

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: 2011 Summer – Fall

Programs are listed by age level. It is our goal to engage you and your child in a conversation that will extend far beyond the Gardens. The programs are fun, imaginative, and challenging. Each program is designed to meet the developmental stage of a child of that age range and reinforce the standard course of study followed by the schools. Please give us your feedback; you are our partner in this and we welcome your input. Thank you and enjoy.

Registration Information: 919-668-1707

- For more information, please call the Gardens registrar at 919-668-1707.
- Programs are available on a first-come, first-served basis; we do maintain waitlists in order to add people to a program as an opening becomes available.
- Class sizes are limited to ensure the best learning experience for all children. We will add sections if demand calls for additions.
- No cancellations are accepted within seven calendar days before a program but we are happy to work with you if schedules become a problem.
- If a program is canceled by the Gardens we will refund any program fee.
- Parking passes are emailed to participants three days before the program date.



NATURE FOR SPROUTS

For children ages 3-5; adult chaperone required

Join us for a month of Friday morning seasonal explorations. Programs incorporate stories, movement, music, outdoor adventures, and creative projects while the children explore plants, habitats, and animals in the Gardens.

4 Fridays, Oct. 7-28, 10:30-11:30 am.

Fee: \$24; Friends \$20

Location: Doris Duke Center

Participant Limit: 12



KNOCK, KNOCK. WHO'S THERE?

For children ages 4-6; adult chaperone required

Tiptoe quietly through the Gardens and find signs of animals at home. Learn who lives in the ground and who lives in a tree. Imagine and then create your own shelter to take home.

Section a: Saturday, Oct. 15, 10-11:30 am.

Fee: \$6; Friends \$5

Location: Doris Duke Center

Participant Limit: 12

Section b: Sunday, Oct. 16, 2-3:30 pm.

Fee: \$6; Friends \$5

Location: Doris Duke Center

Participant Limit: 12



DRIP DROP: Be a raindrop for the day

For children ages 6-8; adult chaperone required

Take a trip through the Gardens pretending you are a raindrop. Where would you go? Create your own water world in a plastic bag to take home.

Section a: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 3-4:30 pm.

Fee: \$6; Friends \$5

Location: Doris Duke Center

Participant Limit: 12

Section b: Saturday, Sept. 24, 10-11:30 am.

Fee: \$6; Friends \$5

Location: Doris Duke Center

Participant Limit: 12

FLYING FLOWERS



For children ages 7-9; adult chaperone required

Butterflies and dragonflies flit around just like flying flowers. Learn more about these magical creatures as we track them through the Gardens.

Section a: Thursday, Sept. 1, 3-4:30 pm.
Fee: \$6; Friends \$5

Location: Doris Duke Center
Participant Limit: 12

Section b: Saturday, Sept. 17, 10-11:30 am.
Fee: \$6; Friends \$5

Location: Doris Duke Center
Participant Limit: 12

SHADOW WORLD



For children ages 8-9; adult is welcome to stay

Investigate light, shade, and temperature as we explore both cool and warm spots in the Gardens. Imagine a world without shady trees.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 10-11:30 am.
Fee: \$6; Friends \$5

Location: Doris Duke Center
Participant Limit: 12

FOOD FIGHT



For children ages 10-12; adult is welcome to stay

Animals spend much of their time foraging and collecting food. Work with us to complete a scientific experiment on animal foraging. In the first class we will set up the experiment; the second class will focus on results and conclusions.

2 Saturdays, Nov. 12 and 19, 1-3 pm.
Fee: \$12; Friends \$10

Location: Doris Duke Center
Participant Limit: 12

SHELTER



For children ages 10-12; adult is welcome to stay

All animals, even you, need shelter from wind, weather, and water. We will work together to build shelters and then measure their effectiveness using baked potatoes and a thermometer. It's a fun way to learn about life in the cold.

Saturday, Dec. 10, 9 am.-noon.
Fee: \$10; Friends \$8

Location: Doris Duke Center
Participant Limit: 12

FREE DROP-IN PROGRAMS: These programs require no advance registration or fee. Please join us as your schedule allows.



NATURE STORYTIME: Free drop-in book club

For children ages 5-8; adult chaperone required

Celebrate the season with a story read aloud to the group out in the Gardens. Each story relates to the season or garden spot. Let's read together and then discuss the garden connection. Please go to our website the Monday before class to see an announcement of the book to be read that week.

Saturdays: Aug. 20, 27; Sept. 10, 24; Oct. 1, 22; Nov. 5, 19, from 10:30-11:30 am.

Location: TBA at the front desk in the Doris Duke Center.

No registration and no participation limits

NATURE RANGER CART: Free drop-in activities; adult chaperone required

Plan to visit our traveling science cart in the Gardens with creative adventures for all. Please go to our website the Monday before to see an announcement of the activity.

All Friday mornings in Sept. and Oct. from 10 am. to noon.

Location: In the Gardens at the Terraces.

No registration and no participation limits

FALL FAMILY FUN: Free drop-in activities; adult chaperone required

Join us on Sundays from mid-Sept. through mid-Oct to enjoy several activity stations or displays. Each week we will focus on a few science or craft projects, often including something to make and take home. Learn about fall foliage, explore an animal's preparation for winter, and discover the wonders of the outdoors. Please go to our website for a full schedule / locations map of activities and displays.

Sundays, Sept. 18 – Oct. 9, from noon to 3 p.m.

Location: TBA on the website and at the front desk in the Doris Duke Center

No registration required and no participation limits.

FAMILY BACKPACKS: Free self-guided activities; adult chaperone required

Explore the Gardens as a family. Backpacks full of garden activities are available at the information desk in the Doris Duke Center. Refundable deposit of \$5 retained until pack is returned.

