



City Blossoms' Field Trip Menu

City Blossoms is a non-profit working in D.C. dedicated to fostering healthy communities by developing creative, kid-driven green spaces, and innovative resources. We are now offering hands-on, garden-based field trips at our two Community Green Spaces for preschool through high school groups. Our Community Green Spaces (CGS) are educational, demonstration gardens located in Shaw and Columbia Heights.

Where?

Girard Children's Community Garden
1480 Girard St NW Washington DC
(near Columbia Heights Metro)

Marion St. Intergenerational Garden
1521 Marion St NW Washington DC
(near Shaw/Howard Metro)

Availability

April-October

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

(Canceled for heavy rain, thunder storms and temperatures exceeding 100)

Cost

\$70/hour for 15 students.

(Full refund for trips cancelled with more than 24 hours' notice and cancellations due to inclement weather).

What to bring Working in the gardens can be a little messy, so students should wear close-toed shoes and weather appropriate clothing. Classes are also asked to bring drinking water and snacks if desired.



For more information visit our website cityblossoms.org or contact willa@cityblossoms.org.

Themes

City Blossoms offers an assortment of field trip experiences, each designed to support learning standards. Check out the themes below. If you don't find what you're looking for, we may be able to tailor a field trip to your class. Interested in a particular focus?

Preschool to Kindergarten- Garden Senses: Exploring the garden through the five senses. Young gardeners will have the opportunity to categorize natural elements through hands on activities, such as harvesting, cooking, and tasting fresh garden produce.

1st Grade- Compost and Creepy Crawlies: Investigating compost and the world inside. Budding scientists will discover how different decomposers (i.e. worms, mites and more) find what they need to live in this very active habitat. Students can also connect the world of compost to our food system through harvesting, cooking, and tasting fresh garden produce.

2nd Grade- Pollination and Pollinators: Examining the lives of our local pollinators. Students will identify major pollinators (i.e. bees, bats, butterflies and birds), learn about their important relationships to plants first hand through a pollination game.

3rd Grade- Plant Parts and Life Cycle: Inspecting plant parts and their purpose in the plant life cycle. Beginner Botanists will explore plant anatomy by either designing botanical works of art from observation or creating a "6-plant-part" recipe.

*4th Grade-*The Purpose of a Flower: Exploring how flowers are a plants way of advertising to specific pollinators. Young scientists will reinforce the connection by inventing their own flowers to attract particular pollinators. Alternatively, young chefs can also explore the different structures of a plant by creating a "6-plant-part" recipe.

5th Grade- Decomposers: Investigating the process of decomposition in the compost pile and the interdependent lives of different organisms in the garden ecosystem. Students can also connect the world of decomposition to our food system through harvesting, cooking, and tasting fresh garden produce.

Middle School- Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems: Considering the different components of the garden ecosystem and how dependent they are on one another. Students will further develop an understanding of these relationships through a large scale representation of these connections. Students can also explore the dependence of the food system on healthy ecosystems through harvesting, cooking and eating fresh, garden produce.

High School- The real cost of food: Understanding the energy that goes into food. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the work that goes into a meal through getting their hands dirty in the garden. Young chefs will then learn about the food system and its impact on the environment through harvesting, cooking, and tasting a recipe with fresh garden produce.

*Interested in organizing more than one field trip? City Blossoms can work with teachers to create an ongoing experience for students.