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To: Master Gardener Applicants

From: _____
Scott Reiter
Extension Agent, ANR

Re: 2012 Master Gardener Training Program

Thank you for your interest in the Master Gardener Training Program. Please fill out the attached application and return it to the address noted on the form. As indicated, classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm from February through March. Completed applications are due by January 10, 2012. Applications will be reviewed as they are returned and interviews will be scheduled in January. You will learn your acceptance status shortly after the interview. The course fee will be submitted following the interview.

The class size may be limited to 15 people based on demand for the class. We will need at least 8 people to make a commitment to the Master Gardener program to hold the class. There will also be up to 3 seats available to commercial horticulture workers as advanced training for a \$300 fee.

Thank you for your desire to become a Prince George Master Gardener. We look forward to having you in this year's class and hope you will find the process both educational and rewarding. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

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The activities listed below are some of the ways Master Gardeners donate their time and talents to the community. Based on your current level of knowledge and experience, rank your ability/interest in the following activities. This is only a guide! New activities and ideas can be discussed with the Prince George Master Gardener Committee and the ANR Extension Agent.

Activity	None			High
Answering phones at Extension Office	1	2	3	4
Writing articles for local newspapers	1	2	3	4
Preparation of brochures, posters, displays, etc.	1	2	3	4
Organization of events, classes, demonstrations, etc	1	2	3	4
Working at plant clinics	1	2	3	4
Speaking to garden and civic groups	1	2	3	4

Rank your interest in interacting with the following:

Small groups (1- 20)	1	2	3	4
Larger groups (20 +)	1	2	3	4
One-on-one	1	2	3	4
Children (0 – 12 years)	1	2	3	4
Teens (13 – 21 years)	1	2	3	4
Adults	1	2	3	4
Seniors	1	2	3	4
Disabled	1	2	3	4

I wish to become a Prince George Master Gardener and would like to apply for the 2012 Master Gardener Training Program scheduled to begin January 31, 2012. Classes meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. noon. I understand that if accepted into the Master Gardener Training Program, I agree to donate matching hours (50) of volunteer time as a Master Gardener Intern through the Prince George Extension Office during the 12 months following my completion of the program.

I understand that the sole purpose of this program is to train volunteers in horticulture to assist local homeowners.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications will be accepted through **January 10, 2012**. Only a limited number of applications can be accepted for the training. If selected, you will be notified and asked to come in for an interview during January. At this time, upon acceptance, payment of the \$120.00 fee will be required. The fee covers the cost of the VCE-Master Gardener Handbook, VCE Pest Management Guide, and informational resource materials. A few seats will be offered to commercial horticulture workers at \$300.00 with no requirement to donate volunteer time.

For further information contact the Prince George Extension Office at 733-2686.

Please mail this completed application to:

**Virginia Cooperative Extension
Prince George Master Gardener Program
P.O. Box 68
Prince George, VA 23875**

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2012 P. G. M. G. CLASS SCHEDULE				
All classes meet from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. unless noted				
Date	Subject	Location	Instructor	Host
1/31	Orientation	Multipurpose Room (MPR)		
2/2	Soils	MPR		
2/7	Botany	MPR		
2/9	Plant Propagation	MPR		
2/14	Vegetables & Small Fruit	MPR		
2/16	Risk Management & Volunteerism	MPR		
2/21	Tree Fruits & Pruning	MPR		
2/23	Trees & Shrubs	MPR		
Sat 2/25	Fruit Pruning Demo	TBA		
2/28	Water Quality, Rain Barrels & Gardens	MPR		
3/1	Lawns	MPR		
3/6	Landscaping	MPR		
3/8	Plant Pathology	MPR		
3/13	Entomology	MPR		
3/15	Annuals, Perennials, and House Plants	MPR		
Sat 3/17	Pruning Ornamentals	Richard Bland Water Garden		
3/20	Urban Forestry and Wildlife Problems	MPR		
3/22 <i>(Handout Exams)</i>	Pest Management and Pesticide Usage	MPR		
3/27	Reserved/Snow Date			
3/29 <i>(Exams Due)</i>	Reserved/Snow Date			
4/2	MG Regular Mtg Graduation	MPR		