Garden

Cost: \$60/student

Directors: Mrs. Diane Gillen & Ms. Nikki Mattivi

How can I sign up? Fill out the form below and return to SMCES by 5/29/26. Keep the top portion.

Checks payable to: Elk County Catholic School System

Attn. Gardening Summer Camp

114 Queens Road | St. Marys, PA 15857

Questions contact: Diane Gillen @ 814-512-6385



Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize parental permission for the use of name, likeness, photographic, and/or video image of my child on ECCSS's website, Facebook, Instagram, and local newspapers.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree that \_\_\_\_\_ has my consent to participate in the Elk County Catholic School System's Growing Gardeners Camp. I understand that Elk County Catholic School System will not assume any responsibility for accidental injury, medical, or other expenses incurred by injury during his/her attendance at the Growing Gardeners Camp. I hereby authorize the ECCSS Growing Gardeners Camp directors to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency situation requiring medical attention.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_