

Forever Green Bothin Organic Garden at Camp Bothin



The Bothin Organic Garden (B.O.G) is Bothins' newest addition and would love for you and your troop to come play. The B.O.G has a wide variety of fruits and vegetables for harvest (and to take home!) and exciting activities for you to investigate.

The B.O.G curriculum has three module topics each having multiple sessions lasting approximately 1 ½ hours. Curriculum is appropriate for all ages but targeted at K-6 with its activities adjustable for all grade levels:

- Have an adventure foraging in the garden as YOUR habitat. How would you get water, food, shelter?
- It's awesome to learn that compost really isn't as icky as some say.
- In *Plants and Animals*, play a human wheelbarrow race where we figure out the right ingredients for the yummiest soil.
- Wouldn't it be fun to end your meeting at the B.O.G. by making tea from the Lemon Verbena or Mint growing right there in the garden? The *Water* module allows for this kind of exploration at the end of the lesson.

Habitats (2 sessions, appx. 3 hrs.)

Girl Scouts discover that soils are dynamic living communities, populated by billions of living things and weathered rock. They start to understand the relationship between the physical conditions of a particular place and the plants and animals that inhabit it.

Plants and Animals (4 sessions, appx. 6 hrs.)

Girl Scouts understand that their food comes from plants and animals which would not be available without the sun and decomposers. Through hands on activities girls begin to appreciate that cooperation within this ecosystem, is essential to life on Earth.

Water (2 sessions, appx. 3 hrs.)

Girl Scouts learn that water is a precious resource and feel empowered to conserve water creatively. They get an understanding of the scale of our water system in California and begin to think independently about our water problems through conservation and reuse.

Reservations

Reservation of the B.O.G. is free and is allocated in 1 ½ hour segments.

Curriculum and all materials are provided at the B.O.G. The fee for its use is \$5 per girl/curriculum module. For example: *Habitats* is \$5/girl, *Water* is \$5/girl, etc.

There is a \$100 refundable deposit required at the time of reservation.

To reserve the B.O.G online

1. Go to this [linked webpage](#) on the GSNorCal site and click on the "Reserve Now" button.
2. Select *Bothin Organic Garden* from the drop down menu in the "Category" field.
3. Enter dates in the "Show Availability From" field. Click "Go."
4. Select the number of 1 ½ hour reservation periods needed in the "Filter By" field.
5. View the availability of the request.
6. Click on the available date and "Book Now" to make a reservation.