

Tools for Success

Fairchild Tropical Garden Fieldtrip Invitation

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You are cordially invited to attend a fieldtrip to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden – the Nation's largest tropical botanic garden and one of the finest in the entire world.

On this optional trip, we will focus on how diverse groups of plants are adapted to their environments and how they coexist with both predators and pollinators. This is an excellent opportunity to reinforce your readings and our class discussions with hands-on field experiences.

WHERE: Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami, FL. Meet inside the entrance next to the water lily pond.

WHEN: Date: Saturday, February 16, 2008
Time: 9:30 am to ~12:30

Please arrive in time to begin promptly. Drive time from the Wolfson Campus is about 35 minutes.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS at:

<http://www.fairchildgarden.org/index.cfm?section=visitingfairchild&page=guidesandmaps>

WHOM: all students in Tools for Success are encouraged to attend; no guests, unless they pay their own entrance fee (\$10)

WEAR: weather-appropriate clothing; hat and sunglasses; comfortable closed toe shoes (no sandals); if you attract insects (!), wear long pants and bring insect repellent.

BRING: backpack, notepad and pen, water bottle; FTG's café / snack bar will be open with tasty (but pricey food), soft drinks available for purchase

ACTIVITIES: I will lead a walk-n-talk through selected Garden plantings to focus on:
Photosynthesis
Plant adaptations to temperature, moisture, light, soils, nutrients
Plant – animal relationships: predation, symbiosis, attracting pollinators
Native plants
Endangered plant species & the Garden's conservation efforts

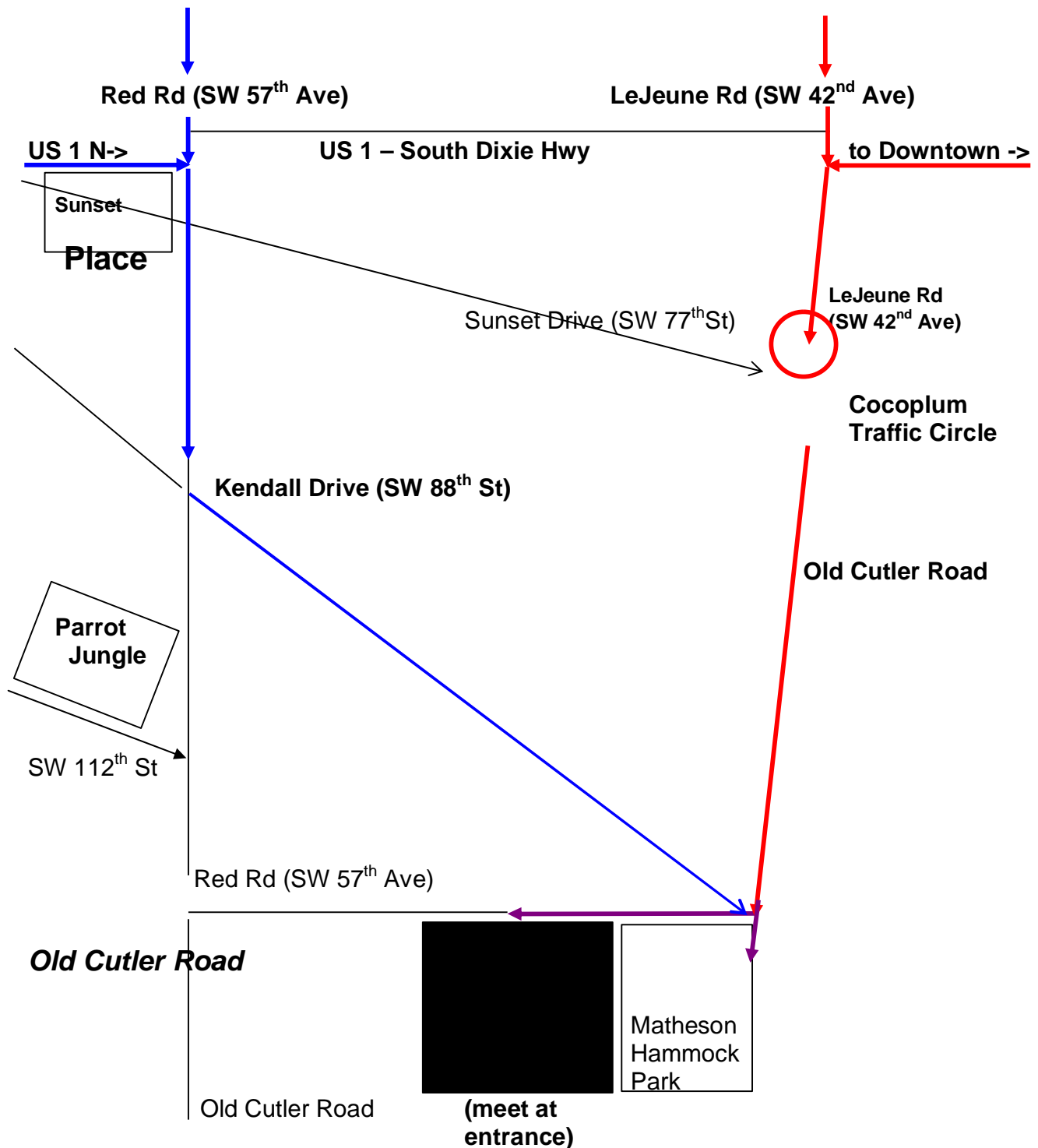
COST: none

IMPORTANT NOTE: MDC requires students attending such fieldtrips to complete and submit the following 3 forms to their instructor before the trip. These are in the Fieldtrips folder in the Wolfson Computer Courtyard Network and on Course Compass and also on the TFS website. Print out, complete and give me your form by the last class of the week before the trip.

- Forms_AgreementForOffCampusCollegeActivities.pdf
- Forms_SA5PermissionForEmergencyTreatment.pdf
- Forms_SA6EmergencyContactInformation.pdf

THESE FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO YOUR IDS1107 INSTRUCTOR NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008

Fairchild Tropical Gardens Map & Driving Directions



From the North (downtown): US 1 south to LeJeune Rd (SW 42nd Ave). Left (south) on LeJeune through the Cocoplum Traffic Circle. Drive south on Old Cutler Rd for 2 miles to Garden. Driveway entrance is on left past the traffic light into Matheson Hammock Park.

From the South: US 1 north to Red Rd (SW 57th Ave) at Sunset Place. Drive south on Red Road to Kendall Drive (SW 88th St). Turn left onto Kendall Drive. Turn right at Old Cutler Rd traffic light. Pass Matheson Hammock Park; Fairchild entrance is on left a few hundred meters down Old Cutler Rd.