



CHILDREN, FAMILY & HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

CLASSROOM OPEN HOURS

TUESDAYS, 1-3 PM, IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER; AGES 3 AND UP

Welcome to an open-ended exploration in our learning laboratory. Tinker to your heart's content, rearrange moving parts and explore our nature museum and teaching library. Or play in the "squishy corner" made especially for young children. An on-site staff member will provide materials and be a resource for your learning explorations.

OCTOBER	OCT. 3	OCT. 10	OCT. 17	OCT. 24	OCT. 31
NOVEMBER	NOV. 7	NOV. 14	NOV. 21	NOV. 28	
JANUARY	JAN. 16	JAN. 23	JAN. 30		
FEBRUARY	FEB. 6	FEB. 13	FEB. 20	FEB. 27	

LOCATION: MEET IN THE DORIS DUKE CENTER.

FEE PER SESSION: \$3 PER CHILD.

A SEASON PASS FOR ALL 16 DATES IS AVAILABLE FOR \$40 PER CHILD, \$120 PER FAMILY.

Parking pass included with advance registration.

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Look for this icon to identify Nature Navigators Certificate Program classes



GARDENING OPEN HOURS

THURSDAYS, 3-5 PM, SEPTEMBER 7-OCTOBER 26, FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER; AGES 3 AND UP

Series!

Join us in our hands-on, outdoor learning space! Each week a staff member will guide families through an exploration of all things connected with growing plants, including digging, using tools, planting, watering, weeding, managing pests, harvesting, tasting and composting. We'll also have gardening-related stories to read, art materials to create with, and experiments to conduct with your family.

SEPTEMBER	SEPT. 7	SEPT. 14	SEPT. 21	SEPT. 28
OCTOBER	OCT. 5	OCT. 12	OCT. 19	OCT. 26

LOCATION: MEET IN THE CHARLOTTE BRODY DISCOVERY GARDEN.

FEE PER SESSION: \$3 PER CHILD.


A SEASON PASS FOR ALL EIGHT DATES IS AVAILABLE FOR \$20 PER CHILD, \$56 PER FAMILY.

Parking pass included with advance registration.

NATURE NAVIGATORS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Explore the natural world with our certificate program for young naturalists! Certificates available for three age groups: children ages 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete at least 3 qualifying Duke Gardens classes in the spring and 3 in the fall for a total of 6 classes over two seasons. All Children and Family programs with this symbol  count toward completion of your certificate.
- Keep track with stamps in your Nature Navigators Passport.
- Complete an observational field notebook with age-appropriate prompts at home in the summer or winter between class seasons.



Upon completion of the certificate program, you will receive a Nature Navigators Certificate and a surprise reward that will help you continue your nature studies at home! Please feel free to complete all three certificates as you reach the age ranges.

No additional fee to participate in the certificate programs; registration in certificate program required before attending the first qualifying class. For more information and to register, contact Kati Henderson at kati.henderson@duke.edu.

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5. ADULT CHAPERONE REQUIRED

NATURE STORYTIME

THURSDAYS, 10:30 AM, SEPTEMBER 7-NOVEMBER 16

Free!

Enjoy the outdoors together with a story read aloud in the Gardens. Nature-themed stories are followed by a related activity or garden walk.

SEPTEMBER	SEPT. 7	SEPT. 14	SEPT. 21	SEPT. 28
OCTOBER	OCT. 5	OCT. 12	OCT. 19	OCT. 26
NOVEMBER	NOV. 2	NOV. 9	NOV. 16	

SUGGESTED FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5. ADULT CHAPERONE REQUIRED.
LOCATION: MEET IN THE CHARLOTTE BRODY DISCOVERY GARDEN STORY CIRCLE.
Free drop-in event. Parking fees apply.

NATURE FOR SPROUTS

TUESDAYS, 10:30-11:30 AM, SEPTEMBER 5-OCTOBER 31 

Series!

Discover in Duke Gardens with your child. Classes combine stories, songs, movement, observation and hands-on, creative projects to explore the Gardens with changing weekly themes. Topics will include size and measurement, things that float, naturally sticky textures, light, air and wind, water, camouflage, and life underground. Sign up for one or more sessions.

SEPTEMBER	SEPT. 5	SEPT. 12	SEPT. 19	SEPT. 26	
OCTOBER	OCT. 3	OCT. 10	OCT. 17	OCT. 24	OCT. 31

FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5. ADULT CHAPERONE REQUIRED.
LOCATION: MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER.
FEE: GARDENS MEMBERS \$7; GENERAL PUBLIC \$10.
REGISTER FOR ALL EIGHT SESSIONS AT \$6/\$9 PER SESSION.
Parking pass included with advance registration.

*Help us build the future of Duke Gardens
by becoming a member today!*

HOMESCHOOL & FAMILY PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-6 AND 7-9

NATURALIST CLASSES

MONDAYS

Join other homeschool students at Duke Gardens in a small group setting with classes designed to maximize exploration in nature. Discover diverse living things and the ways they interact with the environments that sustain them. Investigate with all senses, play games, experiment, create through crafts and more! Each class focuses on a different interdisciplinary topic.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11	LIGHT Where does light come from? What is it made of? What does it do? We'll look at sources and properties of light, as well as how it's important for life on Earth, especially plants!
MONDAY, SEPT. 25	CYCLES Look around! Observe Earth's systems in motion around the garden. Learn about the cycles that all life on Earth depends on, including water, nitrogen and carbon.
MONDAY, OCT. 16	ASTRONOMY Look up! Explore nature beyond our planet as we learn about the sun, moon, stars and more. Discover how things in space affect Earth.
MONDAY, OCT. 30	ROCKS Look down! We'll examine rocks closely to see what they can reveal about the past and observe ways that humans use them today. Find fossils, compare textures and colors, build structures, and more.

EACH PROGRAM TOPIC:

SECTION A: CHILDREN AGES 5-6; 10:30-11:30 AM. ADULT CHAPERONE REQUIRED.

SECTION B: CHILDREN AGES 7-9; 10:30 AM-NOON.

PLEASE ASK ABOUT OUR YOUNGER SIBLING POLICY.

LOCATION: MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER.

FEE: GARDENS MEMBERS \$7 PER CLASS; GENERAL PUBLIC \$10 PER CLASS.

REGISTER FOR 5 OR MORE CLASSES AT A FEE OF \$6 / \$9.


Parking pass included with advance registration.



HOMESCHOOL & FAMILY PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12

ARTISTS IN THE GARDENS WORKSHOPS

MONDAYS, 10 AM-NOON, OCTOBER 2 AND 23, NOVEMBER 6 AND 20
FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12 

Use art to hone your observation skills and express yourself! Art can communicate everything from how you are feeling to the close relationship between a caterpillar and its host plant. We'll explore habitats, uncover wildlife and identify plants while learning about art and making our own.

Each workshop will use photography and other media, including drawing, painting and collage. Classes will include time to investigate the garden, make connections, create art and share work with the group.

Join us for the full series or sign up for individual workshops. Bring your own digital camera; any kind is great, from cell phones to SLRs. All other materials provided.

MONDAY, OCT. 2	TEXTURE Feel out the multitude of textures in the garden. Learn how artists and horticulturists think about texture and use it in their creations. Experiment with texture in your own 2-dimensional artwork.
MONDAY, OCT. 23	WATER Water, water, everywhere! Explore how water is used in Duke Gardens and in art, from building waterfalls to sketching reflections to using water as our medium.
MONDAY, NOV. 6	FALL COLOR Experience amazing fall colors at Duke Gardens! Learn about the plant pigments responsible for this seasonal display. Use the autumn landscape as your subject and inspiration to create colorful art.
MONDAY, NOV. 20	PERSPECTIVE Explore different perspectives. Discover the way garden design creates the views you see. Try out 1- and 2-point perspective drawing and investigate alternate compositions.

MONDAYS, 10 AM-NOON.

LOCATION: MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER.

FEE: GARDENS MEMBERS \$16 PER CLASS; GENERAL PUBLIC \$20 PER CLASS.

REGISTER FOR ALL 4 CLASSES AT \$14/\$18 PER CLASS.

Parking pass included with advance registration.

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GROWING ARTISTS EXHIBIT

NOVEMBER 20-22

See and celebrate art created by children during our fall homeschool workshops. Join us for an opening reception on Monday, Nov. 20, from 12:30-2 p.m., or drop in to see the exhibit any time during building hours through November 22.

LOCATION: DORIS DUKE CENTER

FALL HARVEST WORKSHOP

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 

Autumn's abundance arrives with piles of fruit and vegetables. Get hands-on gardening experience when you help us bring in some of the harvest from the Charlotte Brody Discovery Garden. We will prepare a table of seasonal produce and share an autumn feast, as well as a garden gift to take home.

FOR CHILDREN AGES 9 AND UP.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 10:00 AM-NOON.

LOCATION: MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER.

PARTICIPANT LIMIT: 10

FEE: \$15 PER CHILD.

