



Nature Detectives at San Francisco Botanical Garden

Guided School Walks Information Sheet

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

Flower Walk

Gr. 2-4

SPRING ONLY

Discover how buds become flowers and flowers become fruit. Learn about the pollinators who help plants make seeds. 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. 3-4

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

Native People, Native Plants

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; 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 December 14 for Spring 2019 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.

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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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 Friday, December 14.

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 or Redwood Trail

Walk desired:

First Look (gr.K/1) Web of Life (gr.2-5) Flowers (gr.2-4)

LIMITED TO ONE CLASS PER DAY: Native People, Native Plants (gr.3-4) Redwood Trail (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 May 31, 2019.

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 9th Avenue, San Francisco CA 94122

FAX: 415-661-7427