

FAIRCHILD  
**Discovery**  
PROGRAM



FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN

# Welcome!

Dear Teacher:

Thank you for planning a field study at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Your visit will include 2 hours of guided, interactive activities at three activity stations, located throughout the garden. Upon arrival, students will be divided into three groups and equipped with maps, compasses, and GPS units to navigate the garden and locate the activity stations. These groups will rotate among the 3 activity stations, each of which will last approximately 30-40 minutes. The activity portion will be followed by lunch in the garden.

**To plan your visit please read the following materials carefully.** You will be receiving an e-mail with an attached document containing pre and post-visit resource materials to support and strengthen the learning experience. **We encourage you to implement pre-visit activities as they will enhance and prepare students for the field study.** These materials are also available on our website at <http://www.fairchildgarden.org/education/schoolprograms/discoveryprogram/>.

We look forward to your visit to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and hope that you and your students will have an exciting and educational adventure.

Kind Regards,

*Laura Tellez*

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# Discovery Program Policies

- A \$50 deposit is required to hold your date. Deposits can be made by check or credit card. If paying by check, please make check payable to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Return the check with your completed form to the address below. Field trips are not confirmed until deposit is received.
- Full payment is due on the date of your field study. Cash, checks and credit card for the total amount (including paying chaperones) will be collected upon arrival.
- Cancellations: If you must cancel your visit, please call Marilyn Caputo at (305) 667-1651, ext. 3322. In the event of a cancellation **you must notify the garden 30 days in advance** and we will refund your \$50 deposit fee. This fee is non-refundable if cancellations are made less than 30 days prior to your scheduled visit.
- Groups may not exceed 60 students. If your group is larger than 60, you must schedule additional dates so that you do not exceed the 60 student maximum. Additional students will not be able to participate in the program.
- Fairchild requires one adult per 10 students, who will be admitted free of charge. Additional adults will not be able to participate in the program.
- Plan to arrive by 9:45 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. program. Departure time is 1:00 p.m.
- If you have indicated that your school group includes students with special needs, you will receive a follow-up phone call to discuss the best ways to accommodate your students and enhance their learning experience during their visit to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.
- This is an outdoor program! Please wear comfortable clothing which may get dirty, comfortable shoes for walking and hats for the sun. School T-shirts or uniforms are a recommended. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent if desired. (Mosquitoes can be bad near the end of the school year.)
- **The Garden Cafe is not available** for school groups. **School groups have to bring their own lunches in coolers and/or boxes.** No refrigeration or vending facilities are available, so please plan accordingly. Please make an effort to reduce packaging as much as possible when bringing bagged lunches or school lunches, so we can all do our part in saving the environment.
- Cameras are allowed, however, please do not stop the tour or interrupt the tour guide to take pictures. Cellular phones, beepers or other electronic devices must be turned off during activities.
- All visitors to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and participants in Fairchild programs or events consent to the unrestricted use of any photographs or audio/visual recordings in which they appear. **Fairchild must be notified in writing of any exceptions.**

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Dear Chaperone:

We are glad you are coming to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden as a field study chaperone. Our goal is to provide students with an educational and enjoyable program. You, along with the teacher, our staff and volunteers are an important part of the field study experience. The following information will help to make your visit an enjoyable one.

Please note that schools may not bring more than 1 adult for every 10 students. Additional chaperones will not be able to participate in the program.

This is an outdoor program. Wear comfortable clothing which may get dirty, comfortable shoes for walking and hats for the sun. Bring sunscreen and/or insect repellent if desired.

Activities are led by volunteers trained to guide, not discipline, so we please ask that you are actively engaged and responsible for keeping the students quiet and well-behaved while at the garden. When walking from one activity station to the next, please stay behind your group and do not allow any students to stray.

Photos are an excellent way of re-visiting the field study; however, please do not stop the tour or interrupt the guides to take pictures.

Cellular phones, beepers or other electronic devices **must be turned off** during activities.

We look forward to seeing you here at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden!

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Estimada(o) Chaperón:

Nos alegra saber que visitará Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden como acompañante del grupo escolar. Nuestra meta es ofrecer a los alumnos un programa educativo placentero. Tanto usted como la maestra, maestro, staff y nuestros voluntarios, son una parte importante de la experiencia de la visita escolar. La información que sigue le ayudará a que su visita sea agradable.

Este es un programa al aire libre. Por favor, use ropa y zapatos cómodos que se puedan ensuciar y un sombrero para protegerse del sol. Si desea, puede traer protector solar y/o repelente de insectos. Por favor tenga en cuenta que el Café no está disponible para los grupos escolares; todas las personas que hagan parte de la visita escolar deben traer su propio almuerzo.

Las excursiones son dirigidas por voluntarios entrenados para guiar, no para disciplinar. Por lo tanto, le agradecemos que usted participe activamente y sea responsable del buen comportamiento de los alumnos y de que no hablen entre ellos cuando no sea indicado. Cuando esté en la caminata de la excursión, por favor camine detrás de su grupo asignado y no permita que los alumnos se extravíen. Las fotografías son excelentes recuerdos de su viaje, pero les pedimos que no pare la excursión ni interrumpa al guía para tomar fotos.

Finalmente, teléfonos celulares, beepers u otros equipos electrónicos deben estar apagados durante la excursión.

Les damos las gracias, y los invitamos a disfrutar de la belleza del Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

Atentamente,

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Chè madanm, msye,

Nou kontan ke n'ap vini nan Jaden Tropical Botanik Fairchild pou kontwole etidyan yo pandan etid pratik que yo pral fait nan jaden an. Objektif nou ce ofri etidyan yo yon pwogram edikatif e amizan. Ou mem, ansam ak pwofesè an, e ekip kap travay nan Fairchild la, e volontè yo, nou sé yon pati en-pòtan nan eksperyans sa-a. Nou pral ba-ou kek enfòmasyon pou ede ou benefisye vizit ou an.

Lekòl yo pa kapab mennen plis que 6 kontwolè pa gwoup. Si nou gin plis pase sa, yo pap kapab patisipe nan pwogwam lan.

Pwogwam sa-a deyò. Mete rad ki komfòtab e ki kab sal, soulye komfòtab pou maché e yon chapo pou soley. Nou kap poté crèm pwotektion pou soley ni crèm pou marengwen si nou vle. Se gid yo kap dirije aktivite yo. Yo pa la pou disiplinè etidyan yo. Se wòl kontwole yo. Tenpri souple veye kompòtman ti moun yo . Lè nap deplase rete dèyè gwoup lan e pa kite etidyan yo pèdi.

Nou kapab pran fotos, men nou pa kapab fe gwoup la kampe oswa entrèwonp gid yo pou pran fotos. Etenn telefòn sèlilè ak tout lot aparèy elektwonik.

Nou espere wè ou isit lan nan Jaden Tropical Botanik Fairchild.

Sensèman,

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# Driving Directions to the Garden

## From the North:

US 1 (South Dixie Highway) south to LeJeune Road. Turn left (south) to the circle. Turn on to Old Cutler Road (follow sign, "Fairchild Tropical Garden," 2 miles). The Garden is on the left.

## From the South (US 1):

US 1 (South Dixie Highway) north to SW 112<sup>th</sup> Street (Killian Drive). Turn right (east) to Red Road/ SW 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Turn right. Make left at next light (Old Cutler Road). The Garden is approximately 2 miles on the right.

## From the South (Old Cutler Road):

Head North on Old Cutler Road. Drive to the intersection of SW 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Red Rd.) and Old Cutler Road. Turn right on to Old Cutler Road and continue north for one mile. Fairchild entrance will be on your right.

**Any questions,  
please call 305.667.1651.**

