

OVERVIEW

The mission of NGC Environmental Schools is to advance environmental literacy for the protection and conservation of the living earth. The courses teach participants appreciation of the natural world, understanding of the interrelationships of all natural things, and actions for sustainable development. Land conservation, water conservation, and air quality is particularly emphasized.

Environmental Schools are a fun, practical, and economical approach to obtaining a basic environmental education. Local garden clubs, councils, districts, state garden clubs, or regions sponsor a series of four courses 10 hours each. These classes investigate and explore all aspects of the environment, with a focus on the interrelationships of plants, animals, and people. The goal is to maintain and renew an energy efficient and sustainable environment. Each course includes a 2-hour field trip. Tours may include natural areas, power plants, recycling facilities, nature centers, sustainable architecture, and boat trips which explore aquatic eco-systems.

For more information about Environmental School, see the National Garden Clubs, Inc. website. www.gardenclub.org

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students must attend all lectures of a course in order to take the exam and receive credit. Prospective consultants *must* take a written examination. Each course includes:

- Ten hours of lectures, including a 2-hour field trip
- A multiple-choice exam (open book/notes) based on the lectures. Exams are optional, but *must* be taken by those who apply for NGC consultant certification.

COURSE 1 HIGHLIGHTS

- Ecology (1 hour)
- Plants- Biodiversity (1 hour)
- Environmental Science (1 hour)
- Environmental Issues (1 hour)
- Backyard Wildlife Habitat (1 hour)
- Networking and Outreach (1 hour)
- Historic Environmental Actions and Leaders (1 hour)
- Sustainability (1 hour)
- Nature Discovery Field Trip (2 hours)

REQUIRED READING*

- *The National Gardener* magazine (4 issues) available on Schools Resources page of the NGC website.
- *Guide for Students and Consultants* available on Schools Resources page of the NGC website. www.gardenclub.org

RECOMMENDED READING*

Listed on pages 38 - 39 of the *NGC Schools Handbook* found on Schools Resources page of the NGC website.

SUPPLEMENTAL READING*

Listed on pages 40 - 41 of the *NGC Schools Handbook*.

*Students must now create an account in order to access the Members Section/Schools Resources pages of the NGC website.

REQUIRED FORMS

NGC Accreditation *Form 6/Students* and *Form 7/Consultants* must be submitted to and signed by the student's/consultant's respective ES State Chairman **prior to the course**.

REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE for registration, cancellations, and refunds is

Saturday, January 3, 2026

LATE REGISTRATIONS are subject to availability.

Make checks payable to:

FFGC District IV

Mail form below with check to:

Sadako Long

2445 Country Club Blvd

Orange Park, FL 32073

904-705-5369 c

JJLSML@att.net

Registration is not confirmed until receipt of form and check by the registrar.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____

Email _____

NGC Club Name _____

State/District _____

ES Course #s Previously Attended for Credit _____

_____ Full Course 3 days for CREDIT	\$65.00
_____ Add Exam Fee	5.00

_____ Full Course 3 days for REFRESHER	65.00
_____ Add Refresher Fee	5.00

_____ Full Course 3 days AUDIT ONLY	65.00
_____ No Credit Received	

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK \$ _____

OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

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PERMITTED EQUIPMENT

Desktop or Laptop Computer, or Tablet
(such as iPad)

**Smart phones permitted *only* for
Hotspot connectivity.**

OPERATING SYSTEMS

Microsoft Windows, Apple MacOS, Apple
iOS, or Android on Tablet. All other
devices: Refer to [zoom.com](https://zoom.us) for
compatibility.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

NGC garden club members completing the series of four ES
courses with a passing grade of 70 or above may apply for
the designation of **NGC Environmental Consultant**. Please
note, these courses and NGC certification do not confer
professional status.

Each of the four ES courses consists of ten hours of lectures.
Attendance is mandatory for the student to take the course
exam and receive credit. Exams are optional, but must be
taken by those who want to be certified as an NGC
Environmental Consultant. Refreshers do not take the
course exam.

All lectures and exams are open to the public for the stated
fees, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership.

A non-member student who has successfully completed the
four courses and passed the exams may apply for
consultant certification upon joining a garden club affiliated
with NGC within one year after completing the series.
Certificates of Completion may be issued to non-NGC
students.

FAQs

- Daily schedule is 8:15 a.m. EST to approximately noon
- There are 3-4 lectures per day with breaks
- **Instructors' outlines are emailed in advance to all
registered attendees**
- **Exam questions are multiple-choice and taken from
the lectures**
- Refreshers do not take the exam
- Courses do not have to be taken in sequence
- More than one course may be taken per year.
Refreshers credit is granted only once a year.
- Provisional Consultant status eligibility is attained after
passing two courses
- FFGC members who are Provisional Consultants may
join FFGC Tri-Council
- Courses are open to residents of any State
- The courses and NGC certification do not confer
professional status.



**National Garden Clubs
ENVIRONMENTAL
SCHOOL
Series 16, Course 1
Zoom Only**

**JANUARY 13-15, 2026
8:15 a.m. - 12 noon EST**

**Please Register Data Online
Click here**

[https://forms.gle/
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**Mail check and brochure
payment form to Registrar**

**Zoom Tech Review Mandatory
Friday, January 9, 2026
10 - 11 a.m. EST**



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