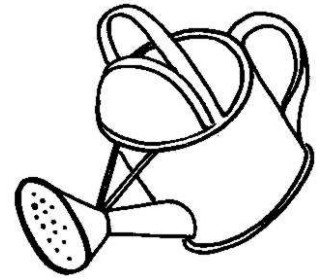




Gardening Merit Badge

Offered by
Saint Louis Master Gardeners
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The Missouri Botanical Garden



Gardening Merit Badge Center

What do worms, playing in the mud, and salsa have in common? Have you ever wondered how a whole flower or vegetable can fit into a tiny seed? Are there really 'good' bugs and 'bad' bugs? The answer to all these questions, and more, can be found by attending the Gardening Merit Badge Center.

Saint Louis Master Gardeners will offer a Skill Center for Boy Scouts to work towards their Gardening Merit Badge.

The program will be offered on Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM (*) at the Kemper Center, located in the Missouri Botanical Garden complex.

Scouts wearing their Class A uniform will not pay admission to the Garden. A nominal \$10.00 program fee for the Gardening Merit Badge Skill Center will be collected when entering the classroom.

Scouts should bring a sack lunch with drink (*no food service is available*), their Gardening Merit Badge book, and a notebook with pencil. Dress for the weather, as we will be going outside for part of the program.

Prerequisites For The Class:

1. Contact a Gardening Merit Badge counselor before May 2nd, and bring your signed merit badge card with you – **it is your admission ticket**. The list of counselors is available at www.stlbsa.org under the "Advancement" pull down menu.
2. Read the Gardening Merit Badge book and bring it to the skill center. We will be completing Requirements 2, 4 and 5. We will discuss and provide guidance for starting and completing Requirements 1, 3 and 6b.
3. For Requirement #6, Scouts must choose 1 of 4 projects to complete. **We will work on Option 6b:** Building a worm compost bin. If the Scout wishes to pursue this Option, he should bring a plastic container (with lid) at least 5" high, 10" wide and about 15" long (no larger than this please!!). These containers are available at stores such as Wal-Mart or Target.
(*) Boys wishing to complete Requirement #6 using another Option, should be picked up at 2:15PM, as we will only work on Option 6b during the latter part of this skill center.

To register for this skill center, or for additional information, please call Karin Foster at (636) 519-0020 or email at karibou99@aol.com

Class size is limited to the first 20 registrants.

