



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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What's growing on
at the Garden!

CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY WITH A PARTY AT THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN!

- WHAT:** Birthday parties in the Children's Garden
WHEN: Saturdays and Sundays, April through October between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
WHERE: Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden, Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd.
COST: \$200 for up to 24 children (ages three to 12) with five accompanying adults
INFO: Advance reservations required; (314) 577-0850; www.mobot.org/finn

(ST. LOUIS): Let your birthday child jump, climb, slide and explore with an outdoor "Missouri Adventure" celebration! Reservations are now open for birthday parties in the Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Parties are available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from April through October. Cost is \$200 per party of up to 24 three- through 12-year-olds with five adult chaperones.

The Children's Garden offers nearly two acres of fun, hands-on activities and outdoor play. A birthday banner will welcome party guests to the Town Hall covered pavilion. Guests will enjoy exclusive use of the Town Hall for two hours, including party seating for up to 24 children. Partygoers will also enjoy unlimited access to the Children's Garden and the rest of the Missouri Botanical Garden both during and after their party (the Garden closes at 5 p.m.). The birthday child will receive a souvenir t-shirt.

Guests are invited to bring their own birthday cake and child-friendly beverages, such as juice boxes or water, and should supply their own utensils, plates and cups. Candles, matches or other fire devices are not permitted. Additional food cannot be accommodated, but parties may choose to purchase lunch at either of the Garden's two restaurants, Sassafras or the Terrace Café.

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ADD ONE: Birthday parties

Guests may bring their own table coverings to decorate the Town Hall. Please, no additional decorations; tape, tacks, stickers or staples are not allowed. Guests are responsible for leaving the Town Hall clean and in good repair. A \$50 refundable cleaning deposit is required at the time of reservation.

Add an “extra” to enhance your experience! Finn, the Children’s Garden frog mascot, is available to join your party for one hour for an additional \$100. Child-sized birthday party t-shirts are also available for \$10 each.

Free parking is available on-site and at two blocks west at the intersection of Shaw and Vandeventer. Please allow plenty of walking time to the Children’s Garden, which is located just west of the Climatron[®] dome on the Garden grounds. Guests are welcome to bring strollers or wagons to assist with transportation of gifts and supplies to and from the Children’s Garden; other transportation is not available.

Birthday parties will be held rain or shine, unless the Children’s Garden is closed by staff due to severe weather or lightning. These parties may either reschedule or receive a complete refund. Guest cancellations made up to five business days in advance of the party date will receive a complete refund; cancellations made after this date are non-refundable.

Parties can accommodate a maximum of 24 children. An adult must accompany children at all times. One adult chaperone is required for every five children; five adults are included in the birthday party price. Additional guests are subject to Garden and Children’s Garden admission.

Reservations must be made at least 10 business days in advance by calling (314) 577-0850. The \$200 Town Hall rental fee (\$175 for members) and \$50 cleaning deposit are due at the time of reservation. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis, accessible from Interstate 44 at the Vandeventer exit and from Interstate 64 at the Kingshighway North & South exit. Free parking is available on-site and two blocks west at the corner of Shaw and Vandeventer.

For more information on birthday parties in the Children’s Garden, visit http://www.mobot.org/finn/CHD_birthday.asp. For general information, visit www.mobot.org or call the recorded event line at (314) 577-5100 or toll-free 1 (800) 642-8842.

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NOTE: A digital color image is available by request. Download media materials at www.mobot.org/press.

The Missouri Botanical Garden's mission is "to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment in order to preserve and enrich life." Today, 151 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in St. Louis, just south of I-44 at Vandeventer-Kingshighway (exit #287B). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Dec. 25. Grounds open at 7 a.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays (exception: special admission rate events). Admission is \$8; free children ages 12 and under and Garden members. St. Louis City and County residents are \$4 and free Wednesdays and Saturdays until noon (exception: special admission rate events - third weekend of May, Labor Day weekend, and first weekend of October). Park for free on site and two blocks west at the Shaw-Vandeventer intersection. The Garden is easily accessible by taking the MetroLink commuter rail line to the Central West End station and picking up a Metro bus (www.metrostlouis.org). For general information, log on to www.mobot.org or call the 24-hour recording at (314) 577-9400 or 1 (800) 642-8842. For membership information, visit www.mobot.org/membership call (314) 577-5118 during weekday business hours. For volunteer opportunities, visit www.mobot.org/volunteer or call (314) 577-5187. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a tobacco-free environment.