

NYBG

SCOUT PROGRAMS

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN



Explore nature, connect with friends and community, and make a difference in the world while earning a badge at NYBG!

SELF-GUIDED & DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Weekdays; 1:30–5:30 p.m.

*Saturdays, Sundays, and Monday Holidays;
10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*

Fee: \$40

(Free for New York City Scouts Troops)

Troop leaders are invited to plan and lead their own exploration of the Garden Grounds Collections with their scouts. Leaders may guide scouts on a journey throughout the grounds and participate in seasonal Drop-In Nature Exploration at the Everett Children's Adventure Garden and at the Edible Academy. For current thematic programs, visit nybg.org/families

Nature Exploration

Everett Children's Adventure Garden

All Seasons

Explore nature and plant science during exciting investigations, indoors and out, in our 12-acre Adventure Garden! Come back each season to check out changing thematic programs featuring hands-on activities and take-home projects, from pumpkins and evergreens to buds and bogs!

Gardening Activities

Edible Academy

April through October

Scouts roll up their sleeves and help tend the gardens. Dig in the soil, sow seeds, water the seedlings, and harvest ripe produce. Each season offers new themes to investigate through hands-on activities and take-home projects.

Two formats are offered to help support your group's exploration and appreciation of the natural world.

- Self-Guided Explorations of Garden Grounds and Drop-In Programs
- Guided Interactive Explorations led by a Garden Educator

Fall: October–December

Winter: January–March

Spring: April–June

Summer: July–September

Guided programs support the Journey Badge requirements for Girl Scout National Proficiency Legacy Badge category *Naturalist*.



GUIDED PROGRAMS

Fee: \$125 per troop

Haupt Conservatory GreenSchool and among Garden Grounds Collections

Weekdays, 4–5:30 p.m. or Saturdays,
10–11:30 a.m.

Brownie (Ages 7–9)

“Bugs” Journey

Fall & Spring

Explore the 50-acre Native Forest to observe interactions between bugs and their environment. Girls Guide to Girl Scouting Badge Requirements:

- Talk to a bug specialist in your town or community
- Take a bug walk
- Watch three bugs
- Draw a cocoon

Junior (Ages 9–11)

“Flowers” Journey

Fall, Winter, & Spring

Dissect and press a flower using a science field journal to understand the special role each flower part plays.

Girls Guide to Girl Scouting Badge Requirements:

- Go on a flower hunt
- Dried flower art
- Stop and smell the flowers
- Flowers are fruits in disguise

Cadette (Ages 11–14)

“Trees” Journey

Fall & Spring

Explore the 50-acre Native Forest and construct ideas with peers about forest ecosystems by conducting a transect.

Girls Guide to Girl Scouting Badge Requirements:

- Take a tree trip
- Sketch and label the parts of a tree
- Capture a tree on your canvas or the pages
- Debate logging, clear cutting, and deforestation

Ambassador (Ages 16–18)

“Water” Journey

Fall, Winter, & Spring

Learn how different plant species absorb water inside the Conservatory, and conduct a field study on current botanical research.

Girls Guide to Girl Scouting Badge Requirements:

- Visit water in its natural state
- Enjoy an exhibit or event that features water
- Design your own water innovation
- Guide a group to a water place

Edible Academy

Sundays: 10–11:30 a.m.

Daisy (Ages 5–7):

“Petals” Journey

Rosie, Make the World a Better Place

April through October

Explore the ways healthy habitats are sustained in a garden, then look inside a worm bin to find the ways worms and other decomposers survive and recycle food waste.

Girls Guide to Girl Scouting Badge Requirements:

- Enjoy “Rosie’s Story,” then talk about it.
- Act out the story with your Daisy friends
- Practice making the world a better place

Junior (Ages 9–11)

“Gardener” Journey

April through October

Scouts roll up their sleeves and help tend the gardens. Dig in the soil, sow seeds, water the seedlings, and harvest ripe produce.

- Visit a garden
- Explore garden design
- Learn how to choose garden plants
- Experiment with seeds
- Grow your own garden

HOW TO REGISTER

Call 718.817.8181

Before you call, have the following information ready:

- Your Troop Name
- Address of the Troop (a home address works)
- Mobile Number (to reach troop leader or person arranging trip who will be attending the program)
- Name of the program(s) you would like your Scouts to attend
- Number of Scouts
- Number of adult chaperones
- List of multiple preferred dates in case your first choice is full

Registration and Payment

- Advance registration and payment are required for all programs. Payment is due two weeks after registration is received. The scheduled visit is not confirmed until payment is received.
- An invoice will be e-mailed to the registering Troop Leader detailing visit schedule and payment.
- Payment may be made by check, money order, or credit card (Mastercard/VISA/AMEX/Discover).

Mail checks and money orders to:

The New York Botanical Garden

The New York Botanical Garden School Programs
2900 Southern Boulevard, Room M295
Bronx, NY 10458-5153

For questions about payment:
718.817.8743 | childed@nybg.org

Class Size and Special Needs

Group sizes: up to 25 scouts, 1 adult per 7 students
Please let us know about any special needs.

Before Arrival

You will receive a confirmation e-mail that includes a map, garden etiquette, and specific entrance and parking instructions based on your method of transportation. In Google Maps, use the Mosholu Entrance 2950 Southern Boulevard location for directions. Advise registration staff if you will be taking public transportation.

Teacher Pre-Trip Planning Voucher

A Teacher Pre-Trip Planning Voucher will be included in the confirmation e-mail. Please use this voucher for free entry for you and a guest before bringing troops to experience our facilities.

Arrival

Arrive 15 minutes early to check in and get to your specific program location. Free parking is available at the Mosholu Entrance parking lot for participants in registered education programs. There is also street parking along Southern Boulevard. All guided programs will end at the originally scheduled time. Groups arriving more than one-half hour late for guided programs will be canceled. No refunds are available.

Please Note: Self-Guided Programs do not include entrance to the Haupt Conservatory and Rock Garden. All registered programs do not include Tram access.

Inclement Weather

Programs run rain or shine unless officially canceled due to weather emergencies. Have Scouts dress appropriately for walking long distances. If you choose to reschedule, call by 2 p.m. the day before your scheduled program: 718.817.8181

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.

Accessibility

NYBG, its buildings, and its tour vehicles are accessible. Due to varied topography, portions of the historic landscape may be inaccessible. Notify the Registration office of any special needs at least 48 hours in advance of your visit.

Lunch

There are no indoor lunch facilities to eat food brought from home. Groups are invited to eat lunch brought from home in the Clay Family Picnic Pavilions. Food is available for purchase in the Garden dining facilities.