



Our Mission

Gallatin Valley Farm to School connects kids and families with local food in the garden, classroom, cafeteria, and community.

Our Vision

Children and families in the Gallatin Valley grow, prepare, and eat healthy food and appreciate where it comes from as a result of integrated local food education and access in schools.

Why It Matters

Education and access to healthy local food plays a valuable role in systematically addressing climate change, public health and social inequality; some of the most pressing issues facing our society today. Through hands-on learning, we help kids and families build their capacity for critical examination of the food system and develop their agency to affect change in their own lives and their communities.

Together, we can teach, nourish, and empower our community for generations to come!

“From little seeds grow mighty trees.” -
Aeschylus

“We were super impressed! I was incredibly amazed at how long my child stayed engaged, happily chopping away. We look forward to more Family Cooking Nights this school year.”

-Summer Family Cooking Night parent

WE LOVED this!! The KIDS loved it!! What a great way to have student expand their learning through a hands on experience.

-Community Program partner group leader



“The awareness of sustainable food and agriculture that is raised during camp makes our kids become more conscious and responsible citizens. Parents learn too along the way. The atmosphere is great!”

- Parent, Garden Chefs Summer Camp



Program Impact Highlights

Garden & Classroom Lessons

- 22,707 contact hours at Title I and rural schools estimated during the 2021-2022
- After participating
 - 84% of students can list at least three foods grown in Montana
 - 92% of students can explain at least one benefit of buying local food
 - 100% of students report they know how to plant and take care of a vegetable garden

Afterschool Programs

- 390 Contact Hours at Title I schools, estimated Sept. - Dec. 2021
- 75% of students increase their confidence in growing their own food
- 75% of students increase their confidence they could combine flavors to make tasty snacks
- 50% of students increase their confidence that they could make or cook a healthy snack

Virtual Learning

- 2,802 Students reached through cost-free virtual education
- Debuted online family gardening workshops in partnership with Bozeman Public Library

Summer and Schools-out Camps

- 165 Campers (17 on Full or Partial Scholarships) over 13 Summer Camp Sessions in 2021
- Developed and launched a new School's Out camp program in 2021 to serve families when kids are out of school and parents have to work: Over 460 contact hours with youth during school's out programs in 2021.
- 95% of parents surveyed agreed or agreed strongly that the program was a positive educational experience for their child
- In post surveys, participated reported:
 - 88% liked making healthy snacks
 - 86% liked trying new foods
 - 83% knew how to cook healthy food
 - 48% increased their knowledge of how to help farmers and gardens in their community

Family Cooking Nights

- Launched new Summer Family Cooking night series in 2021, with 174 total participants.
- School year family programs currently offered at all three title 1 schools in Bozeman School District



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