

Permaculture Update

- Coming towards the end of the first season of our permaculture garden, here are some updates about what's going on in the garden. Volunteer-wise we have the Naperville FFA coming out and helping us with maintenance of the garden each week, and we also have the YMSL (Young Men's Service League) coming out with a team of 30 strong on September 21st to help with any end of season work. Our squash plants are thriving, so we are also beginning to harvest and donate our squash yield to loaves and fishes. Our first donation was dropped off yesterday and it was twenty pounds of squash. As we move further into harvest season, we are planning to do the same with our fast-growing corn. Last week we met with Jamie Donati from the Roof Crop Farm to hear her recommendations. This summer we had campers in the garden for scavenger hunts and to learn about pollinators, and this fall we will be incorporating the garden in our Cloverbud Club curriculum as well.