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North Toronto Community Fair

Hosted by POINT Inc.

Thursday,
October 27, 2005

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Yonge-Eglinton Centre
Concourse Level-Centre Court

Information displays by 18
local non-profit agencies on
social, health &
recreational programs

Healthy Eating Samples
Entertainment
Draw Prizes

See You at the Fair!

Call POINT for information
416-487-2427

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The Great Garden Adventure Continues.....

During July and August, 63 different children from the local community enjoyed "The Great Garden Adventure" program. This program was developed by POINT in 2004, for the purpose of encouraging children to experience the wonders of nature, learn more about the environment, and participate in positive healthy activities.

The children had a great time working together to plant various vegetables, herbs, and other plants, weeding, watering, and generally taking care of their garden plot. During the eight week program, the children learned about composting, the benefits of different insects in the garden such as worms, the value of water,

the origins of plants and their uses, the role of animals in nature, and participated in a scavenger hunt designed

to teach them about nature and explore the naturalization site in Eglinton Park. Over the summer, the children made various environmentally-related arts and crafts including seed shakers, bird feeders, painted decorative bricks for the garden, collected materials such as leaves, flowers, etc. for their nature journals, and made handprints and drawings on "The Great Garden Adventure" banner. They enjoyed sing-alongs, garden games, storytelling, an interactive puppetry show, a live animal demonstration, and presentations on

multicultural musical instruments from around the world and water safety.

Due to the success of "The Great Garden Adventure" program last year, POINT expanded the program from one to two mornings per week, and this year provided age-appropriate programming for 4 and 5 year olds in addition to 6 and 7 year old children.

POINT once again partnered with the North Toronto Green Community, another local community organization, to deliver the gardening program, and through Central Eglinton Children's Centre, various children from the community were able to participate in "The Great Garden Adventure".



Learning all about planting in the
Eglinton Park Heritage Community Garden

On the last day of the program, the children picked the vegetables and herbs which they had planted to take home to their families. As a memento of their gardening

experience, each child was given a "Great Garden Adventure" t-shirt and enjoyed a goodbye lunch.

Please feel free to visit the picturesque and interesting Eglinton Park Heritage Community Garden at any time. This garden is conveniently located directly behind the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre overlooking Eglinton Park.

If you would like to know more about either of our organizations, please check out our websites: www.pointinc.org or www.ntgc.ca for more information.

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