CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

CLASSROOM OPEN HOURS
TUESDAYS, FEB. 14–MAY 30, 1-3 PM, FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER; AGES 3 AND UP

Welcome, unschoolers and homeschoolers alike, 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 just play in the “squishy corner” especially made for small people. An on-site staff member will answer questions, help with using materials and setting up learning explorations.

DROP-IN FEE PER SESSION: $3 PER CHILD, $10 PER FAMILY. A SEASON PASS FOR ALL 16 DATES IS AVAILABLE FOR $40 PER CHILD, $120 PER FAMILY. Parking pass included with advance registration.
GARDENING OPEN HOURS
THURSDAYS, APRIL 6-MAY 25, 3-5 PM, FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER; AGES 3 AND UP
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.

LOCATION: MEET IN THE CHARLOTTE BRODY DISCOVERY GARDEN.
DROP-IN FEE PER SESSION: $3 PER CHILD, $10 PER FAMILY. A SEASON PASS FOR ALL 8 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! All classes listed below are eligible for certificate credit.

REQUIREMENTS:
• Certificates available for three age groups: children ages 4-5, 6-8 or 9-12 years old. All Children and Family programs with this symbol ★ qualify toward completion of your certificate. Please feel free to complete all three certificates as you meet the age ranges.
• Complete at least 6 Duke Gardens classes of your choice, 3 in the spring and 3 in the fall, for each certificate.
• Keep track with stamps in your Nature Navigators Passport.
• Complete an observational field notebook at home with age-appropriate prompts. Upon completion of each age range certificate program, you will receive a Nature Navigators certificate and a surprise reward that will help you pursue your nature studies at home.

No additional fee to participate in the certificate programs; registration required before attending each class.
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CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

NATURE STORYTIME
THURSDAYS, 10:30 AM, MARCH 2-JUNE 8; SUGGESTED FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

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

**LOCATION:** PLEASE MEET IN THE CHARLOTTE BRODY DISCOVERY GARDEN STORY CIRCLE.
Free drop-in event. Parking fees apply.

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NATURE FOR SPROUTS
TUESDAYS, MARCH 7-APRIL 25, FROM 10:30-11:30 AM, FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Explore the outdoors at Duke Gardens with your child. Each week we will have stories, songs, movement, observation and hands-on, creative projects that explore the Gardens. Sign up for one more sessions.

FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5. ADULT CHAPERONE REQUIRED.
TUESDAYS, 10:30-11:30 AM. LOCATION: MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER
FEE: GARDENS MEMBERS $7; GENERAL PUBLIC $10.
REGISTER FOR ALL 8 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!
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-6 AND 7-9

**MONDAY, FEB. 27**
**THE HIDDEN WORLD**
What’s hiding under your feet? Learn about soil and the living things that make their homes underground for the winter or all year round.

**MONDAY, MARCH 13**
**WILD WEATHER**
From fierce snowstorms to peaceful summer days, the weather is always changing. Learn how scientists study weather and try out some of the instruments they use. Explore how the weather affects plants and the landscape.

**MONDAY, MAY 8**
**USEFUL PLANTS**
From medicine to fabric, people use plants for more than just food! Learn the parts of a plant and explore how they can be useful. Seek out these special plants in the garden and plant some yourself.

**MONDAY, MAY 22**
**FLYING THROUGH NATURE**
People can’t fly without machines, but many things in nature can! Explore how plants and animals move through the air and learn how they’ve inspired people to defy gravity.

**DETAILS FOR EACH PROGRAM**
**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: PLEASE MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER
FEE: GARDENS MEMBERS $7 PER CLASS; GENERAL PUBLIC $10 PER CLASS
REGISTER FOR ALL 4 CLASSES AT $6/$9 PER CLASS
Parking pass included with advance registration.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 7-10

**TWILIGHT AT THE GARDENS:**
**THINGS WITH WINGS**
**FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 6-8 PM, FOR AGES 7-10**
Drop off your kids on Friday evening so they can learn about the butterflies and moths of spring. We will have a butterfly-themed picnic, tiptoe through the gardens to search for fluttering wings, play butterfly games and see all the stages of a butterfly’s life cycle.

LOCATION: PLEASE MEET AT THE DORIS DUKE CENTER
FEE: $30 PER PERSON, INCLUDES DINNER
**ARTISTS IN THE GARDENS WORKSHOPS**

**MONDAYS, 10 AM-NOON, FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12**

Use art to hone your observation skills and express yourself! Art can communicate everything from how you’re feeling today 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, MARCH 20 | BACK TO BASICS: ELEMENTS OF ART  
Learn about line, shape, color and the other elements of art and observation. Notice the color of plants, the shape of garden beds, leaf textures and more as we turn those elements into art. |
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| MONDAY, APRIL 3  | THE LONG VIEW: LANDSCAPES  
Since ancient times, people all over the world have created art featuring the landscape. Learn how to use landscapes in your own art while immersed in the landscape of Duke Gardens. |
| MONDAY, APRIL 17 | LOOKING CLOSELY: STILL LIFES & PORTRAITS  
Art can reveal small details that go unnoticed in everyday life. Look closely at patterns in the garden, use microscopes to investigate truly tiny things, and create your own art highlighting the details. |
| MONDAY, MAY 1    | PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES: EXPERIMENTATION  
Create outside the box! Mix media, try new techniques and collaborate with classmates to express yourself. We’ll use the garden for inspiration and as a source of unusual materials. |

**MONDAYS, 10 AM-NOON**  
LOCATION: PLEASE 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.

**GROWING ARTIST EXHIBIT**

JOIN US ON MONDAY, MAY 1, FROM 12:30-2 PM, FOR AN EXHIBIT OF ART WORKS PRODUCED DURING ALL FOUR WORKSHOPS.
Look for this icon to identify FREE DROP-IN events!

Look for this icon to identify Nature Navigators Certificate program classes

SUMMER GARDEN WORKSHOPS FOR RISING 6-8 AND 9-12 GRADE

ARTISTS IN THE GARDENS CAMP
FOR RISING 6-8 GRADE
MONDAY-FRIDAY, AUG 7-11, 9 AM-1 PM

Art can communicate everything from how you’re feeling to the close relationship between a caterpillar and its host plant. Use the garden for inspiration and as a source of unusual materials as we explore habitats, uncover wildlife and identify plants. Experiment with various mediums, learn new techniques and collaborate to express yourself.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9 AM-1 PM • LOCATION: ARRIVAL AND PICKUP AT DORIS DUKE CENTER
FEE: $200
NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF $100 PER CHILD PER WEEK IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE A SPOT.
FULL PAYMENT DUE 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE START DATE OF EACH CAMP.

PLANT PRODUCTS WORKSHOP
FOR RISING 9-12 GRADE
WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 5-7, 10 AM-3 PM

Humans depend on plants for so many things. Learn to make first-aid supplies, natural self-care products, edible delights and useful tools using parts of plants in this 3-day workshop.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, 10 AM-3 PM • LOCATION: ARRIVAL AND PICKUP AT DORIS DUKE CENTER
FEE: $200
NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF $100 PER CHILD PER WEEK IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE A SPOT.
FULL PAYMENT DUE 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE START DATE OF EACH CAMP.