

Children's Eco Programs – Organic Gardening

Environmental Education School Programs - Little Fingers in the Soil

Our hands-on activities are based on the Ontario Curriculum Guidelines and educational activities used can include: Planting and Harvesting, Seed Collecting, Composting, Plant and Animal Identification, Garden Crafts, Habitat and Soil Investigation, Sensory Activities, plus Drama and Music.

Program Availability: May/June and September/October

All of our environmental education programs are developed to meet curriculum expectations and immerse students in the wonders of nature found within the City of Toronto. All programs can be adjusted to meet individual class needs and accessibility issues. For registration and location information, please see reverse.

JK/SK: Little Green Thumbs

Explore relationships and cycles in plant and animal life using all five senses. A fun and active first-time garden experience!

Grade 1: Sun, Soil, Water, Air

Investigate adaptations and environments. A hands-on introduction to the needs of plants and animals.

Grade 2: Garden Critters

Examine the furry, feathered, scaly and slimy creatures that help and harm our garden habitat.

Grade 3: Plant Detection

Learn the systems and needs of plant life in an urban garden setting. Plant ID, gardening and composting are a few of the hands-on activities used in this program.

Grade 3: Soil, Seeds, n' Needs

Whatever you do, do not call it dirt! Discover the wonders of soil and its relationship to plant growth and change.

Grade 4: Habitat Hunt

Become a green detective and search the garden for habitats big and small. Learn about plant, animal and insect relationships within this unique habitat.

Grade 5: Gardens and their Role in Energy Conservation

Examine how plants use solar energy and how greenhouses play a role in conserving energy.

Grade 6: Biodiversity in the Garden

New investigations of old planting techniques have taught us that biodiversity in the garden is essential to a healthy, organic growing space. Learn more about the diversity above and below the soil.

Grade 7/8: Green Roofs and Energy Conservation

Learn about what can be grown on a green roof and its role in conserving energy.

Imagine our City's future lead by a generation of lifelong gardeners and naturalists ~
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Program Registration

Programs are approximately two hours in length and can be booked for either a morning or afternoon session. Make it a full-day program by pairing it with a Nature & Hiking or Cooking & Nutrition half day program. Garden programs run from mid-May through June and from September through October. Nature & Cooking programs can be booked throughout the fall, winter and spring (please see our Nature & Cooking Program Brochures for more information).

- Half-day garden or nature program is \$6/student
- Half-day cooking program cost is \$7.50/student.
- Full-day garden and nature program cost is \$11/student.
- Full-day garden/nature and cooking program cost is \$12.50/student.
- Teachers and parent volunteers attend free of charge.

A minimum of 10 students is required (or minimum program fee is \$60.00) and a maximum of 30 students can be accommodated in one program.

For more information, or to register your class, please contact Keely Forth at 416-392-1329 or e-mail kidsgrow@toronto.ca

Program Location

High Park Children's Garden

We encourage all groups to take the TTC or walk/bike to our location. High Park is conveniently located along 3 major TTC transit lines and is a wonderful natural area to walk through.

The Children's Garden is located at the south end of High Park just north of the Colborne Lodge Rd. and the Queensway entrance.

The 501 Queen Streetcar is the closest TTC Route but High Park is also accessible through the Bloor Subway line and the 506 College Streetcar. Parking is available at the Grenadier Restaurant. For more information and directions inside the Park check out our website.

