

Frequently Asked Questions

Community & School Group Volunteers

What opportunities are available at Norfolk Botanical Garden for my school or community group?

Our volunteer program tries to welcome a variety of groups to NBG. Our Community and School groups generally come in on a recurring basis during the school year. These groups lend a hand with projects that are intended to facilitate independent and skill building experiences. Space for these groups are very limited and are accepted on a space available basis.

How often can our group come in to volunteer?

We generally try to book our school and community groups on a monthly basis. This allows us to keep slots open for other groups to participate in this program.

How many individuals can volunteer as part of my group?

Our program is able to accommodate a maximum of 5 individuals/student volunteers per group + required staff or teacher supervisors. Please note, students under the age of 18+ must be accompanied and supervised by staff or teachers at all times.

What kinds of jobs will my group help with?

Our Community and School Group volunteers have a variety of tasks they can assist with. Groups may be asked to help with garden clean-up which may include picking up pinecones or cleaning pine needles from bushes. Groups can also assist with garden tool care which may include cleaning tools or pairing up gardening gloves. We also have groups help with preparing materials for outreach events which might include assembling seed packets or folding brochures. We try to provide groups with tasks that can be done independently and help build different skills. Additionally, our staff can discuss what types of tasks and projects your group is interested in and capable of.

Can we visit and explore the Garden after our shift?

Yes! Group volunteers are welcome to enjoy the Garden at their leisure directly following their volunteer shift. The Garden has tables in chairs for visitor use and some groups choose to bring their lunches and enjoy the scenery after their work is done.