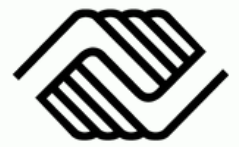


HARVEST

Report



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE BEMIDJI AREA

FALL 2025



OUR GARDEN SPACE

High Tunnel - 24' X 60': 1,440 sq ft

Garden Bed Area - 25 raised beds: 9,800 sq ft

Fruit Tree Corridor - 3,500 sq ft

3 plum, 1 cherry, 2 crabapple, and 5 apple

Hydroponic Units - 4 units that each grow 144 heads of lettuce approximately every 40 days



OUR PARTNERSHIPS

October 2024 - September 2025

- **Ace on the Lake:** donated seeds
- **Beltrami County Development Fund:** grant for seeds, supplies, and equipment to support comprehensive agricultural program
- **Hill's Greenhouse:** donated plants, seeds, and pots
- **Home Depot:** donated seeds
- **ISD#31:** partnered and purchased hydroponic lettuce and garden produce to provide students nutritious veggies for school lunches and snacks
- **Ter-Lee Gardens:** donated pumpkins for Club kids and families
- **Knife River Materials:** donated water tank for a sustainable watering system
- **Zetah Construction:** donated new doors for the high tunnel
- **Volunteers:** Bemidji State University athletes and students, BSU Alumni & Foundation, and a special thanks to the hard-working local community donors who secured materials, designed, built, and installed all new raised beds



1,950+
Pounds were harvested by
100+
Club youth!



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OUR PRODUCE

Onions Eggplant FENNEL
 Celery POTATOES THYME
 Peas CAULIFLOWER Squash Kale
 CARROTS Rhubarb BASIL Asparagus
 Cabbage Peppers CORN Cucamelons
 TOMATOES Broccoli Zucchini Sage
 Cucumbers Sweet Potatoes Beans Cantaloupe
 Lettuce Strawberries **Mint** Ground Cherries



GARDEN HISTORY

- **2006:** One raised bed: "Pizza Garden"
- **2007-2011:** Installed one additional raised bed each year
- **2012:** Added 1,500 sq ft high tunnel
- **2016:** Extension of outdoor garden that included 15 additional raised beds, nearly 2,000 sq ft paver section, built seven large picnic tables, youth painted and installed tires for potato beds
- **2017:** Added irrigation to raised beds, outdoor washing station, Eagle Scout/Home Depot Team built pergola and benches to complete outdoor gardening education center
- **2021:** Secured three hydroponic indoor growing towers and built a new garden shed for additional storage
- **2022:** Additional hydroponic unit was added
- **2023:** Added more perennial plants to attract birds, bees, and butterflies for pollination
- **2024:** Addition of more fruit-bearing trees
- **2025:** Aquaduct and water retention tank added to capture and store rainwater; replacement of all raised beds to improve safety and usability

MASTER GARDENERS

Thanks to the Beltrami Co. Master Gardeners and UMN Extension for sharing their incredible knowledge with our Club kids over the summer! Members learned about pollinators, nutrition, plant anatomy & more!

GARDEN DOOR PROJECT

The outer doors in the garden were recently painted with three goals in mind; (1) include numbers for safety, (2) recognize the impact pollinators have, (3) celebrate the cultural identities represented at the Club. Mary Therese, a long-time Club friend and local artist, helped bring this beautiful project to life.