

Join us for Marin Art & Garden Center's

# Acorn Junior Counselor Training Program for the Habitat Garden Camps, Summer 2009

Join us for another summer full of fun and explorations in the Butterfly Habitat Gardens at the Marin Art and Garden Center. Come celebrate, investigate, and learn about ecology in the garden while enjoying hands-on activities like scavenger hunts, garden projects, arts and crafts, games and songs, science projects, special guests, and more! MAGC's eleven acres, graced with heritage trees and extensive, varied plantings of California natives offers a unique setting in which your child will enjoy learning and have lots of fun, too.

This year, registration for all camps is through Ross Recreation, [www.rossrecreation.org](http://www.rossrecreation.org), [rossrec@rossschool.net](mailto:rossrec@rossschool.net), (415) 453-6020. Registration begins on April 25. Contact Ross Recreation for more information.

## **New This Year for Kids 11-13, M-F 12:00-3:30 p.m. (Friday all day)**

### **Session 1, June 15-19, "Acorns" Junior Counselor Training Program†**

\*10-year-olds with HG camp experience accepted with prior permission of the Education Program Manager (415) 455-5261

Are you interested in learning how to be a leader? Do you love the outdoors and enjoy working with small children? Then join us this summer at the Marin Art and Garden Center as an "Acorn" Junior Counselor. To become an Acorn Junior Counselor, you must complete the week-long training and receive certification from camp staff (not all children are guaranteed certification).

Training includes fundamentals of garden and environmental education, how to work with young children, first aid, team-building activities, and more. Begin your summer right and come out prepared to help the little ones! The training week ends with a great experience—a full day off campus in a nearby nature area (TBD) to increase our knowledge of local ecology and to inspire us and to help us come together as a team for the work ahead this summer.

## ***Frequently Asked Questions About Volunteering***

### **When during the summer will I do my volunteer work?**

You will pick one or more weeks ahead of time, with the approval of the Education Program Manager ([education@magc.org](mailto:education@magc.org)). See the schedule of camps listed below.

### **Am I guaranteed a leadership position?**

No. Not all students participating in the program are guaranteed a leadership position. You must fulfill the requirements of the program and receive approval of the training staff.

### **How long do I volunteer for?**

When you volunteer you must commit to be there the entire week. You are allowed to volunteer for more than one week if you wish.

### **What age groups can I volunteer for?**

You can volunteer for any age group.

**Where do I register?**

Registration for the training program is through Ross Recreation, [www.rossrecreation.org](http://www.rossrecreation.org). Look for an application to be posted by April 1. Ross Recreation will also be accepting registrations in person on April 25.

**Do volunteers get paid?**

No, this is volunteer work.

**How much does the training cost?**

The cost for training is \$100. You will register through Ross Recreation; look for an application to be posted on their web site soon ([www.rossrecreation.org](http://www.rossrecreation.org)).

We welcome counselors 14 and up as well. For more information, contact Janet Stephens at (415) 455-5261.

† Friday camp is a full day and meets at another location. Information will be provided to enrollees.

**Preschoolers—children ages 3 and 4\*\*, M-F, 9 a.m. – noon**

\*\* Preschoolers must be toilet-trained

**Session 3: June 29-July 3, and Session 4: July 6-July 10**  
**Hop, Slither, and Crawl**

**Session 7: July 27-31, and Session 10, August 17-21**  
**Winged Ones**

**Incoming K and 1<sup>st</sup> graders, M-F, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Session 2, June 2-June 26, and Session 5, July 13-July 17**  
**California Treasures**

**Session 8, August 3-7**  
**Pollen Party**

**Incoming 2-4<sup>th</sup> graders, M-F, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Session 6, July 20-24**  
**Who Needs Trees? Squirrels, Owls, and Me!**

**Session 9, August 10-14**  
**Fun in the Sun**