



# Redeem your UA Class Visit Voucher for an Urban Advantage Garden Expedition

Urban Advantage Teachers can turn their class field trip into a rich learning experience at Brooklyn Botanic Garden throughout the school year (Winter too!) by redeeming UA Class Visit Vouchers for one of our specialized UA Garden Expeditions!

#### Each UA Garden Expedition program includes:

- An instructor-led exploration of the topic
- A guided tour highlighting BBG's plant collections
- Science journaling in the classroom and in plant collections
- Potting-up: each student will propagate and take home plants
- Post-visit activities to extend Garden learning into the classroom

## Choose one of the following curriculum topics:

- Plant Adaptations: Thriving in a Challenging Environment
- Multiplying Plants: An Introduction to Asexual Reproduction

## Schedule your class for a UA Garden Expedition

Expeditions are scheduled <u>November - May</u> on <u>Tuesdays through Fridays</u>. Register <u>early</u> in the school year to schedule your preferred date.

### Please call our <u>Registration Office</u> at 718-623-7220.

Identify yourself as an Urban Advantage teacher, and have your voucher number ready. Don't know your voucher number? Contact Monique Garcia at <a href="magarcia@amnh.org">magarcia@amnh.org</a>.

# **Guided School Programs: Exploration Workshops**

These 90-minute guided programs to support your grade 6 – 8 classroom learning include a hands-on exploration of plants, a potting activity in the greenhouse, and a tour of BBG's plant collections on the grounds and/or Steinhardt Conservatory.

#### **Topics for grades 6-8:**

- Exploring for Plants We Use
- Ecological Explorations





Fee: \$150 per class (cannot be paid for with a UA Voucher).

Discount fees for Title 1 schools and special needs groups. Please call 718-623-7220 to register.

#### **Self-Guided School Visits**

School groups are admitted for free when the Garden is open. Teachers must register in advance for these self-directed visits here: <a href="http://www.bbg.org/learn/schools">http://www.bbg.org/learn/schools</a>

Preregistered groups receive an admission pass for entry to the Garden grounds and Steinhardt Conservatory and priority admission to the School Lunch Area, open seasonally.

### Planning a Self-Guided Field Trip to BBG:

• **Visit the Garden yourself**, using your UA Teacher Voucher. Map out the locations of the plant collections you will visit, identify the entry gate your class will use (dependent upon how your class travels – via school bus or public transportation or on foot – to BBG), and where restrooms and lunch area are located along your route.

Look at the map to begin to plan: http://www.bbg.org/collections/gardens

- **Visit in all seasons!** The Steinhardt Conservatory is an indoor setting where you and your students can explore tropical, desert, warm temperate and aquatic plants as well as the C.V. Starr Bonsai Museum. The Visitor Center provides interactive exhibits to learn about the history of the Garden, some special features of the plant collections, and how to read the plant labels.

  Note: Garden grounds open at 8:00 am on weekdays; the Conservatory and Visitor Center open at 10:00 am on weekdays.
- Ask us for help!\* We will be glad to help you with your self-guided trip pre-planning.

\*Questions about Guided School Programs or Self-Guided School Visits?

Contact Barbara Kurland, at <a href="mailto:bkurland@bbq.org">bkurland@bbq.org</a> or call (718) 623-7235.

Check our website to learn more about these offerings that support science learning for UA teachers and students at the garden: <a href="http://www.bbg.org/learn/teachers\_and\_schools">http://www.bbg.org/learn/teachers\_and\_schools</a>