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## Children's Activity Garden is a special spot for the whole family

Gardening is truly a family-oriented activity and a special garden at the Belgard Chicago Flower & Garden Show is designed for younger family members to burn off some energy while learning something about growing plants.

The Children's Activity Garden will be open the same hours as the Chicago Flower & Garden Show and, on some days, special activities are planned. Several groups have volunteered to create activities for those under 14 through the nine-day show. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturdays, March 7 and 14: The University of Illinois Extension will teach how to make an indoor worm bin (and why) and conduct an insect petting zoo.

Saturday, March 7, and Sunday March 8, free "Kids' Potting Parties" are being held at noon and 3 p.m. The staff of Lurvey's Landscape Supply in Des Plaines is providing the expertise.

Sunday, March 8, the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana play host the garden. That day marks the beginning of Girl Scout Week and Scouts will be selling their new cookie, the Daisy Go Rounds, a reduced-fat cookie. The Scouts will return to host the garden Sunday, March 15.

Monday, March 9: Oodles of Doodles, an arts and crafts studio for kids in Homer Glen, provides garden crafts for children 5 years and up.

Tuesday, March 10: Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago is the guest attraction.

Wednesday, March 11: The Organic Gardener presents activities where kids 4 years and up will be able to match the appropriate seed to the vegetable, among other activities.

Thursday, March 12: Green Parent Chicago promises "home-made playdough and tools, seed planting activity and recycled craft activity" for ages 3 years and up.

Friday, March 13: Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois will provide "edible dirt cups" and craft activities for children three to 12.

The 2009 Chicago Flower & Garden Show is sponsored by Belgard Hardscapes, a nationwide network of paving stone and garden wall products manufacturers. Show hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and until 6 p.m. on Sundays. Adult admission is \$14 weekends, \$12 weekdays. Tickets for children 12 and under are \$5 every day. You can order tickets online now by visiting [chicagoflower.com](http://chicagoflower.com), where no service fee is charged, or buy them at the door.