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Teachers and Schools

Thank you for considering the U.S. Botanic Garden as an extension of your classroom! Our indoor and outdoor living classrooms offer amazing opportunities for plant-based learning.

Teachers are always welcome to bring students to visit the Garden for their own educational activities. If you're looking for ideas on how to maximize a trip to the U.S. Botanic Garden, please see our Field Trips page. While advance reservations are not required, you may reach out to Children's Education Specialist Lee Coykendall as you plan your visit.

Our Junior Botanist program is now available to schools on a limited basis. If you are a 3rd-5th grade teacher and would like for your class to use our Junior Botanist Adventure kit while at the U.S. Botanic Garden, please contact Lee Coykendall, Children's Education Specialist.

Schools may reserve Junior Botanist on **Fridays**. There is a maximum class size of (36) with (6) backpacks issued. The *Botany at Home* adventure sheet can be used as a post lesson and upon successful completion of the adventure sheets, teachers may apply to our botanist to become an official U.S. Botanic Garden Junior Botanist class!

There is no fee for participation in this program.

Our *How Plants Work: A Guide to Being Green* is a plant-based curriculum that helps teachers and chaperones lead students through investigations to discover the intriguing life, structural design, adaptability and resourcefulness of plants.

Each year, the Garden offers special workshops and teacher training opportunities to help engage students in plant-based learning.

The U.S. Botanic Garden offers classroom resources for teachers, including a plant family tree and information on starting your own school garden.

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