

Habitat Gardening Bootcamp FAQs

- Do I need to attend all five sessions?
 - Yes, this course is designed to be a comprehensive start-to-finish workshop in conjunction with the seasons. We suggest attending the bootcamp in its entirety, as 1.) learning material builds from itself, 2.) relationships built with classmates and instructors are invaluable, and 3.) attending all five sessions could make you a PACE Certified Habitat Gardener through Butterfly Pavilion (*ask us how!*)

- I've purchased the whole package - what if I can't attend one of the sessions?
 - Life happens. We would be happy to:
 - offer you a spot in the same course next year.
 - offer you a digital version of the presentation and any useful corresponding resources (though, this *of course*, is far less fun and not nearly as rewarding!)
 - *In special circumstances, we can look into offering a make-up date for the course. This will be dependent on the number of individuals unable to attend, instructor availability, and more. Chat with your instructor and see if this may be an option.*

- Will I get an actual garden from this course?
 - Habitat Gardening Bootcamp will equip you with the intellectual tools and know-how to plan for, design, implement, and care for a roughly 200 sq. ft. pollinator garden! It does not directly provide the plant stock or physical materials for a new garden. In the course, time will be spent on how to acquire the right materials so you can gain confidence in moving forward in this arena on your own!

- Does the focus of the class need to be on my own personal space?
 - A space of YOUR CHOICE will be at the focus of this course – this can be your own personal yard, a neighborhood park, a community garden, etc. Not everyone has a personal space that can be transformed, and we strongly encourage spreading the “good word” of habitat building outside of our own yards anyway! *Whether you have the right to physically plant in the space you choose to focus on will be your responsibility to determine.*

- Where will Habitat Gardening Bootcamp take place?
 - Butterfly Pavilion in Westminster is home to a spacious ballroom that will be the hub for HGBC. The outdoor garden spaces and habitat-focused nature trail will serve as additional classrooms during the course!

- What do I need to bring?
 - Habitat Gardening Bootcamp will be a combination of indoor and outdoor lecture and hands-on activities. Bring clothing that is weather-appropriate, knowing we live in a state with weather that changes at the drop of a hat (sun hat/glasses, jacket, closed-toe shoes, long pants, gloves, etc.). Bring any materials for note taking that set you up for success! All tools necessary for gardening and hands-on activities will be provided, as well as light snacks, coffee, tea, and water.

- What happens if there is inclement weather?
 - If weather is severe enough to cause transportation concern, we will cancel the Bootcamp session and reschedule for a later date that works for the largest portion of the class possible. If weather is simply too uncomfortable to spend hanging around outside, we will offer indoor alternatives with the same learning outcomes as planned outdoor activities. Bootcamp instructors will be in contact with you in the case of potentially severe weather – please ensure we have the correct contact information so you're in the loop!

- When will I get my 30-minute one on one consultation?
 - Work with your instructor to schedule a time that works for both of you. This may be prior to class time, after, or on an unrelated date. You may choose for your consultation to be directly in reference to your garden design, your garden post planting, prior to planting, or any habitat-gardening topic of your choice. *Consultation only included with purchase of all five sessions.*