DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

BOOK EARLY WHILE OPENINGS REMAIN

FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

2025-2026 Educator's Guide

We grow minds, too.

WELCOME EDUCATORS!

What better place to connect students with nature and science than at the Dallas Arboretum! Take a walk through the beautiful and serene Main Garden and visit the one-of-a-kind Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden, featuring 17 interactive STEM-focused galleries with over 150 kid-friendly exhibits to educate and inspire.

The Dallas Arboretum offers a variety of educational programs, all of which are standards-aligned and led by highly-trained staff. Choose an interactive lesson in one of the Children's Adventure Garden galleries, or attend a classroom lab or outdoor program in the Main Garden. In addition, the Dallas Arboretum offers a full lineup of outreach programs to bring the magic of the garden to your campus, as well as afterschool residencies and academic overnights to engage your students after hours.

Professional learning opportunities for educators are offered throughout the year. Featured Phenomena workshops provide strategies to help students make sense of the world by thinking and acting like scientists and engineers. Custom workshops for your team can be designed and hosted either at the Arboretum or at your chosen location.

It is more than just a garden ... the Dallas Arboretum grows minds, too!

Did you know?

The Dallas Arboretum is proud to participate in the Museums for All program, offering $3 daytime admission for guests with SNAP benefits.

All currently employed PreK-12 educators in Dallas, Collin, Rockwall, Kaufman, Tarrant and Denton counties receive Buy-One-Get-One-Free (BOGO) admission at the Dallas Arboretum with valid teacher ID.

The Dallas Arboretum also serves scouts, youth programs, and homeschool groups with custom programming including workshops, outreach and overnights!

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Add education@dallasarboretum.org to your safe senders list!
- Make sure you know whether your group is arriving to the Children's Adventure Garden (Entry 3 and Entry 4) or Main Garden (Entry 1).
- Students must be with an adult at all times at a ratio of 1:8.
- Bring labeled containers for lunches. Wheeled coolers or wagons work best as we are unable to provide assistance.
- Plan to be outdoors – wear walking shoes and raincoats/jackets, if appropriate.
- Arboretum-led programs: Program times will be provided, but please group your students and assign chaperones before arrival to the Arboretum.
- A standards-aligned pre- and post- visit resource guide is provided for every program.

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OUR PLACE AT YOUR PACE

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PROGRAMS IN THE MAIN GARDEN

ENGAGE STUDENTS IN A CROSS-CURRICULAR LEARNING EXPERIENCE OUTDOORS IN THE MAIN GARDEN.

NATURE'S WORKS OF ART K–6TH GRADE

Students complete three stations investigating the beauty and wonder of trees and flowers that have enchanted artists for centuries. An Arboretum educator leads students on an investigation to explore color, shape and texture in nature and highlights the necessary artistic skills in a variety of jobs at the Arboretum.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE GUIDED TOUR K–2ND GRADE

Take a trip around the world this winter without leaving Texas! Explore the Arboretum's Christmas Village while students learn about winter traditions from across the globe that have found their way to Texas. Discover traditional food and music, as well as cultural meanings of winter flowers and plants from our state and beyond. Connect with your favorite winter traditions this year at the Dallas Arboretum.
[Offered November 14 - December 19]

LEARNING GALLERY PROGRAMS

RESERVE AN INSTRUCTOR-GUIDED GALLERY PROGRAM THAT BRINGS SCIENCE TO LIFE IN THE AMAZING AND INTERACTIVE OUTDOOR MUSEUM AND GARDEN. RESERVATIONS INCLUDE PRE- AND POST-VISIT RESOURCE GUIDES AND ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE GARDEN. ALL CONTENT IS CUSTOMIZED FOR YOUR SPECIFIC GRADE LEVEL NEEDS.

THE GLADE PreK–K

The Glade is home to the puppet theater that invites guests to enjoy fun songs, dramatic characters and educational tales inspired by happenings in nature. After the show, the stories come to life in the plants, animals and insects found throughout the garden.

LITTLE SPROUTS SQUIRREL ADVENTURE

Help Nuts the Squirrel find a new home! This interactive program focuses on the changing seasons and animals' habitat needs. Students listen to a big book story about the life of a squirrel and engage with characters in an outdoor puppet show. [Offered August - December]

LITTLE SPROUTS BUTTERFLY ADVENTURE

What will happen to Cathy Caterpillar? This fun, interactive program brings metamorphosis to life with a big book story about the butterfly life cycle and an outdoor puppet show. [Offered March - May]

HABITATS

AT HOME IN THE WILD K–2ND GRADE

All living things need a place to call home. In this program, students explore the basic needs of plants and animals, discuss what makes a good habitat. Then, students walk through the gallery's Discover Trail Loop to investigate a specific animal and its habitat needs.

TREE TREK 3RD–6TH GRADE

Trees are amazing! In this program, students discover how scientists study trees and investigate what these organisms need to live a long life in a woodland ecosystem. Students walk through the gallery's Discovery Trail Loop to explore how trees provide shelter and food to other organisms and discover how trees are adapted to survive in changing habitats.

LIVING CYCLES 1ST–3RD GRADE

This program explores the fascinating processes of growth and change in living organisms. Students compare the physical traits of adults and their offspring to understand how plants and animals develop over time. Through interactive exploration, they examine the essential role of pollinators in ecosystems. In the gallery, students observe decomposers in action and explore various methods of seed dispersal and pollination.

PLANTS ARE ALIVE K–2ND GRADE

PUMPKIN POWERED

In this seasonally-spiced program, students learn about the differences between living and nonliving things and explore the structures and functions of a pumpkin plant. Each class receives pumpkin seeds to take back to school for planting and further observation! Don't miss the breathtaking pumpkin display in the Main Garden before or after your program. [Offered September 22 - October 31]

ROOT TO FRUIT

How do we know that plants are alive? In this program, students learn about living and nonliving things through hands-on activities. Students explore the gallery to investigate the similarities and differences between the same parts of different plants and share their findings.

KALEIDOSCOPE 2ND–6TH GRADE

Students will investigate shapes and patterns found in nature and connect mathematical concepts to the world around them through hands-on activities and gallery exploration. They will identify how structures and functions help plants and other organisms survive in their environment and explore how we use patterns and shapes as inspiration for our designed world.

MOODY OASIS

PATH TO POLLEN 2ND–6TH GRADE

In this program students take on the roles of honeybees and flowers to act out the process of pollination and explore the interdependent relationship between these organisms. Students closely examine honeybee specimens and flowers to better understand how flowers attract pollinators and how honeybees gather nectar and pollen.

OMNIGLOBE

PLANETARY VOYAGE 2ND–5TH GRADE

Travel through the solar system in the Globe Theatre. During this program, students view 360 degree imagery of the planets through NASA satellite views projected on the five-foot-tall OmniGlobe. They discover what makes each planet unique, including our irreplaceable planet, Earth.

MONARCH MANIA 2ND–6TH GRADE

The Arboretum's certified Monarch Waystation offers an ideal setting to observe monarch butterflies and other pollinators. In this program, students use the OmniGlobe to explore monarch migration patterns and discover the remarkable life cycle of the monarch. They also learn how people can support their survival and may even spot monarchs in the garden.
[Peak times are typically mid October and late March]

NEW! INTO THE UNIVERSE 7TH–8TH GRADE

Students will explore components of the solar system and beyond, including stars, planets, moons, meteors, asteroids and comets. They will analyze the characteristics that allow life to exist and discuss the possibility of life beyond Earth. The program will also include a comparison between the Milky Way and other galaxies, helping students understand the broader context of our place in the universe.

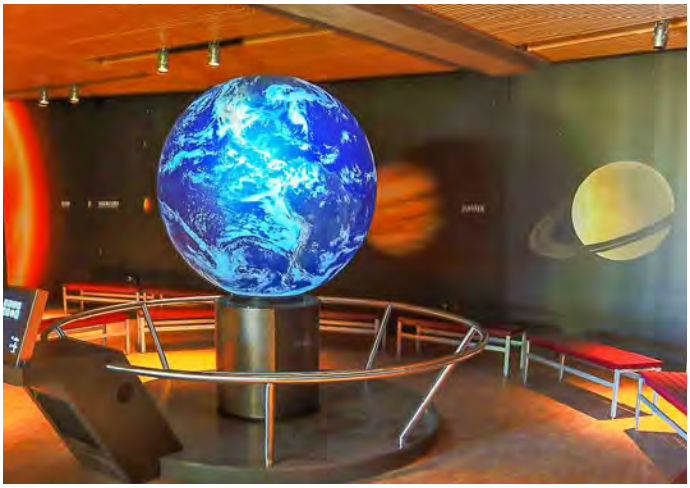
EARTH CYCLES

NEW! WONDERS OF WEATHER K–2ND GRADE

Curious about the weather? In this program, students will use weather-related tools such as a wind sock, thermometer and rain gauge to collect data and observe current weather conditions. They'll apply their findings to make real-world decisions about visiting the garden and investigate how seasonal weather patterns impact the garden environment.

EARTH FROM SPACE 2ND–6TH GRADE

Life on Earth is dominated by regular and repeating patterns. In this program, students explore the connections between the seasons, moon phases, shadows and planets through hands-on demonstrations and a focused activity in the gallery.



DYNAMIC EARTH 3RD–6TH GRADE

Earth is constantly changing. In this program, students investigate real rock samples and observe natural processes at work using an interactive stream table. A focused activity encourages discovery of the dynamic, natural world as students explore the gallery.

PURE ENERGY 3RD–6TH GRADE

In this engaging program, students explore renewable energy and the transfer of energy. They discuss different forms and sources of energy, collaborate to build a living circuit, and work in small teams to collect and analyze data at solar, wind, and water energy stations.

TEXAS NATIVE WETLANDS 3RD–8TH GRADE

In this hands-on program, students use scientific tools to test water samples and identify key indicator species to evaluate the health of the wetland habitat. Through field investigations in the outdoor island classroom, they explore the interactions between organisms and their environment that help maintain a balanced and thriving ecosystem.
NEW! *Differentiated middle school band added.*

CLASSROOM LABS

RESERVE AN HOUR-LONG CLASSROOM LEARNING EXPERIENCE HELD AT THE VISITOR EDUCATION PAVILION TO EXPLORE A VARIETY OF LIFE AND EARTH SCIENCE TOPICS. RESERVATIONS INCLUDE ADMISSION TO THE MAIN GARDEN AND CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE GARDEN.

OUTREACH: GARDEN ON THE GO

BRING THE FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCE TO YOUR CLASSROOM.BOOK A GARDEN ON THE GO PROGRAM TO BRING ANY OF THE ENGAGING LABS TO YOUR CAMPUS. PROGRAMS CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 30 STUDENTS PER SESSION. BOOK NOW!

PUMPKIN CIRCLE K–2ND GRADE

After distinguishing between living and nonliving things, students explore the basic needs, parts and functions of pumpkin plants. Students discuss the life cycle of a pumpkin and plant their own seeds to take back to school for observation. A walk through the Arboretum's Pumpkin Village is the perfect culmination of this lesson. [Offered September 22-October 31]

SEEDSATIONAL K–2ND GRADE

Students classify living and nonliving things and explore the fascinating world of plants they see throughout the garden. Students investigate the basic needs, parts and functions of plants and their life cycles. Students explore how fruits act as a suitcase for seeds and plant their own seeds to take back to school for observation. [Offered February 23 - May 29]

EARTH ROCKS! K–2ND GRADE

Introduce your students to the world of geology as they take a closer look at rocks. In this program, students observe a diverse sample of rocks and sort the rocks by size, shape, color, and texture. Students also observe a variety of everyday products that are made from rocks and identify the properties of the rocks used to make each product.

PLANT DETECTIVES K–2ND GRADE

Do all leaves look the same? What about stems and roots? In this lab students identify basic plant parts and investigate plant diversity by comparing and contrasting the unique structures of live plants. Older students also explore how different structures allow plants to meet their needs.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER? K–2ND GRADE

Like all ecosystems, the Arboretum is a complex and active place, filled with interconnected organisms. In this lab, students explore small but significant members of our ecosystem: pill bugs. Students observe terrariums with live organisms to investigate living and nonliving things, basic needs of organisms and energy transfer in food chains.

PURPOSEFUL POLLINATORS 2ND–8TH GRADE

What is the purpose of pollination? In this lab, students will construct and use models of insects and flowers to investigate the process of pollination. They will examine the structures and functions of plants and pollinators that allow this process to occur and explore how it benefits both plants and animals.
NEW! *Differentiated middle school band added.*

IT'S A BUG'S LIFE 2ND–5TH GRADE

The Arboretum is home to hundreds of plant and animal species, including many bugs! In this program, students identify 'bug' as an informal name given to terrestrial arthropods and observe live organisms to identify the traits that make insects different from other arthropods. Students look closely at arthropod adaptations that support survival in different environments and investigate the unique life cycles of different organisms, including complete and incomplete metamorphosis.

PUMPKIN PHYSICS 3RD–6TH GRADE

Calling all engineers! Students will engage in the engineering design process to help solve a problem at the Arboretum– how can we move an 80-lb pumpkin? They will apply what they know about force, motion, and energy to design and test a model catapult that can launch a candy pumpkin.
[Offered September 22-October 31]

RESTLESS EARTH 2ND–5TH GRADE

Every place has a story. In this lab, students model and explore the slow processes that create geological change: weathering, erosion, and deposition. Students investigate how these processes lead to the formation of soils and change the surface of the earth. Students use this information to explain why certain places look the way they do and predict how areas could change in the future.

TEXAS NATIVE PLANT LAB 3RD–6TH GRADE

From plains to the coast, and the piney woods to mountains and basins, Texas is home to a great diversity of flora. This program focuses on plants which are specially-adapted to survive in our state's diverse ecosystems. Through hands-on investigations, students refine their scientific observation skills while exploring cacti, sundews and other plants native to Texas.

DISAPPEARING ACT 3RD–6TH GRADE

What happens when an organism in an ecosystem disappears? Students first investigate three organisms: white-tailed deer, post oak trees and grey wolves. They create a model of the Post Oak Savannah to actively simulate how the local extinction of wolves in this area affects all components of the ecosystem. Each student acts as either a wolf or a deer in this engaging, interactive lab.

GARDEN DESIGN CHALLENGE 3RD–6TH GRADE

What environmental factors and landscape design choices must the horticulture staff consider when designing seasonal plantings? In this multi-disciplinary lab, students work with actual Arboretum plant lists and design notes to create a planter or landscape in the garden. Follow up the class with a visit to the space students just designed! [Only offered on-site]
NEW! *Differentiated middle school band added.*

DIVING INTO PHYSICAL PROPERTIES 3RD GRADE

How do our actions in North Texas contribute to the issue of marine debris? In this lesson students will explore how trash enters our waterways and ultimately flows to the ocean. They will then investigate an issue closer to home by making observations of a collection of objects that fell into one of the Arboretum's water features. After determining the physical properties of each object, students will advise Arboretum staff on the best tool to use to retrieve each object.

MODELS: SUN, EARTH & MOON 3RD GRADE

Take a bird's-eye view of space! Students first create a human-sized model to demonstrate the relative positions of the Sun, Earth and Moon and the orbits of the Earth and our Moon. Then, they use 3D printed models to demonstrate the same concepts, in a different way. Finally, students are challenged to create their own 2D model to demonstrate their understanding.

ENERGY IN THE GARDEN 3RD GRADE

How can we use different forms of energy to solve problems that arise in a garden? After exploring, describing and identifying four forms of energy (mechanical, light, thermal, and sound) in everyday objects, students are presented with garden scenarios. They are then challenged to design strategies to address the problems using different forms of energy.

RAPID CHANGES 3RD GRADE

How do volcanoes, earthquakes and landslides impact Earth's surface? Students explore images that show the aftermath of volcanoes, landslides and earthquakes. Then they use models to better understand these geological processes. Students are challenged to describe a strength and weakness of each model.

ECOSYSTEMS IN ACTION 3RD GRADE

What happens when the top predator leaves an ecosystem? In this lab, students identify the physical characteristics and ecological roles of three organisms: red wolves, post oak trees, and white-tailed deer. Then, they create a food web to show how energy flows through this ecosystem. Finally, students play a game to explore how the local extinction of the red wolf in the eastern half of Texas impacts the entire food web.

LIFE CYCLES 3RD GRADE

Bring live organisms directly to your classroom. In this lesson students will make observations of four different arthropods at various stages in their life cycles and identify similarities and differences in how these organisms change over time.

Did you know?

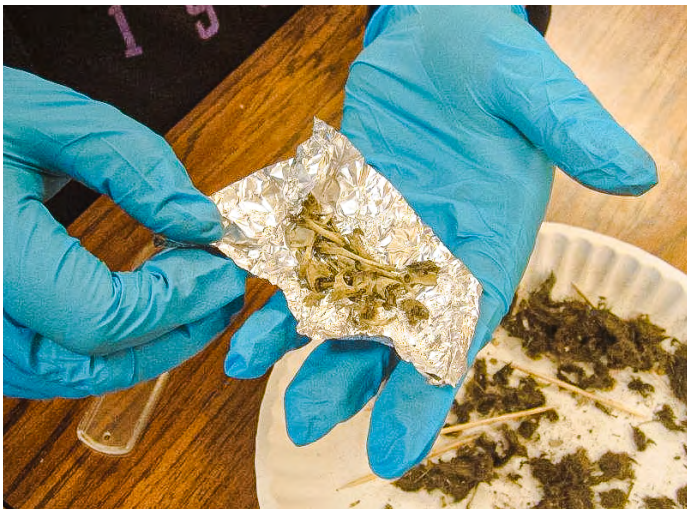
Program results show significant growth in student science achievement, interest and confidence over their district peers.

These inquiry-based programs cover topics in all reporting categories and even include access to STAAR-style pre/post questions.

Student documents and assessments available in English and Spanish.

AMAZING ADAPTATIONS: PLANTS 4TH GRADE
After reviewing the basic structures and functions of plants, students work through three stations to observe and describe a diverse selection of leaves, stems and roots. Students then learn about different Texas environments and infer, based on their observations, which plant grows best in each environment.

EXPLORING FOOD WEBS WITH OWL PELLETS 4TH GRADE
How does energy flow through an ecosystem? Students will dissect owl pellets to discover what these fascinating birds of prey eat. They will then create a food web describing the flow of energy in the owl's ecosystem.



EARTH'S WATER CYCLE 4TH GRADE
In this lab, students will investigate various components of the water cycle through hands-on activities. They will identify how models can be used to represent natural phenomena and explore the Sun's role in the continuous movement of water above and on the surface of Earth.

SLOW CHANGES 4TH GRADE
How has the Earth's surface changed over time? In this lab, students investigate how weathering, erosion, and deposition gradually reshape the Earth. Through hands-on models, they explore how wind, water, and ice break down rock, transport sediments and form new landforms. Students then use their observations to explain how these slow processes have changed Earth's surface over time.

PICKLE POWERED 4TH GRADE
Can a pickle light a lightbulb? First, students differentiate among forms of energy, including mechanical, electrical, light, thermal and sound. Then, they identify these various forms of energy in electrical circuits and experiment with building a pickle battery, creating a circuit which powers a lightbulb.

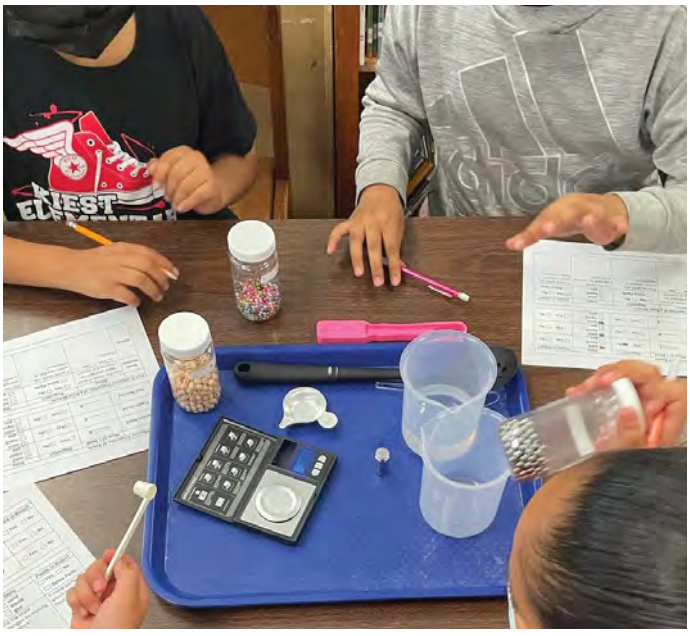
MATTER OVER TIME 4TH GRADE
What happens to our trash over time? In this lab, students first measure and record physical properties of a "fresh" piece of trash. Then, they measure and record the physical properties of that same type of trash that has been buried in soil for multiple weeks. Students use this data to discuss what happens to trash in a landfill and discuss what we can do to reduce the amount matter that is added to landfills.

ALL ABOUT ANTS 5TH GRADE

In this lab, students explore and describe physical and behavioral traits while observing live ants. First, students observe and identify physical traits ants share with all insects and those traits that make ants unique. Then, they discuss the behaviors of these social insects and identify the difference between instinctual behaviors and learned behaviors.

SORTING OUT MIXTURES 5TH GRADE

What is a mixture? In this lab, students will first identify the differences between heterogeneous mixtures and solutions. They will then work in groups to create mixtures from a collection of beads and make observations of the physical properties of the mixture as compared to the physical properties of the ingredients. Finally students will explore soil as a mixture and investigate the ingredients that make up soil.



GARDEN ART: REFLECTION AND REFRACTION 5TH GRADE

How does light travel? In this lesson, students will first complete three investigations to explore how light travels in a straight line and changes direction when reflected or refracted. They will then be challenged to use what they learned about light to design a prototype of an art piece for the Dallas Arboretum.

LANDFORM FORMATION 5TH GRADE

Why does the surface of Earth look the way it does? First, students observe images of landforms from around the globe. Then they use stream tables to investigate and describe how wind, water and ice contribute to the formation of sand dunes, valleys, canyons and deltas.

ECO FLOW: INTERDEPENDENCE 5TH GRADE

The Arboretum's arthropod collection will travel to you! In this lab, students observe live tarantulas, walking sticks, pill bugs, and beetles in their habitats and identify interactions between living and nonliving components in these ecosystems.

EXPLORING DAY AND NIGHT 5TH GRADE

Why do we experience day and night? First, students will consider the question—does the sun move across the sky? Then, they experiment with two different models and construct an explanation based on direct and indirect evidence to explain the cause of the day and night cycle.

Did you know?

The Dallas Arboretum has a number of educational videos for children featuring virtual garden tours, fun activities and labs!

SCAN FOR VIDEOS

AFTERSCHOOL

INVITE THE DALLAS ARBORETUM TO YOUR LOCATION FOR A FUN AND HIGHLY INTERACTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE. INDOOR AND OUTDOOR CLASSES ALLOW STUDENTS TO EXPLORE NATURE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM WALLS.

Custom programming is offered to fit your academic needs – and to show students that nature is all around them, even in the schoolyard! Program options include:

PLANTS FOR SURVIVAL K-5TH GRADE
BUTTERFLIES, BEES AND BLOSSOMS K-5TH GRADE
LEARN, GROW, EAT & GO K-5TH GRADE
DIVERSITY OF LIFE 3RD–5TH GRADE
ECO-QUEST 3RD-5TH GRADE

PROGRAM DETAILS

Programs offer a 7-week unit consisting of one weekly 90-minute lesson. Email education@dallasarboretum.org to schedule.

STEM NIGHTS

INVITE THE DALLAS ARBORETUM TO YOUR NEXT STEM NIGHT.

The Dallas Arboretum provides all of the materials for one or more tabletop activities as well as educators to facilitate hands-on learning for participants of all ages. Activity options include:

- CONNECTING THE DOTS WITH CONSTELLATIONS
- HAVE SEEDS, WILL TRAVEL
- PROMOTING POLLINATION
- ZOOMING INTO NATURE

ACADEMIC OVERNIGHTS

SCHOOL OVERNIGHTS ARE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE SCIENCE CONTENT IN THE RORY MEYERS CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE GARDEN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS!

Make your next school event a night of fun, hands-on learning and memories in the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden! Students will have the garden to themselves as they participate in unique earth and life science classes, as well as travel through the solar system in the OmniGlobe Theatre, explore the gardens in a flashlight night hike and stargaze with experienced Arboretum staff.

The programming even builds in opportunities for STAAR-style review of content learned. Your students will be having so much fun they won't realize how much they're learning. A light snack, continental breakfast, parking and next day garden admission are all included. Overnights are perfect for school groups or club events! To request a date, please contact education@dallasarboretum.org.

RESERVATION POLICIES

PROGRAMS AND PRICING

All Arboretum field trips cost $12 per student with access to the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden and all special exhibits included at no additional cost. Financial assistance of up to 50% off is available for Title 1 schools booking teacher-led programs.

Please note: The Children's Adventure Garden is closed January 1-February 20. Program availability subject to change.

CHANGES, PAYMENTS AND REFUNDS

A 50% non-refundable deposit is required within two weeks from the time of reservation confirmation to secure your spot.

Final payment is due two weeks prior to scheduled visit date. If not paying in full at the time of the reservation, please plan to have payment mailed in advance to ensure it arrives by the due date. Credit card payments accepted.

Programs reserved less than 30 days in advance of booked date require full payment upon reservation confirmation. If payment is not made by due date, we reserve the right to open your booked reservation dates and class times to others.

No refunds except in the event of garden closings due to inclement weather or other issues deemed serious enough by the Dallas Arboretum to warrant cancellations.

The Arboretum does not issue refunds or tickets for absent group members.

RESCHEDULING AND CANCELLATIONS

If you need to reschedule or cancel your reservation for non-weather related circumstances, you MUST email Reservations at education@dallasarboretum.org no later than TWO WEEKS before your scheduled visit in order for your payment to apply to one (1) future visit. Any additional future changes in bookings will require rebooking and a new 50% deposit. Cancellations cannot be accepted after the two week deadline and require full payment.

Dallas Arboretum educational programs continue rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, rescheduling is available, and assistance will be provided to find an alternative date.

Cancellations cannot be accepted after the TWO WEEK deadline.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please let the Reservations Department know if you are bringing anyone with special needs in need of specific accommodations.

MEMBERSHIP

Dallas Arboretum membership or complimentary tickets are not valid for students in scheduled educational field trips, unless specifically noted on the website.

CHAPERONES/ADULTS

Schools are required to maintain the 1:8 adult to student ratio at all times, with those teachers/chaperones receiving free admission. All teachers are counted towards this ratio.

Additional chaperones may be added to your invoice, pay at the ticket booth, or pre-purchase admission using the QR code or link provided in your field trip confirmation email. All payment methods are accepted, and the discounted admission rate is $15 per chaperone.

Chaperones arriving in personal vehicles will be charged for parking.

Through the Museums for All program, any individual receiving SNAP benefits can enjoy $3 general admission and free parking for the Dallas Arboretum by presenting a valid EBT card. This price is not applicable for students on field trips.

SIBLINGS/STROLLERS

Education experiences are only open to school children included in the group reservation. Siblings and strollers should not be brought with chaperones and may be refused entry to educational programs.

PRICING

AT THE ARBORETUM	STUDENT PRICE*	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	GROUP SIZE
CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE GARDEN			
Learning Gallery Program*	$12	45 minutes	15-30 students
Academic Overnights*	$50	6pm-9am	20-60 students
MAIN GARDEN			
Classroom Labs*	$12	60 minutes	15-30 students
Outdoor Programs*	$12	60 minutes	15-30 students
SELF-GUIDED			
Our Place at Your Pace	$12	N/A	15 or more students

*Minimum fee of $150 to book an Arboretum teacher-led program.
All programs include Children's Adventure Garden access.

OUTREACH	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE	PRICE
Garden on the Go	Minimum of 3 bookings per school per day	60 minutes	30 max per session	$200 per session
After School	Prices are based on a 7-week residency	90 minutes weekly	25	$1,750
STEM Nights	Choose one or more activities	Up to 2 hours	N/A	$500 per activity

Outreach programs outside of Dallas County are subject to a travel fee.
Visit DallasArboretum.org/education for the most current program pricing and travel fees.

FINANCIAL AID

The Arboretum offers financial assistance of up to 50% off for Title I schools booking Arboretum teacher-led educational programming. Financial aid requests must be made at the time a field trip is submitted. Late submissions will not be honored. In addition, the Arboretum has limited funds to offer a $100 bus stipend for Title I campuses that will be paid upon completion of your field trip. Field trips must be paid in full before receiving a bus stipend.

FEATURED PHENOMENA SERIES

Explore and explain a variety of phenomena throughout the year, each designed to spark curiosity in both students and educators. These hands-on workshops are aligned to the science TEKS and incorporate all three dimensions of learning, equipping educators with content knowledge and classroom-ready lesson resources.

MONARCHS IN MOTION:
Exploring Monarch Migration through Science and Story

Sat, Oct 18, 2025 • 8:30-11:30am • In person at the Dallas Arboretum
Teachers of Grades K-12 *(3 hours of CPE)*

Autumn at the Arboretum offers more than pumpkins. It's also peak season for observing monarch butterfly migration. This cross-curricular workshop explores the monarch's journey through science, social studies, storytelling and art. Educators will engage in hands-on activities, contribute to citizen science and explore the butterfly's cultural significance. Leave with standards-aligned lessons that support literacy and sustainability. *Registration includes full day admission to Autumn at the Arboretum.*

Member: $35 • Guest: $40

ROOTED IN INQUIRY:
Hands-On Science with Hydroponics

Sat, Feb 28, 2026 • 8:30-11:30am • In person at the Dallas Arboretum
Teachers of Grades K–12 *(3 hours of CPE)*

Not all plants need soil to grow! This hands-on workshop introduces hydroponics, a soil-free method that brings science to life in the classroom. Educators will explore core principles, compare plant growth in different systems and build a classroom-ready hydroponic setup. Participants will leave with adaptable lessons, data tools and activities that support inquiry, sustainability and cross-curricular learning. *Registration includes full day admission to Dallas Blooms.*

Member: $35 • Guest: $40

ZERO-G GREENHOUSES: The Science of Space Agriculture

Fri, Jun 5, 2026 • 9am-3pm • In person at the Frontiers of Flight Museum
Teachers of Grades K–12 *(6 hours of CPE)*

Discover how plants play a role in space exploration. In this hands-on session, educators will explore NASA experiments, build simple hydroponic models and design lessons that bring space gardening to the classroom. Leave with practical STEM activities, cross-curricular ideas and inspiration to engage future explorers. *Registration includes complimentary daytime admission for one visit to the Dallas Arboretum through December 31, 2026.*

Presented in partnership with the Frontiers of Flight Museum

Member: $60 • Guest: $75

Learning is more fun with a colleague. Each ticket purchased allows you to bring a colleague for free. Registration includes complimentary parking for one car.

Visit DallasArboretum.org/education/professional-learning/ to register

Don't see what you are looking for? Custom professional learning workshops can be designed for your team at the Arboretum or at your site. Contact education@dallasarboretum.org for more information.

SCAN TO REGISTER


THE RORY MEYERS CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE GARDEN
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1 Entry Plaza
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