



## GARDEN PARTIES for CHILDREN

Celebrate your child's special day in the Children's Garden at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Our "Garden Party" package provides a 45-minute reserved program that includes a guided garden experience for children ages 3-12 lead by an LGBG Play Pal.

**"Garden Parties" are staged on select Sundays of each month April – October, 2010:**

- ❖ April 11
- ❖ May 16 and 30
- ❖ June 6 and 27
- ❖ July 11 and 25
- ❖ August 1, 15, and 29
- ❖ September 5 and 19
- ❖ October 3 and 17

**Two Garden Party sessions are available during Sunday 9 to 5 operating hours:**

<b>10:30 a.m. – Noon</b>	<b>1:00- 2:30 p.m.</b>
45 minute Garden Explorer guided tour/program and craft activity	45 minute Garden Explorer guided tour/program and craft activity
45 minute Tent Time for refreshments and presents	45 minute Tent Time for refreshments and presents
Enjoy unlimited free play after your Garden Party	Enjoy unlimited free play after your Garden Party

**Package Price of \$250 (\$225 member) includes:**

- ❖ Garden admission for 15 children and 5 adults. Additional guests pay general admission and are not included in the party.
- ❖ 45 minute Garden Explorers program and craft activity lead by an LGBG Play Pal.
- ❖ 45 minutes of Tent Time, for refreshments and presents, provided and supervised by the host family.
- ❖ Unlimited free time to enjoy the Children's Garden.
- ❖ 15 coupons to spend on a single scoop of ice cream or iced bottled water at the Ice Cream Connection cart in the Children's Garden.
- ❖ 15 Garden Starter goodie bags (pick-up at the Robins Visitors Center at the end of your party).

**The Children's Garden is an active learning environment, full of things to see and do.**

No additional entertainment (clowns, magicians, puppeteers, pinatas) or decorations (banners, balloons, streamers) are needed! When the temperature is 70 degrees or higher between April 20 and October 31, plan to enjoy the WaterPlay area; instruct your guests to bring a towel or wear clothes and water shoes that can get wet!

**Host Family Responsibilities:**

- ❖ Issue invitations, including the start and end time of the party, with instructions that the pick-up point at the conclusion of the party is the Robins Visitors Center.
- ❖ Assemble guests in the Atrium of the Robins Visitors Center.
- ❖ Lead guests as a group to the Children's Garden. Your Play Pal will meet you at the Children's Garden entrance.
- ❖ Provide 5 adults (included in the package price) to supervise children and assist the Play Pal during guided activities.
- ❖ Provide birthday cake or cupcakes and beverages (we suggest juice boxes). Picnics are allowed in the picnic area of the Children's Garden only – no coolers larger than 1x1x1 ft., glass containers, or alcohol.
- ❖ Provide any paper/plastic products needed (tablecloths, table decorations, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils). Families often find it helpful to bring a wagon to transport items to the Children's Garden. Please bring items that do not require refrigeration; there is no option for refrigeration at the Children's Garden.
- ❖ Gather and remove belongings from the tent area at the end of your reserved time period.

**Payment:**

Full payment by credit card (VISA or MasterCard) is required at the time of reservation.

**Weather Policy:**

Garden Parties are staged rain or shine. Come dressed for the weather. In the event of a thunderstorm, Garden policy is to help guests seek appropriate shelter. We will work with the host family to reschedule any party that is interrupted due to a thunderstorm.

**Reservations:**

Contact the Registrar at (804) 262-9887, ext. 322, or by e-mail [registrar@lewisginter.org](mailto:registrar@lewisginter.org). Reservations are confirmed by letter once the credit card transaction has been verified.

**Cancellation Policy:**

Reservations may be cancelled by the Garden at any time due to non-payment. Reservations cancelled by the client are subject to the following penalties: prior to 30 days before the scheduled program, the client forfeits 25% of the full payment. Within 30 days of the program, the client forfeits the full payment.

### **Contributions to the Children's Garden:**

Your family may request that, in lieu of birthday presents, contributions be made to the Children's Garden Circle of Friends. For more information, contact our Development Manager at 262-9887, ext. 311.

### **GUIDELINES FOR GROWN-UP GARDENERS**

- Safety must be everyone's first concern.
- Supervise your child at all times. Unattended children will be planted!
- Everyone is welcome, especially children up to age 10.
- Play, discover and learn alongside your child.
- Restrooms are equipped with changing tables.
- Alcohol and tobacco products are not welcome.

### **GUIDELINES FOR LITTLE GARDENERS**

- This is YOUR Garden. Please help take care of it!
- Stay with your grown-up and show him how to have fun!
- Treat all living things with respect.
- Share and play gently with younger visitors.
- Please keep your shoes on.