

# TEEN NETWORK

## Hey St. Louis Teens-You're Up Next!

St. Louis area teenagers are the NEXT generation of environmental educators, ecological restoration technicians, field researchers, entomologists, policy makers, and stewards of planet Earth! Join the Missouri Botanical Garden's Teen Network Programs to gain knowledge and hands-on-experience and make connections with diverse environmental professionals.



### BASED AT



#### MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Eco-Act** is an environmental leadership program for high school juniors and seniors, operated in partnership with St. Louis area schools since 1981.

**Students As Garden Educators (SAGE)** is a service learning program for students ages 14-18 to provide educational interactions to Garden visitors.

**Outdoor Youth Corps (OYC)** is a paid workforce development program for ages 16-20 that connects St. Louis city youth to environmental stewardship projects, community engagement opportunities, and potential environmental careers.

**Youth Fellowship** is a paid stipend program that recognizes the top high school juniors and seniors in the St. Louis region for their work as environmental stewards.

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#### SHAW NATURE RESERVE

The **Shaw Institute for Field Training (SIFT)** program is an introductory field skills training program at Shaw Nature Reserve designed to engage teenagers, entering grades 10-11, in scientific exploration of the natural world.

SIFTers are exposed to a variety of field projects and career field scientists over all four seasons. Participation includes learning and paid fieldwork during the summer and the following school year.



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#### Sophia M. Sachs BUTTERFLY HOUSE

**MANTIS** is a service program at the Butterfly House allowing teens ages 14-18 to gain hands-on experience in nature conservation. Students will work inside our entomology lab, do live animal shows for our visitors, and learn about local insect diversity. We also have flexible opportunities available in special events and visitor services.



# Program Location and Age Range

HIGH SCHOOL				COLLEGE +
9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade	Undergraduate
SAGE (Students as Garden Educators)				
		ECO-ACT		
		Youth Fellowship		
	OYC (Outdoor Youth Corps)			
MANTIS (Making Advocates of Nature-Loving Teens in Service)				
	SIFT (Shaw Institute for Field Training)			

## Calendar Timeline

JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
				Students As Garden Educators (SAGE)							
		ECO-ACT (program begins in June and lasts 12 months)									
										Youth Fellowship	
					OYC*						
				MANTIS							
		SIFT (program begins in June and lasts 11 months)									



- Application period opens



- Applications are due this month



- Program occurs at Missouri Botanical Garden



- Program occurs at Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House



- Program occurs at Shaw Nature Reserve

\*This is the OYC Summer Crew Program only, see website for other OYC programs offered throughout the year.