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MISSION
The Arboretum Education Department creates rich and diverse experiences that connect people of all ages with the living world and with each other.

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TOP 10 SPOTS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

VISITOR CENTER AREA
You Betcha! Willow Palace
Gaze in wonder at the wondrous palace made of twigs, designed by artist Patrick Doherty

Japanese Garden
Sit in the Garden House, listen to the rushing waterfall, count the koi.

Herb Garden
The “scratch-and-sniff” idea started with herbs; rub their leaves gently and try a few!

Bog Boardwalk
Take the boardwalk across Green Heron Pond; look for herons, dragonflies, orchids and tamaracks.

LEARNING CENTER AREA
Learning Center
Explore the interactive exhibits and kid-friendly plants in the “Please Touch” Greenhouse!

Green Play Yard
Natural fun especially designed for ages 5 and under.

Under the Oak Play Yard
Build your own stick fort and test your balance on the “climb on log.”

THREE-MILE DRIVE AREA
Maze Garden
Will you lose yourself? Or find your way through? Try both mazes!

Shade Tree Exhibit
Meet some trees that could live in your yard, and check out the little playhouses.

FARM AT THE ARB
Farm & Bee Center
Visit the historic Red Barn and plots of Minnesota crops. Explore the interactive Bee Center exhibits and see real honey bee hives in action!
AGES 3-5 TOGETHER WITH AN ADULT

$120 member/$140 non-member
Includes all 10 sessions, Arboretum admission, snacks, project, planting supplies

PEAPODS FOR PRESCHOOLERS
SUMMER SERIES 2020
Select a Series
10 Summer Thursdays 9:30-11 a.m.
June 11, 18, 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30,
August 6, 13 & 20
10 Summer Fridays 9:30-11 a.m.
June 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31,
August 7, 14 & 21

Ten weekly themed sessions spark your child’s appreciation for nature through at-your-own-pace activities including planting, art, sensory and science, discovery zones, action and music, story time, Green Play Yard adventures, greenhouse exploration and snack.

Learning Center

AGNES 5-12 TOGETHER WITH AN ADULT

$35 member child/$50 non-member child
Includes Arboretum admission for accompanying adult & materials for 1 project

LET’S GROW VEGGIES TOGETHER!
Saturday, June 13, 9-11 a.m.
Pot up seeds and seedlings of garden vegetables to take home, make and taste delicious veggie treats, and enjoy a tour of the Arboretum’s Market Garden at our new Farm!

LET’S FEED THE BIRDS TOGETHER!
Saturday, July 11, 9-11 a.m.
Plant a sunflower for your yard, build a bird feeder, and make your own batch of delicious almond granola!

LET’S COOK PIZZA TOGETHER!
Saturday, August 8, 9-11 a.m.
Plant wheat to take home and grow, grinding wheat into flour, make and eat your own pizza dough with fresh, healthy veggie toppings!

BEE CENTER EXPERIENCES

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BEE CENTER EXPERIENCES

$15 member/$30 non-member
Includes beekeeping suit & gloves during the program and Arboretum admission

Anyone putting on a beekeeping suit to come outside by the hives must register individually

SPECIAL ACCESS: HONEY BEE HIVE INSPECTION
AGES 6 TO ADULT
Select a Session
Monday, May 25, 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Monday, May 25, 1-2:15 p.m.
Monday, June 29, 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Monday, June 29, 1-2:15 p.m.
Friday, July 31, 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Friday, July 31, 1-2:15 p.m.
Friday, August 28, 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Friday, August 28, 1-2:15 p.m.

Take an up-close look at the inner workings of a honey bee hive by joining in on an inspection of one of the Bee Center’s very own hives. You’ll put on a beekeeping suit, join beekeeper Ping as she opens a hive, and even have a chance to hold a frame of live honey bees. Along the way you’ll learn more about the life of a hive and how we work with these fascinating creatures.

Notes: Children between the ages of 6 - 16 must have an adult present (Adults accompanying children may watch the class from inside through the building viewing windows; Anyone putting on a beekeeping suit to come outside by the hives must register individually); Attendees must wear closed toe shoes; In the case of inclement weather, refunds will be issued

Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Discovery Center

Register at arboretum.umn.edu/TogetherTime.aspx • 612-301-1210
FOR GROUPS (12 or more students)

$6 per student
Includes registration for one child, accompanying chaperones (1 adult : 5-10 students) and all supplies

MISSION: MYSTERY OF TREES
ONE-HOUR SUMMER FIELD TRIP FOR GROUPS
AGES 6 – 12
June 22 - August 14, 2020
Pre-book minimum 2 weeks in advance

Select a Day
Mondays | Tuesdays | Thursdays | Fridays
Select a Time
9:30–10:30 a.m. | 11 a.m.–noon | 1–2 p.m.

Solve a series of Arboretum mysteries as you learn more about our exceptional trees:
• See if you can pick out a tree from a lineup of suspects
• Uncover the mystery of why trees prefer to grow alone
• Use your powers of deduction to find the age of a tree
• Take away a tree-mendous plant of your own!
• Unlock the keys to keeping your plant alive and growing

Sensory Garden, Limit 75 students

WEEKLY CHILDREN’S GARDEN

Fees include Arboretum admission, planting and project supplies, weekly snack and recipe, fresh produce from the garden, Children’s Garden t-shirt and Children’s Garden Harvest Celebration

Grow bushels of produce, kinship, and garden skills! Together with a garden partner, you will receive your very own kid-sized Arboretum garden plot to sow, tend, and harvest all summer long. Each week, creative activities, projects, and recipes change as your gardens come to life. Lessons from the classroom are integrated outside and observed in your garden that is filled with flowers, fruits, and vegetables. Make snacks together in the kitchen using produce and herbs picked from our gardens!

MIGHTY MITES FOR 5 - 7 YEAR OLDS
$185 member/$210 non-member
Select a series
Tuesday Morning Series: 10-11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Afternoon Series: 1-2:30 p.m.
Planting Sundays: May 3 & June 7
Summer Tuesdays: June 16, 23, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11

SEED SOWERS FOR 7 - 9 YEAR OLDS
$225 member/$260 non-member
Monday Series: 1-3:30 p.m.
Planting Saturdays: May 2 & June 6
Summer Mondays: June 15, 22, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10

GARDEN CHEFS FOR 9 - 11 YEAR OLDS
$225 member/$260 non-member
Monday Series: 9-11:30 a.m.
Planting Saturdays: May 2 & June 6
Summer Mondays: June 15, 22, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10

CHILDREN’S GARDEN FAMILY HARVEST CELEBRATION
Wednesday, August 12, 6-7:30 p.m.
Free for all Children’s Garden participants and their families!

Register at arboretum.umn.edu/ChildrensGarden.aspx • 612-301-1210
AGES 5-7: FOUR-DAY SUMMER CAMPS

$125 member/$142 non-member
Includes Arboretum admission, snacks and project supplies

**NATURE’S SUPERHEROES DAY CAMP**
Monday-Thursday, June 22-25, 9 a.m.-noon
Uncover the secret identities of plants and animals as we explore super-strength, super-speed, x-ray vision and invisibility in the natural world.

**NATURE PLAY DAY CAMP**
Select a session
Monday-Thursday, June 22-25, 1-4 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, July 27-30, 1-4 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, August 10-13, 1-4 p.m.
Develop a sense of curiosity and cultivate a love of the natural world through outdoor play and child-led adventures.

**FEATHERS & FOSSILS: A MAGIC SCHOOL BUS ARBORETUM ADVENTURES DAY CAMP**
Monday-Thursday, July 6-9, 9 a.m.-noon
Based on "The Magic School Bus" book series, experience a different bird and fossil-themed adventure each day. Magic School Bus is a trademark of Scholastic Inc; this camp is inspired by (but not affiliated with) the Magic School Bus books.

**FROGS & FORESTS: A MAGIC SCHOOL BUS ADVENTURE DAY CAMP**
Monday-Thursday, July 13-16, 9 a.m.-noon
Based on "The Magic School Bus" book series, experience a different frogs and forest-themed adventure each day. Magic School Bus is a trademark of Scholastic Inc; this camp is inspired by (but not affiliated with) the Magic School Bus books.

**CREATION STATION DAY CAMP**
Select a session
Monday-Thursday, July 20-23, 9 a.m.-noon
Monday-Thursday, August 17-20, 9 a.m.-noon
A not-so-traditional creative summer experience full of variety, fun, and nature-adventures!

**MESS-TIVAL FESTIVAL DAY CAMP**
Monday-Thursday, July 27-30, 9 a.m.-noon
Wacky, wet, gooey, and muddy outdoor adventures keep campers active, laughing, and creating messy projects parents don’t have to clean up!

**WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE DAY CAMP**
Select a session
Monday-Thursday, August 3-6, 9 a.m.-noon
Monday-Thursday, August 10-13, 9 a.m.-noon
Explore the Arboretum’s wonder-filled hidden places while searching for wild things high and low. Where the Wild Things Are is a trademark of Harper Collins Publishers; this camp is inspired by (but not affiliated with) the Where the Wild Things Are book.

**GARDEN HARVEST HOOPLA DAY CAMP**
Monday-Thursday, August 24-27, 9 a.m.-noon
Collect fragrant herbs, delicious vegetables and beautiful flowers, then use the harvest to mix up tasty snacks and create works of art.

**Become an Arboretum Member**
Memberships start at $60. Join today to visit the Arboretum all year long and receive member discounts on classes!

arboretum.umn.edu/Join.aspx 612-301-1257 | member@umn.edu
AGES 7-11: FOUR-DAY SUMMER CAMPS

$125 member/$142 non-member
Includes Arboretum admission, snacks and project supplies

**Full-Day Bundle** Combine Morning and Afternoon sessions to create a full-day experience! See website for details.

**HOGSWOOD FOREST SCHOOL OF MAGIC DAY CAMP**
AGES 7 – 9 Select a Session
Monday-Thursday, June 22-25, 9 a.m.-noon
Monday-Thursday, July 13-16, 9 a.m.-noon
Monday-Thursday, August 24-27, 9 a.m.-noon
AGES 9 – 11 Select a Session
Monday-Thursday, June 22-25, 1-4 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, July 6-9, 1-4 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, July 13-16, 9 a.m.-noon
AGES 11 – 14 see page 15
Study Herbology and Care of Magical Creatures, play Kidditch, brew butter beer, explore the Forbidden Forest, and compete in a friendly tournament!

**MAD SCIENTIST’S LABORATORY DAY CAMP**
AGES 7 – 9
Monday-Thursday, June 22-25, 1-4 p.m.
AGES 9 – 11
Monday-Thursday, June 22-25, 9 a.m.-noon
Mix and make natural science creations like slime, crystals and terrariums. Harness nature’s powers to perform experiments and make tasty treats!

**RAPTORS AND RAVENS DAY CAMP**
AGES 7 – 9
Monday-Thursday, July 6-9, 9 a.m.-noon
AGES 9 – 11
Monday-Thursday, July 6-9, 9 a.m.-noon
Special Guest: Live birds from University of Minnesota Raptor Center
Discover the amazing lives of the winged creatures soaring overhead, nesting in trees, and searching for food.

**PINECRAFT DAY CAMP: TAKE THE WORLD OF MINECRAFT™ OUTDOORS!**
AGES 7 – 9 Select a Session
Monday-Thursday, July 6-9, 1-4 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, August 10-13, 9 a.m.-noon.
Monday-Thursday, August 24-27, 1-4 p.m.
AGES 9 – 11 Select a Session
Monday-Thursday, June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon
Monday-Thursday, July 27-30, 1-4 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, August 3-6, 9 a.m.-noon
Get away from the screen and into the wild, learning about nature through a real outdoor Minecraft™-themed adventure!
NOTE: Not an official Minecraft™ product. Not approved by or associated with Mojang.

**WATER WONDERS DAY CAMP**
AGES 7 – 9 ONLY
Monday-Thursday, July 13-16, 1-4 p.m.
Explore diverse wetland habitats, play wacky water games, build a wondrous water machine, race tiny boats, and go pond dipping for aquatic critters!

**CREATIVE BY NATURE: ARTS AND CRAFTS DAY CAMP**
AGES 7 – 9 Select a Session
Monday-Thursday, July 20-23, 9 a.m.-noon
Monday-Thursday, August 3-6, 9 a.m.-noon
AGES 9 – 11 Select a Session
Monday-Thursday, July 13-16, 1-4 p.m.
Monday - Thursday, July 20-23, 1-4 p.m.
Mix creativity, a love of nature, and a little imagination using the outdoor world as inspiration for fabulous arts and crafts.
WILD ABOUT ANIMALS DAY CAMP
AGES 7 – 9 Select a Session
Monday-Thursday, July 20-23, 1-4 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, July 27-30, 1-4 p.m.
AGES 9 – 11 Select a Session
Monday-Thursday, June 15-18, 1-4 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, July 20-23, 9 a.m.-noon
Special Guest: Live reptiles from The Reptile Experience
Become a wildlife biologist searching for animals using nets, magnifying glasses, binoculars, and field guides.

MESS-TIVAL FESTIVAL DAY CAMP
AGES 7 – 11
Monday-Thursday, July 27-30, 9 a.m.-noon
Wacky, wet, gooey, and muddy outdoor adventures keep campers active, laughing, and creating messy projects parents don’t have to clean up!

FARM, FOOD, FUN! DAY CAMP
AGES 7 – 9
Monday-Thursday, August 3-6, 9 a.m.-noon
AGES 9 – 11
Monday-Thursday, August 3-6, 1-4 p.m.
Special Guest: Farm Animals! At the NEW Farm at the Arb, be awed and inspired by the power of food through exciting hands-on farming, cooking and eating experiences.

OPERATION: INSECT INVESTIGATION
DAY CAMP
AGES 7 – 9
Monday - Thursday, August 10-13, 1-4 p.m.
AGES 9 – 11
Monday-Thursday, August 10-13, 9 a.m.-noon
Get up close and personal with bug! Search for myriad creepy-crawlies in the water, air, and ground.

ARBORETUM EXPEDITION FOR ADVENTURE!
DAY CAMP
AGES 9 – 11 ONLY
Monday-Thursday, August 10-13, 1-4 p.m.
Paddle, cycle, swim, or hike to a new destination each day within the Arboretum and beyond, while discovering scientific concepts and connections to the natural world. See requirements for participation at arboretum.umn.edu/ArbExpeditionDayCamp.aspx

ECO SPY ACADEMY DAY CAMP
AGES 7 – 9
Monday-Thursday, August 17-20, 9 a.m.-noon
AGES 9 – 11
Monday-Thursday, August 17-20, 1-4 p.m.
** TOP SECRET ** Your mission is to develop skills of stealth, awareness and survival for experiments and investigations in chromatography, forensics and code-breaking.

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE COOKING CHALLENGE DAY CAMP
AGES 7 – 9
Monday-Thursday, August 17-20, 1-4 p.m.
AGES 9 – 11
Monday-Thursday, August 17-20, 9 a.m.-noon
Harvest, wash and prepare ingredients from our farm-fresh gardens to create delicious appetizers, salads, snacks, and desserts.
AGES 7-11: FRIDAY FAVORITES MINI CAMPS
$32 member/$36 non-member
Includes Arboretum admission, snacks & project supplies

THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES: A FRIDAY FAVORITE MINI CAMP
Friday, June 26, 9 a.m.-noon
Suit up in beekeeping gear, get an up-close look inside a working honey bee hive, go on a pollinator safari, and taste-test different types of honey!

FORT BUILDING: A FRIDAY FAVORITE MINI CAMP
Friday, July 10, 9 a.m.-noon
Using sticks, rope and other natural material, work together to construct one-of-a-kind shelters!

MUD!: A FRIDAY FAVORITE MINI CAMP
Friday, July 17, 9 a.m.-noon
Create mud crafts, search for critters that live in the mud and eat a “dirt” cup snack. Bring a towel, dry change of clothes and a bag for wet things.

GOOEY, STICKY, FIZZY SCIENCE: A FRIDAY FAVORITE MINI CAMP
Friday, July 24, 9 a.m.-noon
Unleash your inner mad scientist as you craft your own potions and concoctions including ice cream, slimes, exploding foam, and more!

CSI ARBORETUM: A FRIDAY FAVORITE MINI CAMP
Friday, July 31, 9 a.m.-noon
Put your detective skills to work as you use forensic tools and techniques, teamwork, and real science to unlock clues and unravel mysteries.

KITCHEN SCIENCE: A FRIDAY FAVORITE MINI CAMP
Friday, August 7, 9 a.m.-noon
Make delicious plant-based snacks, uncover cooking mysteries, experiment with emulsions, and get gooey with gluten.

OUTDOOR SURVIVAL SKILLS: A FRIDAY FAVORITE MINI CAMP
Friday, August 14, 9 a.m.-noon
Construct an outdoor shelter, make fire starters, prepare a snack using fire, complete an orienteering treasure hunt, and more!

SUMMER’S GREATEST HITS: A FRIDAY FAVORITE MINI CAMP
Friday, August 21, 9 a.m.-noon
An action-packed day filled with crafts, games, science experiments, adventures and surprises!

AGES 11-14: FOUR-DAY SUMMER CAMPS
$125 member/$142 non-member
Includes Arboretum admission, snacks & project supplies

HOGSWOOD FOREST SCHOOL OF MAGIC DAY CAMP
Monday-Thursday, July 13-16, 9 a.m.-noon
Study Herbology and Care of Magical Creatures, play Kidditch, brew butter beer, explore the Forbidden Forest, and compete in a friendly tournament!

SURVIVAL GAMES MASHUP DAY CAMP
Monday-Thursday, July 27-30, 1-4 p.m.
Take a break from the world of screens and immerse yourself in a unique IRL (in real life) outdoor day camp experience where we use popular survival-themed video games and books as inspiration for real-world wilderness adventure games!

ECO-TREK DAY CAMP
Monday-Thursday, August 3-6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Bring your spirit of adventure and teamwork as we take off on hiking, canoeing, swimming, and biking treks that connect us to the natural world throughout the Arboretum and beyond.
See requirements for participation at arboretum.umn.edu/11to14.aspx

FORAGE, FARM, FEAST! DAY CAMP
Monday-Thursday, August 10-13, 1-4 p.m.
Explore the wild foods of the forest and NEW Farm at the Arb! Learn how to identify, harvest, and prepare common wild edible plants!
FREE DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

All activities are FREE with Arboretum gate admission! All ages welcome.

NATURE PLAYTIME FOR WEE ONES
AGES 0 TO 5 WITH AN ADULT
Saturdays, June – September, Drop-in 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Green Play Yard, located outside the Learning Center
Bring your favorite young ones to the Green Play Yard for free, easy activities to do together – both at the Arboretum and at home. Make time to pretend, wonder, create, and feel connected to nature!

PLANTMAKER STUDIO: SUMMER AT THE FARM
ALL AGES
Saturdays & Sundays June-September
Drop-in noon - 4 p.m.
Farm at the Arb - Summer Kitchen
The PlantMaker Studio offers themed “make a plant” experiences. Drop into the Farm to make your own planting project, and for a “taste” of what’s growing this season!

GARDEN FUN STOP: TREE TALES FUN STOP
ALL AGES
Mondays & Saturdays June – September
Drop-in 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Morgan Terrace (behind the Snyder Building)
Feel tree bark, look up close at tree rings, and crack the code of those mysterious tree tags. Learn how to find some of the biggest, oldest, and most interesting trees at the Arboretum!

GARDEN FUN STOP: GREAT GRAINS
ALL AGES
Saturdays & Sundays June – September
Drop-in 12:30 - 3 p.m.
Farm at the Arb
Examine Minnesota’s most important crops and learn how farmers measure the harvest. Explore the farm for special seasonal highlights and activities.

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