

How to start a Youth Garden Club

Register your Garden Club - Every Youth Garden Club needs to be:

Sponsored by an FFGC Garden Club

Need to register each year - Registration forms are on ffgc.org under forms

Have a minimum # of members and meet a certain # of times

Differences in Youth Gardeners:

Junior Gardeners - Pre-k to 5th Grade or elementary school-aged 5 members who meet a minimum of 5 times.

Intermediate - 6th - 8th Grades- Middle Schoolers

High - 9th -12th Grades - High Schoolers

Besides a brick-and-mortar school, where else can we form a Youth Garden Program?

Non-traditional schools - Religious, Specialized, Virtual Libraries BoxStores/Garden Centers

Botanical Gardens Churches YMCA's Science Centers

Summer Camps Preschools/Daycares/Afterschool Programs

Work with other organizations: Scouts, 4-H, Audubon, Nature Preserves & Extension offices

Resources -

NGC

[Play Outside Workbook](#) [Ecology Warriors](#) [Pollinator Pals](#)

[Native Plant & Wildflower Badges for Scouts](#)

FFGC

[Junior Gardener Club Programs Book](#)

[Scout Award](#)

OTHER

Extension Offices and Universities

[American Horticulture Society](#)

[National Wildlife Foundation](#)

[Audubon Society](#)

[Xerces Society](#) - or any pollinator-focused organization

[*Kidsgardening.org*](#)

[National Youth and Garden Symposium](#)

NEW* [SEEK by iNaturalist](#) - App that has monthly scavenger hunts in Nature in addition to all that iNaturalist has to offer with educational information about the species all around us.

Awards & Contests

Individuals may enter contests. Only registered Youth Gardener Programs are eligible for awards.

Contests:

[Smokey/Woodsy Owl Contest 1st-5th grade](#)

[Poetry Contest Kindergarten - 9th grade](#)

High School Distinguished Service Projects

[Youth Sculpture Contest 4th -8th grade](#)

[FFGC Youth Garden Awards](#)

DSG & NGC Youth Awards

Grants - NGC, FFGC, and countless other programs offer grants!

Questions, need help finding info?

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Intermediate & High School Gardeners

Thank you!

