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FAIRCHILD GARDEN LAUNCHES THE 19TH YEAR OF THE FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Empowering PreK-12th Grade Students to Become the Next Generation of Scientists, Researchers, Environmentally-Minded Citizens and More



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MIAMI, FL. (AUGUST 2020) – [The Fairchild Challenge](#) is an award winning, interdisciplinary, environmental science competition designed to engage students of diverse interests, abilities, talents, and backgrounds to explore the natural world. Now in its 19th year, the program is kicking off the 2020-2021 school year with a curriculum which has been modified to be easily incorporated into virtual and physical classrooms in order to encourage participation from a multitude of learning environments. Fairchild will be able to provide additional support to teachers this year so that they can build upon their current curriculum while keeping students engaged.

The Fairchild Challenge is available to public schools, private schools and charter schools throughout Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach and Broward Counties and students in grades PreK through 12th grade. With the goal of offering exceptional STEM education in a unique way compared to a traditional classroom setting, students are able to learn and explore the plants and ecosystems in their communities and actively contribute to finding solutions to conservation, research and environmental issues.

From design to writing, music, engineering and more, students grow to become active participants in their environment and schools. At the end of the school year, the best projects from participating schools are judged and winners receive prizes that allow them to continue their education in environmental conservation.

Participation in the program takes place throughout the entire school year and begins with an optional Introductory Professional Development Workshop on Saturday, August 29 for middle and high school teachers, and Saturday, September 12 for elementary school teachers. Teachers can RSVP through the following links: [middle school & high school RSVP](#) and [elementary school RSVP](#).

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is located at 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL. 33156. Stay up to date by following along on Facebook at [@FairchildGarden](#), Twitter at [@FairchildGarden](#) and Instagram at [@fairchildgarden](#).

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About Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Fairchild Garden is currently celebrating its 82nd anniversary in the community. Established in 1938 and comprising 83 acres, Fairchild is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to exploring, explaining and conserving the world of tropical plants. The Garden is recognized both nationally and internationally as the premier leader in conservation and education-based programs with field operations in over 20 countries including support to protected areas globally from Madagascar to Central America. Fairchild has the largest educational program of any metropolitan area, reaching more than 300,000 schoolchildren each year with programs like [The Fairchild Challenge](#), [The Million Orchid Project](#), [Growing Beyond Earth](#), and its BioTECH High School. Special events include the Chocolate and Orchid Garden, and Mango Days of Summer, in addition to art exhibitions, concerts, plant sales and more. For additional information on the gardens policies for a safe and enjoyable experience, please call 305-667-1651 or visit www.FairchildGarden.org/Visit/Reopening-COVID-Policies. For more information, please visit www.fairchildgarden.org and follow Fairchild Garden on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).