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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

**AT THE SIMI VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN**

VERSION 1.1

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PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

EMAIL: **[PLOTMANAGER@SIMIATTHEGARDEN.ORG](mailto:PLOTMANAGER@SIMIATTHEGARDEN.ORG)**

BY PHONE, IN-PERSON OR BY FAX: **(805) 416-8300**

## **APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN MEMBERSHIP**

**Simi at the Garden** is a place where individuals, couples, youths, families, teachers, students, supportive service organizations, non-profit organizations, community organizations, seniors, veterans and others come together to connect with nature, learn, volunteer, interact, serve, heal and grow as individuals and as a community. We raise fruits, vegetables, flowers and herbs, and participate in the stewardship of healthy, biodiverse ecosystems. We rent-out individual gardening plots of various sizes and work as a community on our mini-agricultural farm (the "Sharity Garden") which provides hundreds of pounds of healthy organic produce to local food banks and community members in-need. We host a broad variety of workshops, programs and activities for both garden members and the community, and share knowledge and experiences across all social and cultural borders.

**Simi at the Garden, Inc.** is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit public benefit charitable organization incorporated under the laws of the State of California, and we abide by garden by-laws, city ordinances and common courtesies. Garden members have the exclusive use of their garden plots along with the shared responsibility for the overall garden site. Volunteers, friends, children and even pets (supervised) are always welcome. The garden is based on organic, environmentally conscious and conservationally-oriented principles.

Membership in Simi at the Garden is open to anyone willing to undertake the responsibility of actively cultivating a garden and contributing to the maintenance of the landscape on which it lies. Every member is responsible for the upkeep of his/her assigned garden space, as well as contributing to the maintenance of the overall garden and its surrounding pathways and grounds. By signing this membership application, each applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the garden and its operating policies and procedures. All applications are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

### **GARDEN MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

Signup Fee is a one-time only fee that covers the administrative costs of the garden. This fee is non-refundable. **\$20.00**

Annual Membership Fee is due upon approval of this application, and is due each year on February 1<sup>st</sup>, for the subsequent year. For new members joining mid-year, this Fee will be pro-rated on the renewal date for the forthcoming year. **PER SELECTION BELOW**

<b>PLOT SIZE</b>	<b>ANNUAL FEE</b>	<b>SELECTION</b>
<b>10' X 20' LARGE PLOT (200 SQ. FT)</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	
<b>10' X 10' SMALL PLOT (100 SQ. FT.)</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	
<b>4' X 4' CHILDREN'S PLOT (2017)</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>	

**Total Amount Due with this Application: \$\_\_\_\_\_**



## **SIMI AT THE GARDEN APPLICATION AGREEMENT**

I hereby apply for membership in Simi at the Garden's Community Garden. As a condition of membership, I agree to cultivate and maintain my assigned garden plot and to maintain its adjacent pathways and grounds in a manner congruent with the garden's rules and regulations at all times. I understand that I will be on probation for three months, and if I do not follow the rules and regulations, my membership will be terminated without appeal. Should I neglect this obligation at any time after the probationary period, I will receive a two week verbal or written notice from the Garden Manager to make improvements, corrections or repairs. I will either do the necessary work within that two-week period to my full obligation, or relinquish the garden assigned to me to Simi at the Garden. If my membership is revoked for any reason, I will forfeit the annual membership fee.

I further agree to spend the equivalent of one hour per month participating in community work projects during the community garden "work party" days, normally scheduled for the second weekend of the month. I will make arrangements to reschedule any missed community work hours with the garden manager, or I may pay (or may be charged) a \$ 25.00 work party fee. I agree to attend all mandatory garden meetings. I understand that the neglect of these obligations may result in termination of my membership.

I understand that an active garden and farm environment can pose potential hazards to myself and my guests, children and pets. I understand that Simi at the Garden, Inc. carries no accident, liability, or disability insurance for their guests or members. The only insurance that is carried is liability insurance covering the Simi Valley SDA property on which the garden resides. Each member's personal insurance may apply to any personal injury received on the garden premises. I hereby agree to not hold the Simi Valley SDA, or Simi at the Garden, Inc., it's members, and its Board Members, liable for any injury of any nature which either I or my guests or pets may incur, whether caused by me or my guests' actions or not, in the garden or in the garden's surrounding areas, or anywhere on the premises located at 1636 Sinaloa Rd. Simi Valley, CA 93065.

I have read and understand the rules and regulations of Simi at the Garden and agree to obey them, and accept the responsibilities outlined above as well as in the Garden Member By-Laws.

Signed by Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Garden Manager or SATG Board Member (Please indicate)*



## **SATG Personal Information Sheet:**

*(Please Print Legibly)*

LOT# \_\_\_\_\_ *(to be assigned by the Garden Manager upon approval of application)*

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

(HOME): \_\_\_\_\_

(CELL): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL PLOT MEMBER(S)**

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #s: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

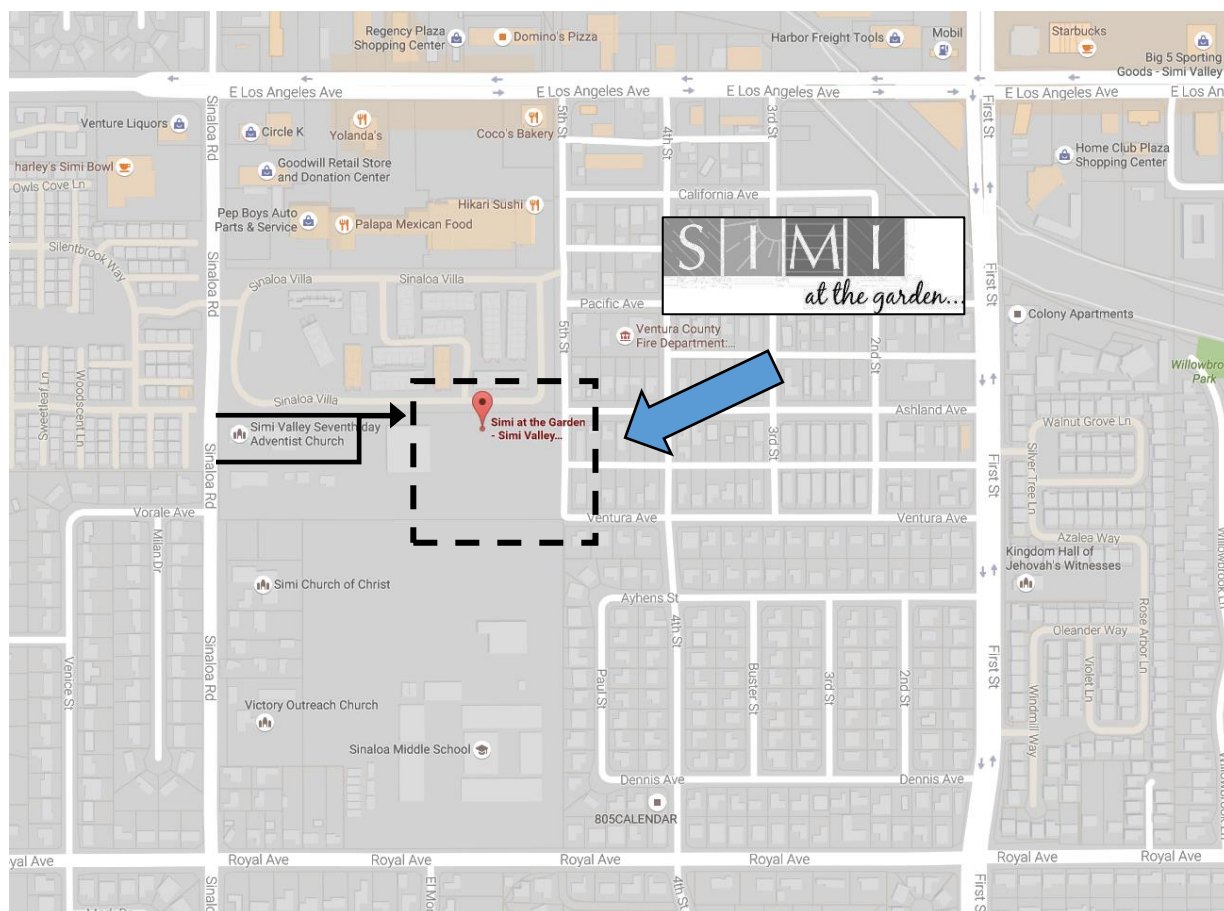
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**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PERSON OR FAMILY MEMBER TO CONTACT:**

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

HOME#: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL#: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHERE IS THE SIMI VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN?



- **SIMI AT THE GARDEN** is located on 3 acres directly behind **SINALOA MIDDLE SCHOOL**, accessible off of **SINALOA ROAD** between **ROYAL** and **LA AVENUE**.
- The **ENTRANCE** to the Garden is **VIA the driveway of the SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH** at **1636 Sinaloa Road**, south of LA Avenue and north of Royal Avenue.
- The Front Gate of the Garden is located at the extreme rear of the SDA parking lot, behind the SDA School, and is clearly marked with large signs.
- Hours at the community garden are from Dawn to Dusk, seven days a week. The garden is secured by a locking gate.
- Visitors are always welcome. Please contact us at (805) 416-8300 to schedule a visit.