

Dirty Worm JMG Day Camp
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Our JMG Day camp met from 9:00-12:00 for one week. This course completes all the classroom instruction (group activities) necessary for certification. Master Gardeners and Certified Junior Master Gardeners teach the lessons to the campers. The youth who want to continue and become certified joined the Dirty Worms 4-H Club. With the supervision of their parents, the youth are responsible for completing the individual activities by a set date. The youth complete service projects with all the youth in the Dirty Worm 4-H club. Once the Day Camp youth have all met the group activity, individual activity and service project requirements, the JMG Completion Form is sent into the JMG program office and the youth are awarded their JMG Certification Certificates.

The Dirty Worm JMG group consisted of home schooled youth in 2000. Since then the group has formed the Dirty Worm 4-H Club and continue to offer the JMG Day Camp each summer, which has resulted in the Dirty Worm JMG Group I and II.

Day 1:

- 30 minutes: Class Club Chronicle – pg. 202 Ch. 8
 Touchdown – pg. 210 Ch. 8
These two activities are coming to create goals for the week. Use a flower pattern instead of a football field and have the petals be removable if we are not meeting our goals each day.
- Know Your JMG Friends – pg. 192 Ch. 8
- 20 minutes: Habitat (Visit from a Vet) – pg. 53 Ch. 3
- 20 minutes: Polluting Your Planet – pg. 47 Ch. 3
- 10 minutes: PLANT Needs – pg. 11 Ch. 1
- 20 minutes: Leaf and Seed Sort Chart – pg. 7 Ch. 1
- 15 minutes: Gas Gobblers – pg. 18 Ch. 1
- 15 minutes: SNACK
 Medicine Plant – pg. 6 Ch. 1
- 30 minutes: Propagation Demonstration – pg. 21 Ch. 1
 Gallon Greenhouse – pg. 21 Ch. 1
- 20 minutes: Tender Transplants – pg. 167 Ch. 7

Day 2:

- 5 minutes: Thank You Notes
- 25 minutes Center 1: Shake, Rattle, Roll – pg. 26 Ch. 2
per center: The Numbers on the Bag – pg. 29 Ch. 2

Bumps Below – pg. 30 Ch. 2

Center 2: Where Did It Go? – pg. 39 Ch. 2
The Cycle Song – pg. 37 Ch. 2
Apple Rings, Banana Chips – pg. 38 Ch. 2
Earth Apple – pg. 35 Ch. 2

Center 3: Garden Friend or Foe – pg. 102 Ch. 4
Bug Hunt – pg. 87 Ch. 4

15 minutes: Exploding Cactus – Ch. 2

30 minutes: SNACK
More Mulch, More Moist – pg. 136 Ch. 5
Composting – pg. 32 Ch. 2

45 minutes: Vermi-composting – pg. 61 Ch. 3
Critter Condos – Youth handbook activity

Day 3:

45 minutes: Yeast Bread – pg. 108 Ch. 4

30 minutes per center: Center 1: Both Sides of the Fence – pg. 55 Ch. 3
Hamburger Plant – pg. 3 Ch. 1
Power Seeds – pg. 16 Ch. 1

Center 2: Insect Symmetry – pg. 74 Ch. 4
Ordering Insects – pg. 81 Ch. 4
Chew On This – pg. 94 Ch. 4
Suck-A-Bug – pg. 87 Ch. 4

Center 3: Prescription for Prevention – pg. 113 Ch. 4
Let's Try Organic – pg. 58 Ch. 3
Seed, Sod, Plug – pg. 133 Ch. 5

15 minutes: SNACK
Can You Follow Me? – pg. 199 Ch. 8

30 minutes: Plant People – pg. 12 Ch. 1

Day 4:

40 minutes per center: Center 1: Plant Parts Rap – pg. 8 Ch. 1
Flower Dissection – pg. 11 Ch. 1
Confetti Salad – pg. 180 Ch. 7

Center 2: The Pyramid – pg. 173 Ch. 7
Garden to Table – pg. 171 Ch. 7
A Bushel and A Peck – pg. 144 Ch. 6
Some Like It Hot – pg. 163 Ch. 7
Herbal Vinegar – pg. 183 Ch. 7

Center 3: Fruit and Veggie Lab – pg. 145 Ch. 6
Fruit Frenzy – pg. 152 Ch. 6
Taste Test – pg. 148 Ch. 6

- 10 minutes: SNACK
- 20 minutes: Cooperation Countdown – pg. 197 Ch. 8
- 30 minutes: Creating a Butterfly Garden
- Day 5:
- 30 minutes: Rooms – pg. 117 Ch. 5
Either/Or – pg. 206 Ch. 8
- 20 minutes: Learning Your ABP's – pg. 128 Ch. 5
- 25 minutes: Does It Fit – pg. 126 Ch. 5
- 40 minutes: Plant Pounding – pg. 65 Ch. 3
- 15 minutes: SNACK
All For One – pg. 214 Ch. 8
- 25 minutes: Power Point Presentation, "Promote 4-H"
- 20 minutes: Wrap-Up and Awards