

NYBG/125

SCHOOL & TEACHER PROGRAMS
2016/2017

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN



Welcome!

Continue in the footsteps of 125 years
of Children's Education at the Garden!

Through inquiry-based methods, children and teachers engage in experiences with plants and the natural world, which will help them to construct understandings of plants, their cultural uses, and overall importance to life on Earth.



Schoolchildren visiting the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory after it opened in 1902
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**CHILDREN'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT THE GARDEN
TAKE PLACE IN THE FOLLOWING VENUES:**



**Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden at the
Edible Academy**

- Gardening Workshops



Everett Children's Adventure Garden

- Seasonal Plant and
Nature Explorations



**GreenSchool in the Enid A. Haupt
Conservatory and among the Garden
Grounds Collections**

- Plant Science Workshops
- Outdoor Nature Walks
- Indoor Conservatory Tours



**Throughout NYBG: Professional
Development for Teachers**

- Multisession Institutes
- Customized Workshops

Programs at a Glance by Grade

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Key:

 Spring
 Summer

 Fall
 Winter

Holiday

Classes with Special Needs

We are able to tailor our programs to accommodate classes with special needs. Self-contained classes are eligible for a reduced program rate. Please share information about any special needs when registering. See p. 22 for details.

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Be a Gardener

In the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden at the Edible Academy students become gardeners as they engage in activities for growing healthful food outdoors. From sowing seeds to watering and harvesting, students build interdisciplinary connections among seasons and growing plants while experiencing the excitement of hands-on gardening!



RUTH REA HOWELL FAMILY GARDEN AT THE EDIBLE ACADEMY

Hands-On Gardening Workshops for Grades Pre-K-5

Fall: September 27–October 28

Spring: April 4–June 16

Summer: July 5–August 18 (Wednesdays and Fridays)

Cost: \$165 per class

Times: 10 a.m.–11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Fall:

Dig, plant, and water garden beds in preparation for winter and discover ways plants grow and change in fall. Search for plant parts we eat and taste freshly harvested vegetables. Pot up edible plants to grow at home.

Spring:

Dig, plant, and water garden beds to begin the growing season and discover ways plants grow and change in spring. Search for plant parts we eat and taste freshly harvested vegetables. Pot up edible plants to grow at home.

Summer:

Dig, plant, and water garden beds and discover ways plants grow and change in summer. Search for plant parts we eat and taste freshly harvested vegetables. Pot up edible plants to grow at home.



To register: nybg.org/edu/teacher or 718.817.8181

Be a Nature Explorer

At the Everett Children's Adventure Garden students become nature explorers as they investigate how plant and animal life they find within a dynamic environment responds to the seasons. Through observation, thematic explorations, and a chance to wonder and construct ideas with their peers, students experience the natural world first-hand.



EVERETT CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE GARDEN

Hands-On Seasonal Plant and Nature Explorations for Grades Pre-K-5

Fall: September 27–November 18

Holiday: November 22–January 13

Winter: January 31–March 17

Spring: March 23–June 16

Cost: \$110 per class

Times: 10–11:15 a.m. or 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.

GRADES PRE-K & K

Plant Parade

Fall and Spring

Observe and compare a variety of whole plants and discover their parts using all five senses. Pot up seeds to grow at home.

GRADES PRE-K–5

Pumpkin Life Cycle

Until October 28

Celebrate fall and investigate gourds and giant pumpkins to develop understandings about pumpkin diversity and the life cycle. Conduct seed germination experiments to grow at home.

EVERGREEN EXPRESS

Holiday

Hike the winter landscape and find evergreen trees and shrubs to construct understandings about the role their parts play in the life cycle. Take home a fir sachet to keep or give as a gift.

The Winter Garden

Winter

Investigate the dormant landscape and consider strategies plants and animals use to survive during the cold months. Craft plant bud experiments to grow at home.

GRADES 1–3

Seed Dispersal

Fall

Observe a variety of seeds to construct understandings about types of dispersal methods. Pot up seed experiments to grow at home.

Pollination

Spring

Observe varieties of flowers and their pollinators to develop understandings about the role of pollination in the plant life cycle. Pot up seed experiments to grow at home.

GRADES 3–5

Wetland Ecology

Fall and Spring

Perform a site sample of a native wetland to develop understandings about the roles of plants and animals in healthy ecosystems.

Be a World Explorer

At the GreenSchool in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory students become world explorers as they engage in plant investigations inside glass-enclosed rain forests and deserts and synthesize their findings with peers in a classroom. By observing and collecting information within diverse habitats, students build connections among life systems that help plants grow successfully.



GREENSCHOOL IN THE ENID A. HAUPT CONSERVATORY

Hands-On Plant Science Workshops for Grades K–8

Fall: September 27–November 18

Winter: November 22–March 17

Spring: March 23–June 16

Cost: \$165 per class

Times: 10–11:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

GRADES K–2

Plant Parts We Eat

Observe and compare plant parts to develop understandings about their roles in helping plants grow. Create nutritious snack medleys to taste. Pot up edible plants to grow at home.

GRADES K–5

Life in the Rain Forest

Experience the layers and compare the climatic and vegetative elements between two rain forests. Consider diversity and adaptations and discover plants used for food and medicine. Pot up rain forest plants to grow at home.

GRADES K–8

CHIHULY: Observe and Create

Begins April 25

View monumental glass sculptures throughout the Garden and consider how forms in nature inspire landscapes and art. Create nature-inspired art.

GRADES 2–5

Amazing Plant Adaptations

Compare climatic and vegetative elements among rain forests, deserts and a carnivorous bog. Find special features that allow plants to grow successfully. Pot up plants to grow at home.

NEW! Patterns of Plants

Find and compare shape, symmetry and series in plants and formulate ideas about their connections to allowing plants to grow. Create mandalas, an arrangement of plant parts designed in a circle using geometry.

GRADES 3–8

Flowers in the Life Cycle

Experience diverse environments which allow plants to grow successfully and dissect specimens to construct understandings about the roles of flowers, fruits and seeds to reproduction. Pot up experiments to grow at home.

The Water Cycle

Find and compare elements of air, water, and terrain of the world's biomes and develop understandings about the role of plants in the water cycle. Build terrarium experiments to take home.

GRADES 6–8

Photosynthesis

Experience diverse environments which allow plants to grow successfully. Build understandings about the role of plants as producers and conduct an experiment about photosynthesis.

Be a Plant Hunter

During the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory Tours students become plant hunters as they engage in plant investigations inside the glass-enclosed rain forests and deserts. By observing and collecting information about diverse habitats, students build connections among life systems that help plants grow and experience the excitement of plant hunting.



INDOOR TOURS AT THE ENID A. HAUPT CONSERVATORY

GreenSchool Guided and Self-Guided Tours for Grades Pre-K–8

(Grades 6–8 must register for guided programs.)

Indoor Guided

Cost: \$130 per class | **Times:** 10:15–11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Fall: September 27–November 18

Winter: November 22–March 17

Spring: March 23–June 16

Indoor Self-Guided

Cost: \$65 per class | **Times:** 10a.m.–2p.m.

Fall: September 27–November 18

Winter and Spring: January 17–June 16

Guided Conservatory Tours Grades Pre-K–8

Experience and compare the climatic and vegetative conditions among rain forests, deserts and a bog. Construct ideas with peers using grade-aligned themes that complement classroom curriculum:

- Grade Pre-K & K: Trees through Seasons
- Grade 1: Weather and Seasons
- Grade 2: Plant Diversity
- Grade 3: Plant Adaptations
- Grade 4: Plants in their Environment
- Grade 5: Exploring Ecosystems
- Grade 6: Diversity of Life
- Grade 7: Dynamic Equilibrium: Plant Survival
- Grade 8: Humans and the Environment: Needs and Tradeoffs

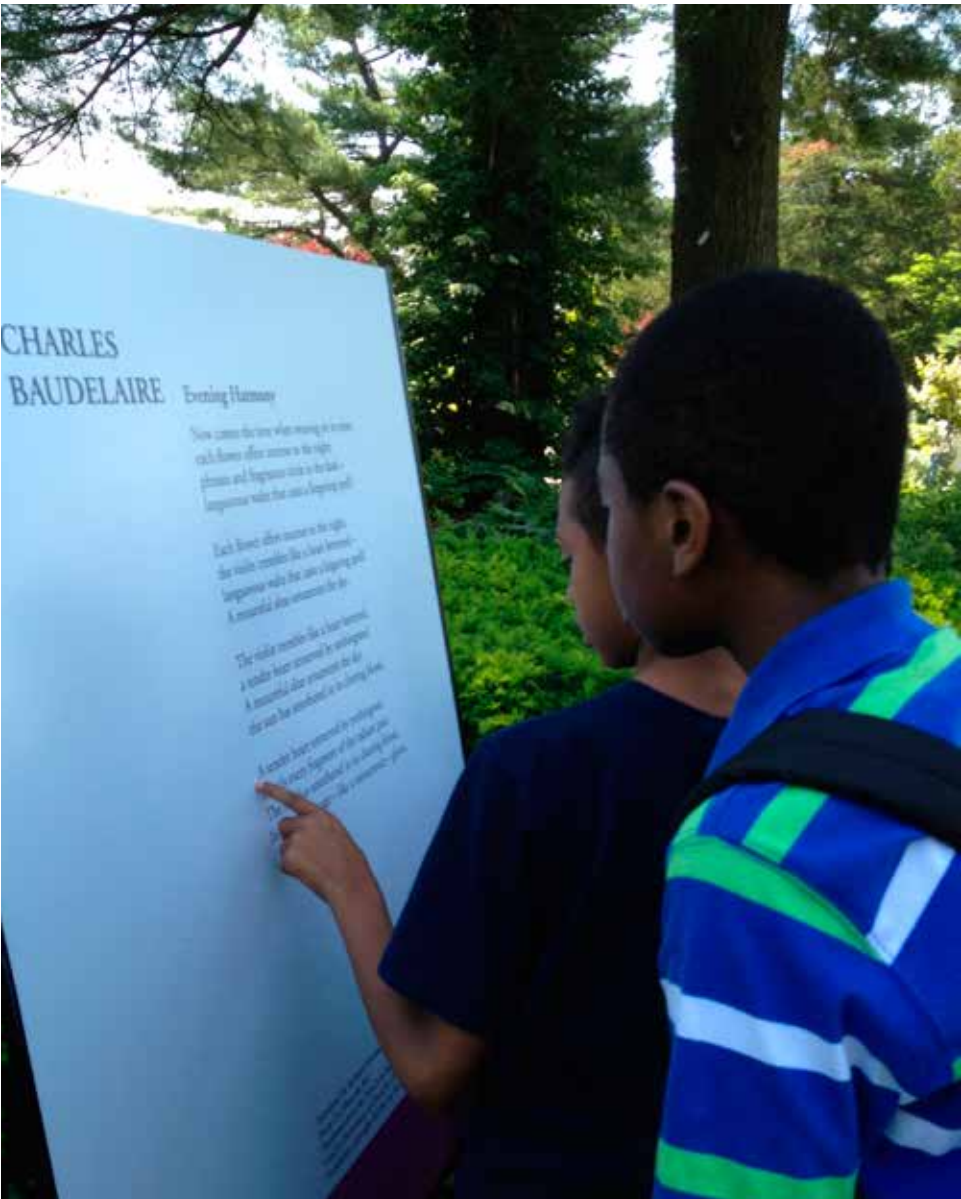
(Themes follow the NYC Scope and Sequence Excellence in Environmental Education Guidelines for Learning.)

Self-Guided *Plant Hunters* Conservatory Tours Pre-K–5

Download a *Plant Hunters* Teacher Guide and pick up Student *Plant Hunters* Field Maps upon arrival at the Garden and experience and compare rain forests, deserts, and aquatic environments and search for plants used as medicine, food and for household goods.

Be a Naturalist

Students become naturalists as they investigate special collections throughout the Garden’s 250 acres. From the Thain Family Forest and Native Plant Garden to the Poetry for Every Season Poetry Walks, students observe and collect information to construct ideas about ecology with their peers, and build multicurricular connections to the plant world.



OUTDOOR NATURE WALKS

GreenSchool Guided and Self-Guided Nature Walks for Grades Pre-K–8

(Grades 6–8 must register for guided programs.)

Outdoor Guided

Cost: \$110 per class | **Times:** 10:15–11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Fall: September 27–November 18

Spring: March 23–June 16

Outdoor Self Guided

Cost: \$35 (Free for New York City schools) | **Times:** All Day

Fall: September 27–November 18

Winter: November 22–March 17

Spring: March 23–June 16

GRADES PRE-K–5

Sensory Walk

Fall & Spring

Engage all senses to deepen plant awareness. Build understandings about how plants grow while searching for observable features and patterns.

GRADES PRE-K–8

50-Acre Thain Family Forest Walks

Fall & Spring

Experience a native forest and construct ideas with peers about forests using grade-aligned themes that complement classroom curriculum:

- Grade Pre-K & K: Trees through Seasons
- Grade 1: Weather and Seasons
- Grade 2: Plant Diversity
- Grade 3: Plant Adaptations
- Grade 4: Plants in their Environment
- Grade 5: Exploring Ecosystems
- Grade 6: Diversity of Life
- Grade 7: Dynamic Equilibrium: Plant Survival
- Grade 8: Humans and the Environment: Needs and Tradeoffs

(Themes follow the NYC Scope and Sequence Excellence in Environmental Education Guidelines for Learning.)

GRADES 2–8

Native Plant Garden Walk

Fall & Spring

Experience and compare the woodland, wetland, and meadow and collect information to develop understandings about how native plants provide food, water, and habitat for animals.

Poetry for Every Season: *KIKU*

Fall (October 11–28)

Experience the fall garden and read the poetry of haiku and tanka poets outdoors to discover how nature inspires literary works. Develop original poems.

Poetry for Every Season: *CHIHULY*

Spring (Begins April 25)

Experience the glass sculptures of Dale Chihuly. Read poetry of his contemporaries outdoors to discover how nature inspires art—both literary and visual. Develop original poems.

Outdoor Self-Guided Garden Grounds for Grades Pre-K–5:

All Seasons

Download thematic Teacher Guides and Student Field Journals before arrival and experience and enjoy 250 acres of seasonal collections. See p. 19.

To register: nybg.org/edu/teacher or 718.817.8181

Celebrate the Holiday Season

Students experience the magical landscapes and model trains of the *Holiday Train Show*® in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory or in combination with an enjoyable winter botanical workshop at the Everett Children’s Adventure Garden or GreenSchool.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Holiday: November 22, 2016–January 13, 2017

GRADES PRE-K–5

HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW®

Location: Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Cost: \$140 per class

Times: All Day

During this self-guided visit to the Conservatory, experience the model trains and trolleys as they move through magical landscapes of historic New York State buildings made primarily from botanical materials.

EVERGREEN EXPRESS

Location: Everett Children's Adventure Garden

Cost: \$110 per class

Times: 10–11:15 a.m. or 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.

Hike the winter landscape and find evergreen trees and shrubs to construct understandings about the role their parts play in the life cycle. Take home a fir sachet to keep or give as a gift.

HOLIDAY COMBINATION: *HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW®* and *EVERGREEN EXPRESS*

Location: Everett Children's Adventure Garden and Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Cost: \$225 per class

Experience both *Holiday Train Show®* in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory and the complementary *EVERGREEN EXPRESS* workshop in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden.

GRADES 2–5

HOLIDAY COMBINATION: *HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW®* and *Patterns of Plants*

Location: Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Cost: \$225 per class

Experience both *Holiday Train Show®* in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory and the complementary *Patterns of Plants* workshop (p. 9) at the GreenSchool in the Conservatory.

Engage in Continuous Learning

Teachers seeking professional development experience the beautiful collections of the Garden during multisession institutes or customized workshops. Engage in hands-on, inquiry-based field and classroom practices and gain confidence in helping students construct understandings about ecology, plant science, or practical gardening.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

Six-Day Institutes

Cost: \$200*

Customized Workshops

Cost: Half-day (9 a.m.–12 p.m.): \$35 per teacher/Full-day (9 a.m.–3 p.m.): \$65 per teacher (*Minimum 12 teachers required*)

Fees include entry into the Garden and all supplies and materials. Coffee and tea are provided. For more information, visit nybg.org/edu/teacher, e-mail teachered@nybg.org or call 718.817.8140.

Botany in the Garden

Dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and November 5, 2016

Construct understandings about different plants; how they grow and reproduce and the role they play in ecology.

School Gardening 101— Creating a Garden

Dates: February 20–25, 2017

Advocate, plan, create or revive a school garden. Hone skills for designing, budgeting and integrating the garden across the curriculum.

Helping S.T.E.M. Take Root

(Grades 3–8)

Dates: April 10–15, 2017

Integrate S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) content into curriculum with a focus on Citizen Science.

Seedlings Institute for Early Childhood Educators

(Grades Pre-K–2)

Dates: July 10–15, 2017

Strengthen science instruction using inquiry-based activities that bridge curricular connections between math and literacy for early learners.

Plant, Learn, & Grow: School Gardening 201

Dates: July 17–22, 2017

Connect seasonal plantings and practical maintenance of school gardens into an integrated classroom curriculum.

The Art of Science—*CHIHULY*

Dates: July 24–29, 2017

Observe the monumental glass sculptures of Dale Chihuly and explore how forms found in nature can provide an inquiry-based framework for learning and art making.

Customized Workshop

Collaborate with Garden staff to plan a half, full, or multiday workshop that meets faculty needs. Suggested topics:

- Connecting Science to Common Core
- Gardening and Growing at School
- Math in the Garden
- Nature for Early Learners

**Three "P" in-service credits from the New York City Department of Education are available for all Institutes. Additional fees and requirements apply for P-credit courses.*

To register: nybg.org/edu/teacher or 718.817.8181

Bring the Garden to Your Classroom

Introduce students to the richness of the Garden's plant collections without leaving the classroom. From virtual explorations of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory to pre- and post-visit activities ideas, teachers can access practical resources to engage students.



CLASSROOM RESOURCES AND CURRICULA

ONLINE RESOURCES

Pre- and Post-Visit Activities Sheets

Supplement Garden visits with suggested pre- and post-visit activities sheets that can be downloaded at nybg.org/edu

School Gardening 101

nybg.org/edu/teacher/school-gardening-101

Find lesson plans, videos, and tip sheets that will help you maximize learning opportunities from your school garden using this website.

Plant Hunters

nybg.org/planthunters

Virtually explore the diverse plants and biomes housed in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory using this online resource. The site includes fun and engaging plant science challenges for students along with images, information, and audio content for more than 60 plants from the rain forest to the desert.

Teacher Guides and Student Activity Packets to Download

nybg.org/edu/teacher/activity-guides.php

Effective Garden field trips begin with careful planning and preparation. To help ensure your self-guided class visit is an active learning experience, please download a Teacher Guide and Student Field Journals prior to your class trip.

Teacher Guides include:

- Color Me Autumn
- Into the Woods
- Flower Mystery
- Forest Forays
- Nature Scavenger Hunt
- Mitsubishi Wild Wetland Trail
- Bronx River Walk
- Westchester Indian Trail Walk
- Special Exhibitions

CURRICULA

FBI: Forensic Botany Investigations for Grades 6–8

By conducting investigations and searching for clues, students explore the importance of plants and build skills such as concept mapping, data collection, and analysis.

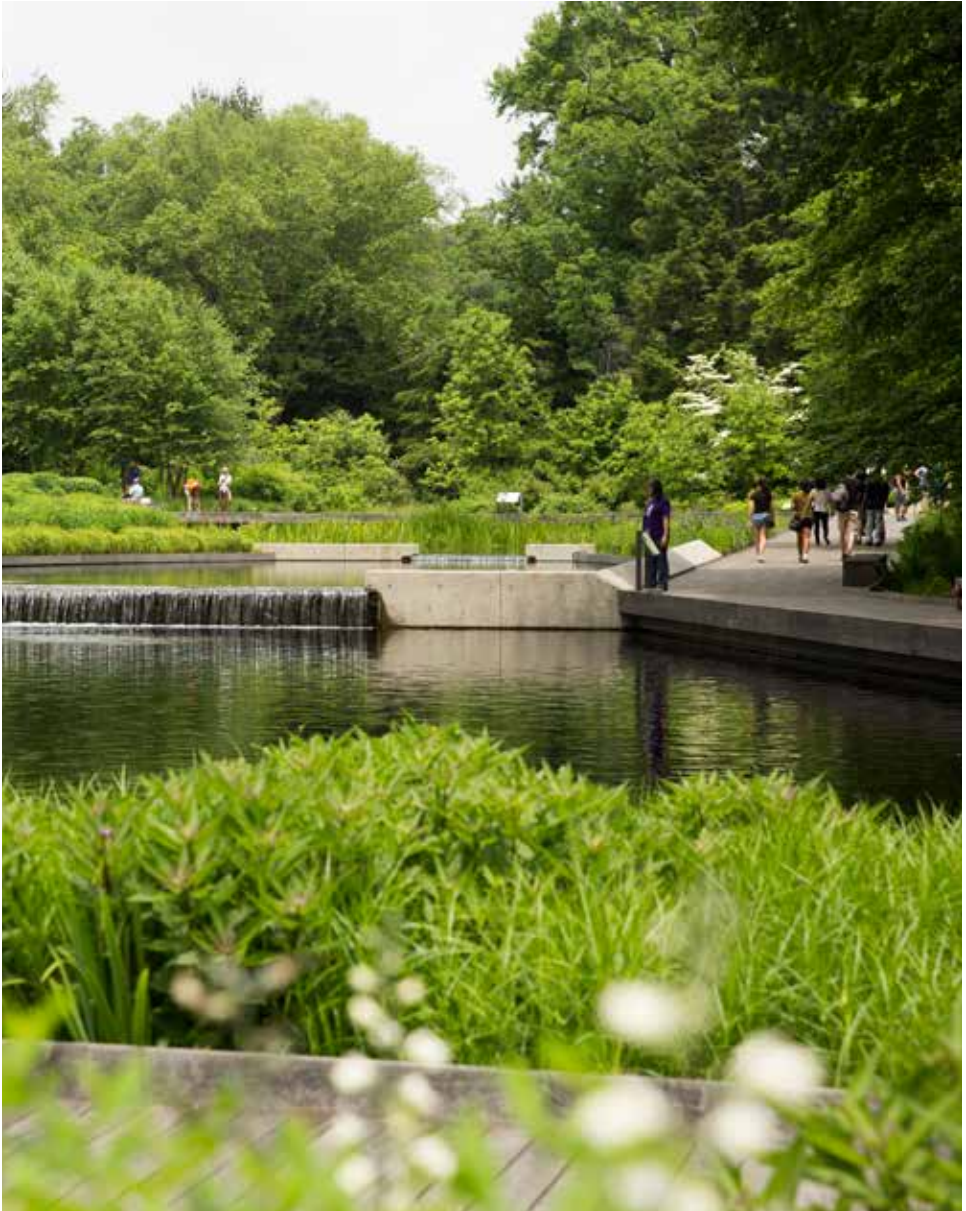
A classroom resource based on Garden scientists' research projects. Consists of teacher guide, DVD, and optional materials. Purchase at mheonline.com or call 800.334.7344.

Teacher Membership

Become a Teacher Member of the Garden for only \$64 a year, and enjoy all the benefits of Membership. Call 718.817.8724 for details.

Children’s Education and Common Core Learning Standards

Education programs at the Garden support the Common Core Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy. Immersive experiences in our unique resources provide real contexts for children to explore and observe the natural world, allowing them to connect major concepts grounded in evidence—not just from reading text or working with images, but also writing from their own direct experiences.



COMMON CORE LEARNING STANDARDS

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

Text Types and Purposes

1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

GSW

2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

GSW, GT

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

GSW, GT, HFG

9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

GSW, GT, HFG

Range of Writing

10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.

GSW, GT

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

Comprehension and Collaboration

1. Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

ECAG, GSW, GT, HFG

3. Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.

GSW, GT, HFG

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

ECAG, GSW, HFG

Key:

ECAG=Everett Children's Adventure Garden

GT=Guided Tours and Nature Walks

GSW=GreenSchool Workshops

HFG=Howell Family Garden

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration and Payment

- To register: nybg.org/edu/teacher or 718.817.8181
- Advance registration and payment are required for all programs.
- An invoice will be e-mailed to the registering teacher detailing visit schedule and payment.
- Payment and/or purchase order copy is due two weeks after registration is received.
- The scheduled visit is not confirmed until payment is received.
- Payment may be made by purchase order, check, money order, or credit card (MasterCard/VISA/AMEX). New York City Department of Education Vendor Code NEW095000. Please note that you are responsible for forwarding purchase order information to your district.

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Class Size and Special Needs

- To ensure the best possible learning experience for your class, combined classes are not permitted. Prices indicated are for one class.
- Classes with 12 or fewer students with special needs are accommodated at a lower fee. Please share information with us about any special considerations which will help ensure a successful field trip experience.

Mail checks and money orders, payable to The New York Botanical Garden, to:

The New York Botanical Garden School Programs

2900 Southern Boulevard

Bronx, NY 10458-5153

For payment questions: 718.817.8743

Fax: 718.817.8829 ▪ E-mail: childed@nybg.org

Changes and Cancellations

If you make a scheduling change, we will attempt to reschedule your visit within the school year. After the first scheduling change, a \$15 processing fee will be charged for each additional change. Cancellations made at least 4 weeks in advance will receive a full refund. Cancellations made 2–4 weeks in advance will be refunded 50%. For cancellations made two weeks or less before a program, there are no refunds.

Before Arrival

You will be e-mailed a map with specific entrance and exit procedures for the school group entrance, the Everett Garden Gate. If your group is traveling on more than one bus, please make sure that a teacher on each bus receives this information.

- Please consult these materials before arrival.

Arrival

Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in and get to your specific program location. All school buses should stop at the Garden's school group entrance, the Everett Garden Gate, located on Southern Boulevard across from Fordham University. From there, they will be directed to either disembark or proceed to a different location. Bus parking is not available within the Garden. However, there is street parking along Southern Boulevard. All programs will end at the originally scheduled time. Groups arriving more than one-half hour late will be cancelled. No refunds are available. School groups are not permitted to board the Tram.

Chaperones

A maximum of three additional chaperones over the suggested ratio may accompany a class for an additional fee of \$12 per person. Please note: In order to provide the best possible program, we cannot accommodate more than the required chaperones in our classes. Adult chaperones over the suggested ratio are welcome to freely explore the Garden grounds while the program is in session and then rejoin the students when the program ends.

Inclement Weather

Programs run rain or shine. Please have students dress appropriately for the weather. If you choose to reschedule, please call by 8:30 a.m.: 718.817.8181.

Accessibility

The Botanical Garden, its buildings, and its tour vehicles are accessible. Due to the Garden's varied topography, portions of the historic landscape may be inaccessible. In addition, sign language interpreters are available. Please notify the Registration office of any special needs at least 48 hours in advance of your visit.

Lunch

All school groups must bring lunches. There are no indoor lunch facilities. School groups are invited to eat in the Clay Family Picnic Pavilions located near the Everett Garden Gate. Groups are not allowed in the Garden dining facilities.

School Bus

All school buses should stop at the Garden's school group entrance, the Everett Garden Gate, located on Southern Boulevard across from Fordham University. Bus parking is not available within the Garden. However, there is street parking along Southern Boulevard.



TRANSPORTATION AND DIRECTIONS

Public Transportation

For detailed directions, call 718.817.8779.

By Metro-North Railroad

Take the Metro-North Harlem local line to Botanical Garden Station. Walk across Southern Boulevard to the Garden's Mosholu Gate entrance. Just 20 minutes from Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan! Also convenient from other locations. For more information on Metro-North and the Getaways program, visit nybg.org/metro.

By Subway

Take the B, D, or 4 train to Bedford Park Blvd. Station. From the station exit:

- Take the Bx26 bus east to the Garden's Mosholu Gate entrance.
- OR walk eight blocks down the hill on Bedford Park Blvd. (approximately 20 minutes). Turn left onto Southern Blvd. and walk one block to Mosholu Gate entrance.

By Bronx Bus

- Take the Bx19 to Southern Boulevard and Botanical Garden
- Take the Bx9, Bx12, Bx12-SBS, or Bx22 to Southern Boulevard and East Fordham Road
- Take the Bx26 to Southern Boulevard and Bedford Park Boulevard

For schedules and maps, visit the MTA Web site at mta.info

Automobile

▪ From Western Westchester—Major Deegan Expressway South

Take the Major Deegan Expressway (I-87) southbound to the E. 233rd Street exit. Make a left onto 233rd Street and follow to Webster Avenue. Turn right onto Webster Avenue and follow to Bedford Park Boulevard. Turn left onto Bedford Park and continue to light. Turn right on Southern to Crotona Avenue. Turn left onto E. Fordham Road and left onto Southern Boulevard. The Garden is on your right.

▪ From Manhattan and New Jersey—Cross Bronx Expressway North

Take the Cross Bronx Expressway (I-95) north to the Webster Avenue exit. Make a left onto Webster Avenue and follow to 180th Street. Turn right onto 180th Street. Turn left onto Southern Boulevard. The Garden is on your right.

▪ From Long Island and Queens—New England Thruway North

Take the New England Thruway (I-95) north to Pelham Parkway West exit. Take Pelham Parkway to Southern Boulevard. Turn right onto Southern Boulevard. The Garden is on your right.

▪ From Connecticut and Eastern Westchester—New England Thruway South

Take the New England Thruway (I-95) south to Pelham Parkway West exit. Take Pelham Parkway to Southern Boulevard. Turn right onto Southern Boulevard. The Garden is on your right.

SCHOOL VISITS—FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I register my class for a program?

All school groups must register in advance. Register online at nybg.org/edu/teacher or by calling 718.817.8181 between 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

How many children can I bring?

All guided workshops and programs require one NYBG educator per class. In order for students to have the best learning experience, combining more than one class per educator is not allowed. Our class sizes are as follows:

- Pre-Kindergarten: 18 students max., 1 adult per 5 students
- Kindergarten: 25 students max., 1 adult per 7 students
- Grades 1–8: 32 students max., 1 adult per 7 students
- Self-Contained Pre-K–8: 12 students max., 1 adult per 2 students

The numbers of classes that can be accommodated vary by program. Please contact the registration office for details on bringing multiple classes: 718.817.8181.

Is there a place to have lunch?

Yes! School groups are welcome to eat their pre-packed lunches at the Clay Family Picnic Pavilions, located near the School Group Entrance. Plastic bag use is discouraged in the Garden—bags often fly away and get caught in trees and animal habitats. Groups are not allowed in Garden dining facilities. There are no indoor group lunch facilities.

Where does our School bus drop us off and pick us up?

School group check-in is at the Everett Garden Gate, located on 2900 Southern Boulevard, across from Fordham University. All school groups must be picked up at the Everett Garden Gate at the end of their visit.

What if the forecast shows rain or snow on the day of my trip?

Our programs run rain or shine! Please have students dress appropriately for the weather. If you choose to reschedule, please call the registration office by 8:30 a.m.: 718.817.8181.

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What if I need to make a change, or cancel my trip?

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Can we bring Frisbees, blankets, volleyballs, or kites?

In order to help preserve the Garden as a living museum and national historic landmark, recreational sports and activities are not allowed.

We'd just like to walk around self-guided. Do I need to register?

All school groups visits require a reservation. Please call us at 718.817.8181 to register for a self-guided trip. Please note that some areas of the Garden are not accessible for self-guided groups. See p. 19 for Self-Guided Teacher Guide ideas.

How can you accommodate my class with special needs?

Our programs can be modified to help fulfill the goals of each group. Please share information with us about any special considerations or accommodations which will help ensure a successful field trip experience by calling our registration office: 718.817.8181.

Travel light

The Garden does not have coat-check facilities and certain items are prohibited in various indoor spaces, so plan accordingly. Strollers, easels, tripods, monopods, and selfie sticks are allowed throughout the Garden grounds with the exception of the Conservatory, Discovery Center, Ross Hall, and Art Gallery. Stroller parking is available at these locations. The Garden reserves the right to inspect all bags.

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- Gardening Workshops are in the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden (2,525 feet*)
- Nature Investigations are in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden (340 feet*)
- Plant Science Workshops are in the GreenSchool at the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory (2,525 feet*)
- Outdoor Nature Walks meet at the Reflecting Pool (1,690 feet*)
- Indoor Conservatory tours meet at the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory (2,525 feet*)

*Estimated walking distance from School Group Check-In Booth