

SCHOOL & TEACHER PROGRAMS

2026/2027



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Rooted in nature. Growing a greener future. Through hands-on investigations of the natural world, every learner cultivates a deeper understanding of plants—their ecological roles, cultural significance, and essential contributions to life on Earth—empowering them to take action in the face of climate change.

In our programs, learners will:

- Explore real-world ecological phenomena.
- Think like scientists and environmental stewards.
- Learn through collaborative discussion.
- Engage in inclusive environments that reflect lived experiences, cultural identities, and a shared responsibility for the planet.

**Children’s Education programs at the Garden
take place in the following locations:**



EDIBLE ACADEMY

- Gardening Workshops:
The Louise and Henry Loeb
School for Children’s Gardening
- Multivisit Gardening Program



**EVERETT CHILDREN’S
ADVENTURE GARDEN**

- Plant and Nature Explorations
- Multivisit Science Program



**GREENSCHOOL IN THE HAUPT
CONSERVATORY AND AMONG THE
GARDEN GROUNDS COLLECTIONS**

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



**THROUGHOUT NYBG:
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
FOR TEACHERS**

- Multisession Institutes
- Customized Workshops

*Grade themes attend to the NYC Scope and Sequence Excellence
in Environmental Education Guidelines for Learning.

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PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE BY GRADE

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Key:  Spring  Summer  Fall  Winter

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TEACHER OPEN HOUSE

Thurs, Oct. 8, 2026

3–5 p.m.

Drop in anytime from 3 to 5 p.m. to enjoy light refreshments, tours of the exhibition, and learn first-hand about the transformative school field trip and teacher professional learning offerings across our 250-acre landscape.

RSVP Here



This Open House is free—invite a colleague to join! Plus, your attendance will get you perks with our programs. Buy one class trip and get the second 50% off, and get 20% off a Professional Learning program.

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. 26 for details.

Teacher Membership

Become a Member at the Teacher level for only \$86 a year, and enjoy all the benefits of Membership. Call 718.817.8703 for details.

Grade themes attend to the NYC Scope and Sequence Environmental Education Guidelines for Learning.

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BE A GARDENER



In the Ruth Rea Howell Vegetable Garden at the Edible Academy, students become gardeners as they engage in activities for growing healthful food outdoors and in a state-of-the-art greenhouse. Kids build interdisciplinary connections while experiencing the excitement of hands-on gardening throughout the seasons!

**HANDS-ON
GARDENING
WORKSHOPS**

**The Louise and Henry
Loeb School For
Children’s Gardening
at the Edible Academy**

GRADES PRE-K-8

Fall
Sep. 30–Nov. 13

Winter
Jan. 5–Feb. 26

Spring
Mar. 30–June 4

Summer
July 7–Aug. 13

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

Cost
\$175 per class

FALL, SPRING, SUMMER

How Does Your Garden Grow?
Explore soil, plant seeds or seedlings, and water the garden to discover ways plants grow and change seasonally. Search for plant parts we eat in the garden and pot up an edible plant to grow at home.

WINTER

How Does Your Garden Grow?
Explore the garden in winter. Discover ways plants grow and change during cold months in a greenhouse. Pot up indoor plants to grow at home.

ELA in the Garden
Through hands-on, sensory exploration of the winter garden and greenhouse, learn about the power of language. Learners will investigate seed catalogs, contribute to their own “class catalog,” and save seeds to take home.

**Foodways:
Crops of the African
American Diaspora**
Learn about the people and food of the Black American diaspora. Explore the living and preserved garden with hands-on planting and culinary activities.

**Math in the Garden
(Grades 3–5)**
Explore the Edible Academy as a site to practice applying skills and develop curiosity for mathematics, from planning a garden plot to crafting a recipe.

High School Offerings
Visit the Edible Academy to practice organic gardening methods and explore foodways. Consider the implications and applications of the lessons learned at NYBG for your neighborhood. If you are a student or high school teacher, contact our Registration Office to learn more.



**HANDS-ON
MULTI-VISIT
GARDENING
PROGRAM
AT THE EDIBLE
ACADEMY**

GRADES PRE-K-5

Groups meet four times over the school year to dig deeper into the topics below. Each session builds on the previous, and the Edible Academy educators share post-session activities with teachers that support student learning between sessions.

Session 1
Sep. 30–Nov. 6

Session 2
Nov. 10–Dec. 23

Session 3
Mar. 9–Apr. 16

Session 4
Apr. 20–June 4

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

Cost
\$700 (4 Visits)

Garden Cycles (Pre-K–K)
Learn about plant life cycles and seasonal change through hands-on gardening and direct observation in the Edible Academy’s dynamic landscape. Explore how gardeners prepare and grow throughout the year.

Seeds to Fruits (Grade 1)
Through hands-on exploration of the Edible Academy’s vegetable garden, deepen understandings of plant parts, needs, and functions for the food we grow and eat.

Our Garden Community (Grade 2)
Connect the food plants we grow and eat with the larger garden community of people, pollinators, decomposers, and plants. Using hands-on exploration, build understandings of the characters, places, and relationships that compose a garden community.

Seed History and Stories (Grade 3)
Through a hands-on exploration of the Edible Academy vegetable garden, explore the history and movement of food crops through the lenses of geography, botany, and culture.

Native Plants and Peoples (Grade 4)
Using place-based exploration of the Edible Academy, build understandings about the environmental knowledge of Indigenous peoples past and present. Investigate native plants and Three Sisters gardening.

Grow Green (Grade 5)
Discover the sustainable features of the Edible Academy. Explore ideas about renewable energy technologies, water conservation, composting, and urban gardening.

Register by Sep. 18
by calling our
Registration Office at
718.817.8181.



BE A

NATURE EXPLORER

In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, students investigate fascinating plants and animals found within this dynamic environment, and explore how they respond to the seasons.

HANDS-ON PLANT AND NATURE EXPLORATIONS AT THE EVERETT CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE GARDEN

GRADES PRE-K-5

Fall:

Oct. 6–Nov. 13

Holiday:

Nov. 17–Jan. 8

Winter:

Jan. 26–Mar. 12

Spring:

Mar. 23–June 4

Times:

10–11:15 a.m.
or 11:45–1 p.m.

Cost: \$175

FALL

Pumpkin Celebrations (Pre-K–5th Grade)

Explore Día de los Muertos traditions through colorful *alebrijes* and *catrinas* inspired by Mexican folk art, then get up close with giant pumpkins, mini gourds, and other seasonal plants. Start a pumpkin seed experiment to observe at home.

Plant Part Parade (Pre-K–2nd Grade)

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

Seeds on the Move (1st–3rd Grade)

Explore the essential question: How do seeds move? Search for evidence of how seeds move by observing plants outdoors and conducting a seed dispersal experiment. Pot up seeds to grow at home.

Wetland Ecology (3rd–5th Grade)

Perform a site sample of a native wetland and find the connections between plants and animals in healthy ecosystems.

HOLIDAY

Evergreen Adaptations (Pre-K–5th Grade)

Hike winter trails and find evergreen trees and shrubs to construct understandings about adaptations. Take home a fir sachet to keep or give as a gift!

WINTER

Winter in the Garden (Pre-K–2nd Grade)

Bundle up and explore the winter garden! Discover which plants and animals are resting for the season and which are still active. Spot animal tracks, tree buds, and other signs of winter life. Design a plant experiment to observe into spring.

Plant Stories: Black Ecologies (3rd–5th Grade)

Discover the stories of Black naturalists, scientists, and plant knowledge keepers who have helped people learn from and care for plants. In the garden, students will look closely at winter plants, practice simple plant identification skills, and explore how plants can support healthy communities. Take home a medicinal tea blend inspired by the program.

SPRING

Plant Part Parade (Pre-K–2)

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

Fantastic Flowers (1st–3rd Grade)

Observe a variety of flowers to construct understanding about the role of pollination in a plant life cycle. Pot up seed experiments to grow at home.

Wetland Ecology (3rd–5th Grade)

Perform a site sample of a native wetland and find the connections between plants and animals in healthy ecosystems.



HANDS-ON MULTI-VISIT SCIENCE PROGRAM AT THE EVERETT CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE GARDEN

Make the Everett Children's Adventure Garden your outdoor science lab this school year! Through three seasonal visits, students build on their learning as they investigate plants, habitats, and ecosystems in the Garden. Pre- and post-visit materials help teachers connect each experience to classroom curriculum.

Session 1:
October 6–November 13

Session 2:
January 26–March 12

Session 3:
March 23–June 4

Cost
\$500

Why Wetlands?

(Grade 4)

Wetlands are remarkable habitats that help support climate resilience. Students explore the unique plants and animals of NYBG's pond and bog, observe adaptations that help organisms thrive in changing environments, and investigate how wetlands can help reduce weather impacts and naturally filter water.

NEW! Exploring Nature's Neighborhoods

(Grade 2)

Habitats are nature's neighborhoods, with everything plants and animals need to survive. Students compare the garden's diverse habitats and discover how living things share resources. From underground decomposers to pollinators in the sky, students investigate habitats large and small while building climate literacy, observation skills, and respect for nature through journaling and hands-on activities.



Step into the GreenSchool inside the Haupt Conservatory, where students become world explorers! They'll investigate all kinds of habitats—from lush rain forests to arid deserts, observing complex life systems interacting to help plants thrive. Along the way, they explore sustainability, learning how plant adaptations contribute to climate resilience and a healthier planet.



BE A WORLD EXPLORER

HANDS-ON PLANT SCIENCE WORKSHOPS AT THE GREENSCHOOL IN THE ENID A. HAUPT CONSERVATORY

GRADES K-8

Fall
Oct. 6–Nov. 13

Holiday
Nov. 17–Jan. 8

Winter
Jan. 26–Mar. 12

Spring
Mar. 23–June 4

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

Cost
\$175 per class

GRADES K-2

Plant Parts We Eat
Fall & Spring
Discover the fundamentals of plants—leaves, stems, roots, flowers, and fruits—and yes, we eat them all! Discover how each part plays a role in helping plants grow and survive. Then, pot up an edible plant to care for at home.

GRADES K-5

Life in the Rain Forest
Step into the layers of the rain forest to discover its unique climates, biodiversity, and adaptations. Learn about plants used for food and medicine, then pot up a tropical plant to bring home.

GRADES 2-8

Amazing Plant Adaptations
How do plants survive in extreme environments? Compare adaptations in rain forests, deserts, and carnivorous bogs. Pot up your own resilient plant to observe its life cycle.

Flowers in the Life Cycle
Winter & Spring
Dissect real flowers to explore how blossoms, fruits, and seeds support plant reproduction. Investigate diverse environments, and pot up a take-home experiment.

Patterns of Plants
Holiday
Discover symmetry and design in nature. Use plant parts to create beautiful mandalas, blending science, geometry, and art in a hands-on exploration of natural structures.

The Water Cycle
Winter & Spring
Examine how air, water, and land interact across Earth's biomes. Learn about the vital role of plants in the water cycle, and create a mini terrarium to explore this system at home.

Flower Power:
Observe and Create
Until Oct. 23
Celebrate the spirit of the '60s in a groovy and colorful flower show inspired by hippie culture and its love of nature. Create a botanical tableau of peace, blooms, and flower fun.

KAWS:
Observe and Create
Spring Exhibition
Discover the iconic KAWS monumental sculptures against the living canvas of the Garden. Create your own playful art within the beauty of the natural world.



BE A PLANT HUNTER

Inside the rain forests and deserts of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, students become detectives—hunting for plants, observing ecosystems, finding adaptations, and investigating biodiversity. Through hands-on exploration, they develop a deeper understanding of plant survival and resilience, connecting their discoveries to global conservation efforts.

**INDOOR TOURS
IN THE HAUPT
CONSERVATORY**

Interactive GreenSchool
Guided and Self-Guided
Tours

GRADES PRE-K-8

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

Indoor Guided

Fall:
Oct. 6–Nov. 13

Holiday:
Nov. 17–Jan. 8

Winter:
Jan. 27–Mar. 13

Spring:
Mar. 23–June 4

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

Cost:
\$150 per class

Indoor Self-Guided

Fall: Sep. 28–Nov. 13
Winter and Spring: Feb. 8–June 25
Summer: July 7–Aug. 13
Times: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Cost: \$75 per class

GRADES K-8

The Orchid Show
Feb. 16–Apr. 22
Step into abundant orchid displays to discover the secret to their survival across the globe. From rain forests to mountain slopes, explore how these flowers adapt, thrive, and survive!

Flower Power Tour
Until Oct. 23
Celebrate the spirit of the '60s in a groovy and colorful flower show inspired by hippie culture and its love of nature.

KAWS Tour
Begins May 25
Discover the iconic KAWS monumental sculptures against the living canvas of the Garden. Create your own playful art within the beauty of the natural world.

GRADES 2-8

Patterns of Plants Tour
Holiday Combination Only
Discover symmetry and geometry in nature. Compare natural patterns in plants with the structures featured in the *Holiday Train Show*®.

**Guided
Conservatory
Tours**

**A Journey Across
Ecosystems**

GRADES PRE-K-2

**Around the World
of Plants**
Observe how plants respond to different climates and changing seasons. Learn how ecosystems function using a field journal to record discoveries.

GRADES 3-5

**Ecosystems of the
World**
Investigate rain forests, deserts, and a bog to identify how organisms grow in extreme conditions. Use field journals to record your findings.

GRADES 6-8

**Climate and
Biodiversity**
Explore the relationship between climate, biodiversity, and conservation. Discover how global ecosystems respond to environmental shifts and explore ways to protect plant life for future generations. Use field journals to document biodiversity and deepen conservation awareness.

Students get to connect to nature by spending time outside in our beautiful collections. They'll trek through the Thain Family Forest, meander through the Native Plant Garden, and explore all 250 acres of our landscape. Using field journals to record observations, and discussing ideas with friends, they learn how healthy ecosystems support biodiversity, sustainability, and resilience.



BE A NATURALIST

OUTDOOR NATURE WALKS

INTERACTIVE GREENSCHOOL GUIDED AND SELF-GUIDED NATURE WALKS

GRADES PRE-K-8

Outdoor Guided

Fall
Oct. 6–Nov. 13

Holiday
Nov. 17–Jan. 8

Spring
Mar. 23–June 4

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

Cost
\$150 per class

GRADES PRE-K-5

Sensory Walk
Fall & Spring
Engage all senses to deepen plant awareness through observation. Build understandings about how plants grow and survive.

GRADES 2-8

Native Plant
Champions Walk
Fall & Spring
Take a wild walk through a woodland, wetland, and meadow! Discover the native plants that support biodiversity, fight climate change, and inspire conservation action.

OUTDOOR SELF-GUIDED (Online Registration Only)

All Seasons

Times: All Day

Cost: \$65 (Free for New York schools)

50-Acre Thain Family Forest Walks

GRADES PRE-K-2

A Walk in the Forest
Observe and compare a deciduous forest through the seasons, discovering the trees, animals, and insects that make it their home in every time of the year.

GRADES 3-5

Forest Ecosystem of the
Lënapehòking
Hike native forest trails to uncover habitat features that once sustained the Lenape people and still support a rich diversity of plants, birds, and people today.

GRADES 6-8

A Forest in the Bronx
Explore the biodiversity of a native forest and the challenges plants face in an urban setting. Learn how this forest is a living lab and uncover how city forests support life and inspire conservation.



CELEBRATE

Students delight in the wonder of the *Holiday Train Show*®, where model trains wind through enchanting miniature landscapes. Pair the experience with a winter botanical art-making workshop in the GreenSchool or an evergreen hike to explore seasonal adaptations in the beauty of the Everett Children's Adventure Garden.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
Nov. 17, 2026–Jan. 8, 2027

GRADES PRE-K-8

Holiday Train Show®

Location
Conservatory Plaza

Times
All Day

Cost
\$150 per class

Explore a winter wonderland as model trains and trolleys wind their way through miniature New York landmarks—all crafted from natural materials. Students explore the magic of engineering, history, and plants all in one unforgettable self-guided visit.

GRADES PRE-K-5

Holiday Combination:
Holiday Train Show®
and Evergreen Adaptations
Until Jan. 8

Location
Everett Children's Adventure Garden and Conservatory Plaza

Cost
\$265 per class

Extend your *Holiday Train Show®* experience with the Evergreen Adaptations (p. 11) workshop in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden.

GRADES 2-8

Holiday Combination:
Holiday Train Show®
and Patterns of Plants
Until Jan. 8

Location: Conservatory Plaza

Cost
\$225 per class for Patterns of Plants tour (1 hr.)

\$265 per class for Patterns of Plants workshop (75 min.)

Extend your *Holiday Train Show®* experience with the Patterns of Plants workshop (p. 15) or guided tour (p. 17) at the GreenSchool in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.



Learn how to add nature to your curriculum! With multisession institutes or customized workshops in our beautiful landscape, meet fellow educators and gain the confidence you need to bring the outdoors into your classroom. Discover how to add ecology, science, and gardening to your teaching and prepare for the year ahead!

ENGAGE IN CONTINUOUS LEARNING



**PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING FOR
TEACHERS**

Multisession Institutes

Fees include entry into the Garden, parking, and all supplies and materials.

For more information:

Visit
nybg.org/teachers

Email
teachered@nybg.org

Call
718.817.8140

**Increasing Representation
in the Natural World
(Online)**

Dates: Sat., April 10–
Sat., May 8, 2027
Cost: \$100

*Eligible for 30 CTLE hours
and/or 2 P-credits**

Use curated readings and research to highlight disproportionate access to nature, reflect on personal experiences, and plan for equitable learning opportunities in the science classroom.

**Ethnobotany for
Educators: Exploring
Plants Through Cultural
Connections**

Dates: Sun., April 18 & 25,
2027

Cost: \$100

*Eligible for 15 CTLE hours
and/or 1 P-credit**

The relationship between people and plants have shaped foodways for thousands of years. Examine human and plant connections at the intersection of history, food, and culture. Develop strategies for engaging student-driven scientific investigations utilizing plants and food.

**Seedlings Institute:
Nature and Science for
Early Childhood and
Elementary Educators**

Dates: Mon., July 12–
Sat., July 17, 2027

Cost: \$250

*Eligible for 45 CTLE hours
and/or 3 P-credits**

Learn how to use plants and nature to engage children in science across the curriculum, with connections to literacy, math, and art. Explore the unique resources available at NYBG.

The Art of Science

Dates: Thurs., July 22 and
Fri., July 23, 2027

Cost: \$100

*Eligible for 15 CTLE hours
and/or 1 P-credit**

Discover ways to help students experience the wonder of the

outdoors through both art and science. Hone observational skills and ask questions using the backdrop of the Garden grounds and the summer art exhibition as inspiration.

**Plant, Learn, & Grow:
Science Concepts in the
Garden**

Dates: Mon., July 26–Sat.,
July 31, 2027

Cost: \$250

*Eligible for 45 CTLE hours
and/or 3 P-credits**

Whether your school garden is plants on your windowsill or in the schoolyard, participate in hands-on gardening methods to build your background knowledge. Topics include pest management, soil quality monitoring, pollinator interactions, and more!

**The Anywhere Garden:
Learning Spaces Inside
and Out**

Dates: Mon., Aug 23–
Fri., Aug 27, 2027

Cost: \$200

*Eligible for 30 CTLE hours
and/or 2 P-credits**

Advocate for, plan, create, or revive a school garden or indoor planting system. Hone skills for designing, budgeting, and incorporating the garden across the curriculum, utilizing the resources of the school community.

*P or A+ credits include additional fees and requirements.

More information is available at pci.nycenet.edu/aspdp/account/login

BRING THE GARDEN



Introduce students to the richness of the Garden's plant collections without leaving the classroom. From customized professional learning sessions to thematic Garden exploration guides, teachers can access practical resources to engage students.

TO YOUR CLASSROOM

SCHOOL & TEACHER RESOURCES

Customized Workshops

Looking for professional learning opportunities on Election Day, Chancellor’s Day, or a day of your choosing? Collaborate with expert Garden educators to plan a half-, full-, or multi-session workshop onsite that is tailored to meet your needs.

Each experience provides CTLE hours (Continuing Teacher and Leader Education) and attends to current New York State standards. Email teachered@nybg.org or call 718.817.8140 to arrange a workshop.

Suggested workshop topics:

- Connecting to the outdoors and each other
- Nature for early learners
- Art and science in your school community
- An introduction to school gardening

Cost: Half-day (9 a.m.–12 p.m.): \$35 per teacher/
Full-day Workshop (9 a.m.–3 p.m.): \$65 per teacher
(Minimum 8 teachers required)

Online Resources

Teacher Guides and Student Activity Packets to Download
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 Native American Trail Walk
- Special Exhibitions

REGISTRATION AND VISIT INFORMATION

Registration and Payment

- To register: nybg.org/schools-teachers or 718.817.8181
- Advance registration and payment are required for all programs.
- An invoice will be emailed 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/Discover). New York City Department of Education Vendor Code NEW095000. Please note that you are responsible for forwarding purchase order information to your district.

Class Size and Special Needs

- 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: 15 students max., 1 adult per 2 students
- The number of classes that can be accommodated vary by program. Please contact the registration office for details on bringing multiple classes: 718.817.8181.
- **Classes with 15 or fewer students are accommodated at a lower fee.**
- Please share information with us about any special considerations that 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, Room M295

Bronx, NY 10458-5153

For payment questions: 718.817.8743

Email: 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 emailed Trip Confirmation materials that include 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.**

Teacher Pre-Trip Planning Voucher

A Teacher Pre-Trip Planning Voucher will be included in the registering teacher's confirmation email. All registered classroom teachers may use this voucher for free entry with a guest to make the most of their experience at the Garden by visiting our one-of-a-kind facilities before bringing their students.

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, based on program registration, 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

In order to provide the best possible program, we cannot accommodate more than the required chaperones in our classes. A maximum of 10 adults can join the class during the workshop or tour. 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. A useful Chaperone Guide will be included in your Trip Confirmation email.

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. Please notify the Registration Office of any special needs at least 48 hours in advance of your visit.

Lunch

School groups are invited to eat in the Clay Family Picnic Pavilions located near the Everett Garden Gate. There are no indoor lunch facilities. **Groups are not allowed in the Garden dining facilities to eat or purchase food.**

TRANSPORTATION AND DIRECTIONS

School Bus

In Google Maps use the “Everett Garden Gate” location for directions. For detailed directions, visit nybg.org/visit/directions

- All school buses should stop at the Garden’s school group entrance, Everett Garden Gate, located on Southern Boulevard across from Fordham University. From there, based on programs registration, they will be directed to either disembark or proceed to a different location. Please remain on your bus until directed to disembark. Bus parking is not available within the Garden. However, there is street parking along Southern Boulevard.

Schools Within Walking Distance

Schools within walking distance of the Garden may enter the closest entry point by foot and check in with staff at a ticket window for further instructions. Entry points include:

- **Everett Garden Gate** (School Group Entry Point): Located on Southern Boulevard. In Google Maps use the “Everett Garden Gate” location for directions.
- **East Gate:** Located at the corner of Waring Avenue and Bronx Park East, this entry point is conveniently located within close proximity to the Edible Academy. In Google Maps use the “East Gate” location.
- **Main Entrance:** Located at 2900 Southern Boulevard
- **Mosholu Entrance:** Located at 2950 Southern Boulevard between Mosholu Parkway and Bedford Park Boulevard

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 Entrance. Just 20 minutes from Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan! Also convenient from other locations.

● 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 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 the Mosholu 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 website at mta.info

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS

The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) were developed following the national adoption of Common Core standards in English language arts and mathematics. In 2012, the National Research Council released A Framework for K–12 Science Education, which outlined essential 21st-century skills to prepare students for college and careers. This framework—endorsed by scientists, educators, and cognitive experts—served as the foundation for the NGSS.

The NGSS emphasize engaging students in the investigative practices of scientists and engineers, using core scientific concepts—or “big ideas”—to explore and explain the natural world. In response, Children’s Education programs now focus on teaching science through phenomena-based inquiry, helping learners build a deeper understanding of scientific principles and see their relevance in everyday life.

Read more about the Next Generation Science Standards at nextgenscience.org and ngss.nsta.org



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NYBG School Group Map

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

School Group Check-In Booth

- 1** Enid A. Haupt Conservatory (.47 of a mile)
- 2** Reflecting Pool (.32 of a mile)
- 3** Everett Children's Adventure Garden (340 ft)
- 4** Edible Academy (.47 of a mile)
- Plant Science Workshops
- Outdoor Nature Walks
- Gardening Workshops

Estimated walking distance from School Group Check-In Booth

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3–5 p.m.



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