



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Parents Rejoice! Dallas Arboretum Summer Camps Open for Registration

DALLAS, Texas (Spring 2016) – The always popular Dallas Arboretum Summer Camps have been announced for 2016, and registration is now open for children from ages three to high school at www.dallasarboretum.org. Organized by age, the day camps run weekly from June 6 to August 12, and provide campers with explorations in nature and science that allow children to delve into the natural world and learn about protecting their environment.

“Experienced teachers will guide campers through indoor and outdoor activities, games and challenges right here in what we like to call our 66-acre museum without walls,” said **Allyson Marbut**, Vice President of Education at the Dallas Arboretum. “As an educational site that serves over 120,000 school children annually, the Arboretum has well developed programs that combine experiential learning with the all-out play families are looking for in their summer camps – we help grow their minds, while providing great outdoor education.”

Using STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) practices, campers develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills through guided exploration and adventure. Dallas Arboretum Summer Camps make extensive use of the eight-acre Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden at the Dallas Arboretum, which was recently certified as a Texas Aquatic Science Field Site by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for its exemplary water quality education. Older students also venture out to explore White Rock Lake and hike a local nature preserve.

Pricing for this year's camps range from \$150-\$385 per week, with specific details and registration available at <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/education/summer-camps>:

Little Critters

Campers will have fun exploring a new animal each day in this three-day camp, discovering where they live, learning what they eat and investigating their life cycle.

3 years

Creature Feature

Go wild about animals in this all time favorite camp. Campers will explore the world of garden creatures, go on nature safaris, build a giant spider web and do other nature-based activities.

4 years to Kindergarten

Back to the Future

Young STEM scientists will explore the world of dinosaurs, fossils and volcanoes in this action-packed camp. Take part in a dinosaur dig, a volcanic eruption and experiment with rocks and fossils. Each day, they will investigate new and exciting science topics from Earth's past or future.

4 years to Kindergarten

Backyard Bugs

Are you crazy about bugs? Campers will investigate the characteristics of insects and metamorphosis, the fascinating world of bees and many more tiny creatures.

4 years to Kindergarten

Project: Bug!

Love bugs? Campers will investigate the world of tiny creatures, their naturally engineered design and the tricks they use to survive. Come explore the fascinating world of creepy crawlies.

1st and 2nd grade

Cool Science Explorations

If you are into STEM, this camp is for you! Each day, campers will experience the day as a different scientist exploring the areas of life, earth or physical science. Days will be action-packed with lots of hands-on experiments and activities.

1st to 4th grade

The Wondrous World of Wings

Explore the fascinating world of flight through this STEM-based camp. Campers will investigate how insects, birds and other living and non-living things are engineered to fly or glide.

3rd and 4th grade

Adventure Camp

In this camp specially designed for adventurous kids, campers will work in teams to navigate the Arboretum, hike a local nature preserve, and kayak on White Rock Lake. While exploring nature, campers will learn about the environment, science and technology.

5th to 7th grade

Outdoor Explorers

Get outside and explore the nature in and around the Arboretum in this three-day camp. Bring your sense of excitement for the natural world as we study the land and water for diverse life, useful resources and recreational activities. Campers will learn about science, nature and technology while spending time outside investigating, creating, surveying and kayaking.

8th to 10th grade

Quest Camp: Aquatic

Come and explore the importance of H₂O in this STEM environmental camp. Campers will test water quality, explore watersheds, investigate aquatic creatures, engineer ways to clean or purify our water sources and learn to kayak on White Rock Lake. Full scholarships are available.

6th to 8th grade

Opened in 2013, the Children's Garden offers 17 indoor and outdoor galleries with 150 kid-friendly activities incorporating state and national science education standards that engage children with the natural world. Featuring a native Texas wetland, alongside the Arboretum's picturesque East Dallas setting nestled on the banks of White Rock Lake, the Children's Garden is a museum without walls. It also features a rare OmniGlobe, a five-foot-tall sphere offering a comprehensive and riveting view of Earth from a myriad of dynamic perspectives.

For more information on summer camps including dates, frequently asked questions and to register online, visit www.dallasarboretum.org or call 214.515.6540.

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About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. The Dallas Arboretum is also the home of the internationally acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for children 3-12 and free for Arboretum members and children two and under. There is an additional cost of \$3 per person for entrance into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. On-site parking is \$15; pre-purchased online parking is \$8. *The Dallas Morning News* is the principal partner of the Dallas Arboretum. The Arboretum is supported, in part, by funds from the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. WFAA is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum.