

Subject: Please help the gnomes!

Dear Human,

We understand you are coming to an intriguing workshop on re-connecting people with nature very soon. We're so impressed that we're writing to ask for your help. Specifically we see your interest and potential in helping others get out and re-connect with nature.

We are Woodland Gnomes, the magical gardeners of the natural world. We look after woodlands to help nature flourish. We work to cultivate a love of nature among humans. Lately the people side of the job has become huge as so many folks are cut off from nature, even kids and youth. Many do not realize the impact of their actions on nature. We have way too much to do.

So, we have an offer that might be fun and valuable for you, and it would sure help us. We are inviting you to become "woodland garden mentors" so that you can get even better at teaching others to care for nature. We could then take the time we give to this community and shift it to other places. In other words, you could take over our roles! Of course you'll be a bit clumsier and erratic, but you are humans. You can still do amazing work in your own way.

What if we used the workshop as an opportunity to help you? The leaders have special gardening abilities. With our guidance they can help you learn the three secrets to re-connecting people with nature. We will leave you notes at key times to help. Be on the look out for them. You need to improve your observation skills if you are to cultivate a deeper respect for nature.

If you work very hard and deeply appreciate and learn about the three secrets, then we will have a small token of appreciation for you at the end of the day—and you can take over as Garden Mentors!

Tell us if you are up for this. You can do that by leaving a small offering of dandelion leaves near the doorstep where you live (we use them as a natural remedy). We will see the offering and know that you are keen to move ahead with this. Please do it soon. Becoming a Garden Mentor is a big responsibility but we are confident you can do it.

Yours Truly

**Carmelita & Olaf**

For the Woodland Gnomes

P.S. Thanks to our friends for typing this on that new fangled device. They do have their uses.

