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## ENJOY AN ADVENTUROUS BIRTHDAY AT THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN!

**WHAT:** Birthday parties in the Children's Garden  
**WHEN:** Saturdays and Sundays, Apr. through Oct. between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden, Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd.  
**COST:** \$200 for up to 24 children (ages three to 12) with five accompanying adults  
**INFO:** Advance reservations required; (314) 577-0850; [www.mobot.org/finn](http://www.mobot.org/finn)

(ST. LOUIS): Let your birthday child jump, climb, slide and explore with an outdoor "Missouri Adventure" celebration! Reservations are now open for birthday parties in the Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Parties are available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from April through October. Cost is \$200 per party of up to 24 three- through 12-year-olds with five adult chaperones.

The Children's Garden offers nearly two acres of fun, hands-on activities and outdoor play. A birthday banner will welcome party guests to the Town Hall covered pavilion. Guests will enjoy exclusive use of the Town Hall for two hours, including party seating for up to 24 children. Partygoers will also enjoy unlimited access to the Children's Garden and the rest of the Missouri Botanical Garden both during and after their party (the Garden closes at 5 p.m.). The birthday child will receive a souvenir t-shirt.

Guests are invited to bring their own birthday cake and child-friendly beverages, such as juice boxes or water, and should supply their own utensils, plates and cups. Candles, matches or other fire devices are not permitted. Additional food cannot be accommodated, but parties may choose to purchase lunch at either of the Garden's two restaurants, Sassafra's or the Terrace Café.

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## **ADD ONE: Birthday parties**

Guests may bring their own table coverings to decorate the Town Hall. Please, no additional decorations; tape, tacks, stickers or staples are not allowed. Guests are responsible for leaving the Town Hall clean and in good repair. A \$50 refundable cleaning deposit is required at the time of reservation.

Add an “extra” to enhance your experience! Finn, the Children’s Garden frog mascot, is available to join your party for one hour for an additional \$100. Child-sized birthday party t-shirts are also available for \$10 each.

Free parking is available on-site and at two blocks west at the intersection of Shaw and Vandeventer. Please allow plenty of walking time to the Children’s Garden, which is located just west of the Climatron® dome on the Garden grounds. Guests are welcome to bring strollers or wagons to assist with transportation of gifts and supplies to and from the Children’s Garden; other transportation is not available.

Birthday parties will be held rain or shine, unless the Children’s Garden is closed by staff due to severe weather or lightning. These parties may either reschedule or receive a complete refund. Guest cancellations made up to five business days in advance of the party date will receive a complete refund; cancellations made after this date are non-refundable.

Parties can accommodate a maximum of 24 children. An adult must accompany children at all times. One adult chaperone is required for every five children; five adults are included in the birthday party price. Additional guests are subject to Garden and Children’s Garden admission.

Reservations must be made at least 10 business days in advance by calling (314) 577-0850. The \$200 Town Hall rental fee (\$175 for members) and \$50 cleaning deposit are due at the time of reservation. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis. For more information on birthday parties in the Children’s Garden, visit [www.mobot.org/finn](http://www.mobot.org/finn). For general Garden information, visit [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) or call the recorded event line at (314) 577-9400.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is the oldest continually operating botanical garden in the nation, celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2009. *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*.

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**NOTE: A digital color image is available by request. Download media materials at [www.mobot.org/press](http://www.mobot.org/press).**

The Missouri Botanical Garden's mission is "to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment, in order to preserve and enrich life." Today, 150 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display. *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years.*