



QUICK TIPS FOR GROWING A POLLINATOR GARDEN

Girl Scout Troop 109 is working towards their Silver Award—the highest award for Cadettes (6-8th grade). They have been busy supporting local pollinators at the pollinator garden in Camp Bon Temps in Breaux Bridge and would love for you to join their efforts by planting your own pollinator garden.

WHY PLANT A POLLINATOR GARDEN?

The bee population has been rapidly decreasing due to a variety of factors, including pesticide use, pollution, and destruction of habitats. This is a big problem because at least one third of agriculturally raised crops are pollinated by bees. Bees are important for our economy and for our food supply. So it's important that we do as much as we can to save them. Saving the bees will help everyone on the planet live a better life!

HOW DO I SELECT WHICH PLANTS TO GROW?

When choosing plants for your pollinator garden, you must consider some important factors: amount of sunlight, soil type, average rainfall levels, and drainage. A pollinator garden contains native plants and plants that produce a lot of pollen because these attract bees and other pollinators.

For a list of some great pollinator plants, check out our Flower Chart located on our Play Day page!

HOW MUCH SPACE SHOULD I LEAVE BETWEEN EACH PLANT? HOW SHOULD I ARRANGE THEM?

Lay out your potted plants on the soil where they will be planted. Check that plants are practicing social distancing—they don't like to be too crowded. It's a good idea to place plants that will grow tallest in the back of your garden and the shortest ones in the front.

HOW CAN I KEEP UP WITH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE BEE BUNCH'S EFFORTS?

After you set up your pollinator garden, add its location to our Project Map and check out how far our garden project extends!

You can follow The Bee Bunch on Facebook at [@beebunchacadiana](#) and share your gardens with them!