



## Youth Education Program of San Francisco Botanical Garden Society

# Guided Walks for School Groups Information Sheet

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### **First Look at Plants**

**Gr. K-1**

Experience the variety of plant colors, shapes, and textures. Learn about the basic parts of plants and their functions. 1 hour

### **Plant Travelers**

**Gr. 2-4**

#### **FALL ONLY**

Wind, water and animals are three ways plants disperse seeds. Explore the diversity of seed shapes and structure. 1 ¼ hours

### **Web of Life**

**Gr. 2-5**

Learn about the interdependence of the plants and animals in the Botanical Garden's varied ecosystems. 1 ¼ hours

### **The Redwood Trail**

**Gr. 3-5**

Investigate features of redwoods and the interrelationships of plants, animals, and their environment. 1 ½ hours

### **Native People, Native Plants**

#### **NEW PROGRAM!**

**Gr. 3-4**

Newly reconfigured, featuring more hands-on opportunities for students to explore traditional uses of native plants. 1 ¾ hours

### **Special Needs Classes All Grades**

We will gladly tailor a walk to your students' needs and abilities. Please apply through the lottery and provide whatever information is appropriate. We encourage all special needs classes to apply.

## **Planning for Your Visit**

Regular guided walks take place Tuesday through Friday and are offered each day at 10:15 (10:45 by special request). No walks are offered on Mondays. Walks are available year-round unless otherwise indicated, and all are free of charge.

For all walks students will work in small groups with a guide. At least one adult per 8 children is required. Pre- and post-visit materials are available on our website, [www.sfbotanicalgarden.org](http://www.sfbotanicalgarden.org); please use them to help prepare your group to make the most of their field trip.

## **Registering for a walk**

We will be accepting registration by mail or fax only. Registration is now open with a deadline of September 7 for Fall/Winter 2017 walks. All registrations received by the last day of the registration period will be entered into a lottery, and teachers will be notified of the results shortly thereafter.

Each teacher is eligible for one walk per year. Teachers who register for the fall but who do not get a walk date are eligible to reapply for the spring. All teachers, regardless of number of visits in earlier years, have an equal chance of obtaining a walk date. Lottery forms for Spring 2018 will be available in November – please do not apply for spring walks until then.

## **Buses**

At present, the SFUSD Transportation department requires that each free field trip bus carry at least two classes. Please remember to apply for a guided walk with a partner class if you must request a free SFUSD bus to get here. We encourage teachers who can use public transportation to apply singly. If you must have a SFUSD bus to get here and none are available, we have resources available to pay for buses – please call the office for more information – (415) 661-1316 x 407.



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**Fall/Winter 2017 Registration Form**

If you would like to partner with another teacher, please note on this form and fax or mail applications together. **EACH TEACHER MUST COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM!**

**Forms must be RECEIVED no later than Tuesday, September 7.**

Teacher name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

School phone \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Class size \_\_\_\_\_ Any special circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend with only my class.

I would like to partner with \_\_\_\_\_

I MUST partner with \_\_\_\_\_ in order to attend.

**IF PARTNERING, PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND ALL FORMS TOGETHER**  
Only **ONE CLASS PER DAY** can participate in Native People, Native Plants

**Walk desired:**

First Look (gr.K/1)  Web of Life (gr.2-5)  Plant Travelers (gr.2-4)  Redwood Trail (gr.3-5)

LIMITED TO ONE CLASS PER DAY:  Native People, Native Plants (gr.3-4)

**Preferred dates:**

Please list a range of dates OR a day of the week (e.g. any Tuesday). The more choices you give us, the better your chances! Don't forget about holidays, testing, and in-service days. Walks are Tuesday through Friday (NO MONDAYS) through January 31, 2018.

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How often have you used our program in the past?

never  once or twice  three to five times  six or more times

We are aware that SFUSD free buses are limited – if you are accepted and are unable to obtain a bus, please contact us as we may be able to help.

**Please mail or fax this form to the following address:**

Youth Education Program  
San Francisco Botanical Garden Society  
1199 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco CA 94122  
FAX: 415-661-7427