Volunteer Voucher Donations

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is pleased to announce a new use for Volunteer Vouchers in 2010. Volunteers can now donate unused vouchers to the Arboretum’s outreach efforts through the Reaching Out to Urban School Initiative.

The Reaching Out to Urban Schools Initiative provides opportunities for children and schools in urban areas to experience the Arboretum. As part of this program, the Arboretum offers field trip, transportation and Plantmobile scholarships to schools with a high percentage of children living in poverty. In addition, the Arboretum partners with two schools each year to enhance science learning for students by establishing a two-year partnership to immerse students in hands-on science activities at the Arboretum, while helping support schools as they demonstrate student mastery of state science education standards. For 2009-2010, the partner schools are Parkview Montessori School in Minneapolis and Como Park and Como Special/Hartzell Elementary School in St. Paul.

Process:
Volunteers may donate vouchers by depositing them in the Voucher Donation Box located in the Volunteer Center or mailing them to:

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
Attention: Volunteer Center – Voucher Donations
3675 Arboretum Drive
Chaska, MN 55318

Guidelines:
- Expired vouchers will be accepted!
- Donations must be received by May 1st, 2010 to qualify
- Each donated voucher will be turned into a gate pass for families of the students in the Reaching Out to Urban Schools Initiative.

Benefits:
Families that might not otherwise be able to visit will be given the gift of free gate admission. Donations also help support the partnerships success by reinforcing plant based learning not only for the child but for the family as a whole.

For more information on the donation of volunteer vouchers to the Arboretum’s Reaching Out to Urban Schools Initiative please call 952-443-1461 or to learn more about the Initiative please call 952-443-1422.

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