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## GARDEN EXPLORERS PROGRAM BRINGS FAMILIES TO JEFFERSON'S VEGETABLE GARDEN

For the first time this summer, Monticello offered a 90-minute hands-on experience in Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden just for families with children ages 5 to 10. The Garden Explorers Family Program includes planting seeds in the garden, picking and eating a snack fresh from the earth, and running a relay race. In July, the program "Fruits, Roots, and Leaves, Oh My!" gave guests the chance to learn more about Thomas Jefferson's garden. Families sketched unusual plants in a scientific journal and sampled the summer's fruits, roots, and leaves. In October, "Peas Come to Table" focused on Thomas Jefferson's love for peas including the one-fifth of his garden dedicated to different varieties of peas. Guests heard stories about Jefferson's love for the legume and tasted seasonal fruits and vegetables.



ABOVE: **The Luce Family of Brownsburg, Indiana, on a "Veggie Quest" scavenger hunt.**

FAR LEFT: **A cucumber drawing sketched in a family's scientific journal.**

LEFT: **Alycen Scheiner, age 3, examines lettuce seeds before helping plant Jefferson's vegetable garden.**