

Challenges at a Glance

Challenges	Submissions Due to Fairchild by 5:00 pm	Maximum Points	Maximum Number of Submissions
Educator Challenge: Seeding the Future	Friday, January 16, 2026	50 points	1 submission from a high school teacher
1. Nature Neighbors	Friday, October 10, 2025	200 (100/submission)	2 submissions
2. Miami, My Garden – Gardens on the Go	Friday, November 14, 2025	200 (100/submission)	2 submissions
3. Peas in a Pod(Cast)	Friday, December 12, 2025	200 (100/submission)	2 submissions
4. Environmental Debate Tournament *Event: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm	Register teams by Friday, January 30, 2026 Debate Event on February 18, 2026	200 points for teams participating in Round 1 and Round 2 (50/student) 20 points to Semifinal Round team(s) Bonus points to Final Round team(s): 1st place overall = 5pts 2nd place overall = 4pts 3rd place overall = 3pts 4th place overall = 2pts 25 bonus points (alternate team participation)	Up to 6 debaters 2 main debate teams (2 students per team) 1 alternate debate team (2 students on alternate
5. Million Orchid Project – Habitat Hotspots MANDATORY In-person Teacher Workshop: Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm **If you are unable to attend a mandatory workshop, please notify the Challenge team at challenge@fairchildgarden.org	Friday, March 20, 2026	250 max 100 per submission 50 bonus points for datasheet	2 submissions
6. Growing Beyond Earth® *Must register with GBE team and attend MANDATORY In-person or Virtual Teacher Workshop *Growing Beyond Earth Student Research Symposium: Saturday, April 11, 2026 **If you are unable to attend a mandatory workshop, please notify the Challenge team at challenge@fairchildgarden.org	Trial 1 Data due Friday, November 21, 2025 Trial 2 Proposal due Friday, December 12, 2025 Trial 2 Data due Friday, March 20, 2026 Trial 2 Presentation due Wednesday, April 1, 2026	300 max 150 for required Trial 1 data AND Trial 2 proposal 50 for Trial 2 data 100 for presenting at the GBE Symposium	Trial 1 data Trial 2 proposal and data Trial 2 Presentation at the GBE Symposium