

# For Families



## Bring science to life for your family

Have you been looking for ways to excite and engage your older kids in science? By participating in Project BudBurst, you can make science real for your family as you explore together how plants change through the seasons and help us understand how plants may be responding to climate change.

Project BudBurst provides a structure where parents can help encourage their children to build a strong scientific foundation that will serve them well in upper grades and college. Join the national Project BudBurst network, and help your children learn science by doing science!

### Getting Started

Everything you need to participate in Project BudBurst can be found online. Online resources available on the Project BudBurst website include:

- Observing plants resources
- Education resources
- And more!

**Go online to [budburst.org](http://budburst.org) and get started today!**

## Four easy steps to participate:

### 1 Create an Account

By setting up an account, you have access to your own “My BudBurst” space where your family can 1) manage your site(s) and the plants you plan to observe, 2) report observations, and 3) view/download your submitted data.

### 2 Choose Your Site and a Plant

Consider where to have your family make observations (i.e., site location), which plant(s) are best suited for your family, and how often your family wants to watch your plant(s).

### 3 Make Observations

The central element of the program involves observing how plants change through the seasons. Two ways to observe allow you to customize Project BudBurst to fit your family’s needs, whether you plan to observe your plant once or many times.

### 4 Report and Explore the Data

After you and your family have made observations of your plant, you enter the data into the Project BudBurst website. Once data are entered, they are immediately accessible from your “My BudBurst” space.