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The Florida Botanical Gardens Hosts Mascot Naming Competition

LARGO – The Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation (FBGF) is currently seeking name suggestions for the new mascots of the Majeed Discovery Garden (MDG), opening this fall.

The mascots include a blue heron, turtle and bee, which are based on the wildlife commonly found in this botanical oasis within the heart of Pinellas County. The FBGF created this challenge to get the public involved and excited about the opening of the MDG, a brand new children's garden at the Florida Botanical Gardens. Winners will not only receive bragging rights, but also free admission to this year's Holiday Lights in the Gardens for the winner and a guest of their choice.

The MDG will allow children of all ages and abilities to connect with nature. A Grand Opening celebration is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th from 10 AM-2 PM. The winners will be announced at the opening, along with the unveiling of the new names.

Those up for the challenge can fill out this survey with their ideas:

<https://tinyurl.com/mdgmascotcampaign>. The top three names will be entered into a second round of the competition, with voting from the public online and in-person at the gardens through September 16th.

To learn more about the MDG, its features and educational programming, visit www.flbgfoundation.org/childrensgarden or contact Jessie Wingar, Children's Garden Educator, at jessie@flbgfoundation.org.

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