Field Trip Program

Connecting Children with Nature
"It was very interactive. The kids were highly engaged at all times. It provided great hands-on experiences, without any transportation costs. It was wonderful--Thanks for the amazing opportunity for our students!"
1st grade teacher, Echo Park Elementary, Burnsville

"There was hands-on experience for every student, expanding my English language learners' vocabulary, with good pacing and high interest. Afterward each student was very motivated to continue science learning--thank you for this spark of excitement!"
Kindergarten teacher, Mississippi Creative Arts Magnet School, St. Paul

Bringing Science to Life
Arboretum field trips provide hands-on learning experiences which make school science activities come alive. The school field trip curriculum offers twenty program topics at the Arboretum's Learning Center. Program topics are designed for K-8 students and focus on integrating science with language arts, math, social studies and other areas. Curriculum topics vary by grade level and seasonally utilizing the Arboretum's gardens and native and restored areas that prairie, woodland, and wetlands.

Apple Harvest Field Trip is an opportunity for children to learn about pollination and the essential role of pollinators while having fun seeing apple trees loaded with fruit and making apple cider. In addition there are Reflect & Write activities for students to think about their real-life learning experiences during the field trip, and then complete a writing activity that aligns with Minnesota Language Arts Standards and uses vocabulary from Minnesota Science Standards.

Creating Accessibility
The Arboretum wants to ensure that field trips are accessible to all students regardless of ability to pay. With philanthropic support, the Arboretum is able to offer scholarships to schools with high enrollments of students in the free/reduced lunch program.

Annual Support Needed for Field Trips: $95,000