



DALLAS ARBORETUM  
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Dallas Arboretum Features Family Fun Activities All Summer Long**

**DALLAS, Texas (Summer 2015)** — Families planning staycations and vacations in Dallas want to add the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden to their itinerary to enjoy all the activities in the main garden and the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden.

**Family Fun Fridays:**

**June 5, 12, 19 & 26 and July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**  
**10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Plan the family's summertime adventures at the Arboretum on Fridays in June and July in the Pecan Grove. Join other families for kid-friendly activities that include face painting, a petting zoo and music for the little ones in the shady Pecan Grove—topped off with a cool spray of water in the Toad Fountains!

**Father's Day Weekend Concert:**

**Saturday, June 20, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

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**Multilingual Balladeer Frank Obregon on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage & Lawn**

Enjoy an eclectic spectrum of music from Tony Bennett to Nat King Cole, and Antonio Carlos Jobim to Sinatra. Relax with dad (on a lawn he doesn't tend!), sip his favorite beverage, and maybe take a twirl around the stage!

**Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden:**

Those young and young-at-heart are invited to learn about science and nature in the eight-acre [Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden](#). In addition to the daily activities including hands-on labs and tours of the various galleries, there are special events taking place all summer. Check online for daily activities.

"Open in 2013, the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden is where science and fun become one," said Mary Brinegar, Dallas Arboretum president and CEO. "Children and adults enjoy the interactive hands-on activities where they can learn about science

concepts such as photosynthesis, pollination, earth science, erosion, habitats and so much more. We believe that this learning will translate into more children discovering that they like science.”

Here’s a sampling of special events taking place in this garden:

**May 16:** *Where is Pidge?* Storytime and book signing with Michelle Staubach Grimes at 10:30 a.m. with special activities for children.

**May 23:** Girl Scouts in the Garden. Girl Scouts Troop #897 lead special activities for paid guests such as storytime, leaf rubbings and scavenger hunts.

**May 22-May 25:** The garden debuts its brand new puppet show *Finding My Way Home*, recorded by students from O’Banion Middle School.

**June 13:** WFAA Family First Day with activities from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Puppet shows, hands-on outdoor science experiments (in conjunction with Texas A&M University), collaborative tessellation assembly, and scenes from “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” (with the Dallas Junior Players) round out a family-centered day anchored by a special presentation with WFAA Meteorologist Greg Fields at the OmniGlobe. For this day, admission to the RMCAG and main garden is \$8 at the gate only with \$8 parking available for advance purchase online. Hot dogs are just \$2.

**June 21, 2015:** On Father’s Day from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Home Depot hosts a craft activity with flower pots and bird houses to construct and paint. First come, first served.

**June 1-July 31:** Popular Plant Lab H2Osmosis

**August 1-31:** Popular Plant Lab Back to School Mash

**About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:**

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden 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. It is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Regular 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. See website for special discounts. 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. For more information, call 214.515.6500 or visit [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org).

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