CityParks

LEARNING USING PARKS AS OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS



CityParks Learn plays a central role in activating City Parks Foundation's mission to create vibrant and healthy urban communities through dynamic outdoor programming for all New Yorkers. Our standards-aligned environmental education programs help students experience the fun of STEM, while learning about their relationship to the natural world and the ways in which they can protect our environment.

We provide environmental science programs for **5,000 elementary, middle, and high school students** throughout New York City, through school-day, afterschool, and summer programming. Also offered are credit-bearing training and paid internships for teenagers as well as teacher training to conduct science lessons using parks as outdoor classrooms.

COASTAL CLASSROOM 6TH—8TH GRADES Internships Available

Sparks excitement for our coasts and waterways in middle schoolers who become actively involved in our marine environment with experiential learning in parks along the New York City waterfront.

This STEM-based program teaches participants about aquatic ecology, waterquality, urban waterfront restoration, rowing and more. This program offers internships for high school and college students.

GREEN GIRLS 6TH—8TH GRADES Internships Available

Explore New York City's natural ecosystems while interacting with

professionals in related fields. Through hands-on activities, experiments, and environmental restoration, the Green Girls gain a sense of responsibility, learn about future careers, make lasting friendships and discover how they can create positive change in their city. This program offers internships for high school and college students.

SEEDS TO TREES 2ND-6TH GRADES Internships Available

Students are introduced to science and nature in fun and engaging ways

during school hours, whether through learning about water conservation, pollution prevention, or ways to protect wildlife. The program partners with NYC public schools, aligns with New York State standards, and helps increase students' successes in learning science. This program offers internships for college students.

LEARNING GARDENS 2ND-8TH GRADES Internships Available

Fosters a love of science and nature among youth who are living in some of New York City's most densely populated neighborhoods. In our Learning Gardens, elementary through high school youth learn community horticulture through fun, hands-on lessons. Students grow food, recognize biodiversity in our urban environment, and more. If you're looking for educational programming for your local community garden, contact us! This program offers internships for high school and college students.

GROVE HILL LEARNING GARDEN 158th Street and Eagle Avenue in Morrisania, Bronx ABIB NEWBORN LEARNING GARDEN 495 Osborn Street in Brownsville, Brooklyn

ENY SUCCESS GARDENS 449-446 Williams Avenue in East New York, Brooklyn LIBERTY LEARNING GARDEN 173rd Street and 106th Avenue in South Jamaica, Queens





TEACHER TRAINING

Our credit-bearing training program provides middle school and high school teachers with academic and administrative tools to conduct science lessons using our city's parks as outdoor classrooms. Through seasonally focused coursework, the training equips teachers to plan and implement outdoor lessons that provide students with hands-on experiences relative to their in-class curriculum. Course curriculum is drawn from the Learning Gardens program in the summer and the Seeds to Trees program in the fall. The program pays special attention to recommendations by the New York City Department of Education.

INTERNSHIPS

We offer more than 50 paid internships each year for high school and college students, providing vital pathways to college readiness and future career success. Internships connect students to tangible work and life skills as they engage alongside our staff to teach younger students in our programs. Our mentors help support each student throughout their internship and encourage their self-confidence and identify the next steps on their paths to a successful future.

ABOUT CITY PARKS FOUNDATION

At City Parks Foundation, we are dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community building and education programs for all New Yorkers. Our programs -- located in hundreds of parks, recreation centers and public schools across New York City -- reach thousands of people each year. Our ethos is simple: thriving parks mean thriving communities.

To find out about these programs and more, please visit **CityParksFoundation.org**

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