CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Camp CBG

Camp CBG offers exciting and enriching learning experiences for your child, with programs for children ages 2 to 15. All camps incorporate nature exploration, inquiry-based activities, games, hands-on projects, and planting.

At this time, we are planning for camp to take place within COVID-19 Phase 5. Therefore, we are bringing back our My First Camp, Cooking Camp, and Leaders-in-Training programs. We will also be offering Before- and After-Care again.

Members may register early, beginning January 5. Registration opens to everyone on January 12. As always, Garden Plus members receive a 20 percent discount on camps.

Visit chicagobotanic.org/camp for complete information about current COVID guidelines, registration, membership, cancellation policies, and special attention services.

My First Camps

A smaller version of Camp CBG for little ones with their grown-ups

My First Camp Age 2

Born on or before September 1, 2020

Our early childhood parent-child camp focuses on the joy of exploring the natural world with a caring adult. Each camp is inspired by a classic tale from children's literature. Campers and their adults spend time together each day learning, exploring, and creating. Camp meets Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please note: An adult must accompany each registered child. Please do not bring unregistered children, including siblings, to camp. Nursing mothers may call (847) 835-8361 to make arrangements.

\$38/\$48 per child per week | Learning Campus 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. – noon Dates as noted below

Flower Power

Budding gardeners will get dirty working in the garden, explore garden critters, and learn about the life cycle of plants. Busy hands will dig, plant, water, sort seeds, and harvest with real tools and experience the thrill of growing something.

June 14 & 16 July 19 & 21

Muddy Buddies

Create in this camp that focuses on exploratory processes and the beauty of fleeting, ephemeral art. Young campers will use natural materials such as water, bark, leaves, grass, and mud as they paint, draw, weave, and build. July 12 & 14

August 9 & 11

Sticks and Stones

Curious children will take a deep dive in this nature-play-focused camp. We will explore all types of natural elements and loose parts through sensory play—mud, sand, wind, plants, sticks, and animal habitats. June 28 & 30 August 2 & 4

Wonderful Water

Little scientists will investigate water in this exploration- and observation-focused camp. Campers will observe how water changes, use tools to practice measuring and scooping, and play with colorful liquid and solid water. June 21 & 23 July 26 & 28

My First Camp Age 3 Born on or before September 1, 2019

Our early childhood parent-child camp focuses on the joy of exploring the natural world with a caring adult. Each camp is inspired by a classic tale from children's literature. Campers and their adults spend time together each day learning, exploring, and creating. Camp meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Please note: An adult must accompany each registered child. Please do not bring unregistered children, including siblings, to camp. Nursing mothers may call (847) 835-8361 to make arrangements.

\$57/\$72 per child per week | Learning Campus 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. – noon Dates as noted below

Flower Power

Budding gardeners will get dirty working in the garden, explore garden critters, and learn about the life cycle of plants. Busy hands will dig, plant, water, sort seeds, and harvest with real tools and experience the thrill of growing something. June 13, 15, and 17

July 18, 20, and 22

Muddy Buddies

Create in this camp that focuses on exploratory processes and the beauty of fleeting, ephemeral art. Young campers will use natural materials such as water, bark, leaves, grass, and mud as they paint, draw, weave, and build. July 11, 13, and 15 August 8, 10, and 12

Sticks and Stones

Curious children will take a deep dive in this nature-play-focused camp. We will explore all types of natural elements and loose parts through sensory play—mud, sand, wind, plants, sticks, and animal habitats. June 27, 29, and July 1

August 1, 3, and 5



Wonderful Water

Little scientists will investigate water in this exploration- and observation-focused camp. Campers will observe how water changes, use tools to practice measuring and scooping, and play with colorful liquid and solid water.

June 20, 22, and 24 July 25, 27, and 29

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Camps for Grades K – 8

June Adventure Camp

Grades 1 – 4 Grades 5 – 8

\$77/\$96 per child per day | Learning Campus Each day, campers will visit a different area of the Garden, conduct a science investigation, dabble in art, and prepare their own healthy snack as they learn more about the natural world at the Garden. Sign up for single days or the whole week. Pack a water bottle and nut-free lunch daily. June 6 – 10, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July Adventure Camp Grades 1 – 4 Grades 5 – 8

\$77/\$96 per child per day | Learning Campus Each day, campers will visit a different area of the Garden, conduct a science investigation, dabble in art, and prepare their own healthy snack as they learn more about the natural world at the Garden. Sign up for single days or the whole week. Pack a water bottle and nut-free lunch daily. July 6 – 8, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

August Adventure Camp Grades 1 – 4

\$385/\$481 per child | Learning Campus

Campers will work in age-appropriate groups in summer camp activities with a botanical twist: capture the flag, scavenger hunt, dance party, s'mores and campfire, along with new art, science, and nature activities. Pack a water bottle, nut-free lunch, and snack daily. August 8 - 12, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Green Sprouts Half-Day

PreK – Kindergarten Most children are 4 or 5

\$181/\$227 per child per camp | Learning Campus Monday through Friday, dates and times as noted below

Bug Brigade

Is your child fascinated by bugs? Children will get up-close and personal with butterflies and bees, learn how their favorite insects see, and make a bug sucker to collect and study insects. June 27 – July 1, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 25 – 29, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Fun with Physics

Green Sprouts will perform basic physical science experiments and discover the laws that rule the natural world. They'll explore why items sink or float, discover how magnets work, and learn about static electricity.

July 11 – 15, 9:30 a.m. – noon August 8 – 12, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Garden Expedition

Young ecologists will investigate trees, leaves, prairie plants, and aquatic creatures, discovering all that the natural world of Illinois has to offer. They'll learn how to preserve these wonders for future generations.

June 13 – 17, 12:30 – 3 p.m. August 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. - noon

Habitat Hunters

Habitat Hunters will explore the different habitats the Garden has to offer, learn how to track animals, and make a habitat for one of the creatures that live here.

June 27 – July 1, 12:30 – 3 p.m. August 1 – 5, 9:30 a.m. - noon

Hidden Treasures

Campers will use a map to find their way, create a treasure chest, and dig up a treasure to keep. They'll also bring home a plant with a hidden treasure to share. June 20 - 24, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

July 18 – 22, 9:30 a.m. - noon

Mad Scientists

Young explorers wonder how fireflies glow, why leaves change, whether fish sleep, or just why. They'll find these answers and many more as they become not-so-mad scientists. August 1 - 5, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Nature Art

Explore all the ways to make art from nature. Green Sprouts will use the sun's power to make prints and dyes, use clay for sculpture, and become inspired by flowers with watercolor painting.

June 20 – 24, 9:30 a.m. – noon July 18 – 22, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Sprouting Wizards

Kids become science wizards as they explore basic chemistry and the properties of solids, liquids, and gases through experimentation. No need to bring magic wands...we'll make our own. June 13 – 17, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Super Seedlings

Campers will dig, plant, water, weed, and sow in the Garden. Working together, they'll create a garden, practice seed dissection, and become true gardeners.

July 11 – 15, 12:30 – 3 p.m. July 25 – 29, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Green Sprouts Full-Day

PreK – Kindergarten

Most children are 4 or 5

\$399/\$499 per child per camp | Learning Campus Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Creative Kids

Campers will let their creativity shine with inspiration from all around the Garden. Each day, they will use natural materials to create art and build projects.

June 13 – 17, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 11 – 15, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Exploring Outdoors

Does your child love to move? Campers will practice fun outdoor skills like tree climbing and hiking and learn about how bugs and animals move.

June 20 – 24, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 18 – 22, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. August 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sensational Science

Each day, young scientists will explore one of their senses in nature. Campers will see like a bug, listen for birds, and plant an herb garden to taste at home.

June 27 – July 1, 9: 30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 25 – 29, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Green Thumbs Half-Day

Grades 1 – 2

Most children are 6 or 7 \$175/\$219 per child per camp | Learning Campus Monday through Friday, dates and times as noted below

Art in the Garden

Green Thumbs discover different natural artistic styles while they explore the Garden. They'll sculpt with clay, make plant dyes, and create their own paper.

June 20 – 24, 12:30 – 3 p.m. July 18 – 22, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Digging into Math

Campers will search for numbers and shapes in nature in this STEM-focused camp. Each day's activities will unveil mathematical patterns in the world around us.

August 1 – 5, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Expert Wizardry

Young wizards will discover the magic of science as they create strange potions and perform unbelievable experiments while learning basic chemistry. No book of spells necessary—we'll make our own.

June 13 – 17, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Explore Your World

Curious campers will learn about the natural world through guided exploration and discovery by visiting the many habitats at the Garden. They'll also learn how to help preserve these habitats.

June 27 – July 1, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Grossology

Campers will uncover the science behind "gross" things around and inside them as they explore slimy and smelly natural phenomena. They'll use their observation skills along with scientific tools. July 18 - 20, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Insect Investigation

Bug lovers, unite! Green Thumbs will search for insect homes, make insect display cases, and create insect-vision glasses to take home. June 27 – July 1, 12:30 – 3 p.m. July 25 – 29, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Kinetic Kids

Budding physicists will discover cool science tricks, explore the laws of motion, and perform physical science experiments with toys. June 13 - 17, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 11 – 15, 9:30 a.m. – noon July 25 – 29, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 11 – 15, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Wildlife Wanderers

journal.

Plant People

garden cultivation.

Treasure Hunt

June 20 - 24, 9:30 a.m. - noon

August 1 - 5, 9:30 a.m. - noon

Green Thumbs Full-Day

Grades 1 – 2 Most children are 6 or 7 \$385/\$481 per child per camp | Learning Campus Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Young horticulturists will explore the fascinating

life cycle of plants with plenty of opportunity for

scientific discovery, hands-on experiments, and

Campers will develop map-reading skills, use

compasses, and discover how archaeologists

map and find secret plant treasures too.

Junior ecologists will study creatures on the

ground, in the air, and in the water. Create a

animal tracks, and record everything in your

science kit, plant a terrarium, identify trees and

excavate sites. They will create a hidden treasure

New! Growing Artists

Does your child enjoy the arts? Campers will explore the Garden with art, movement, and planting activities that encourage creative expression.

June 27 – July 1, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 25 – 29, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Outdoor Skills

Does your child love to explore? Green Thumbs will learn all about nature through movement as they hike, run, jump, and climb around the Garden.

June 20 – 24, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 18 – 22, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Super Scientists

Campers will investigate fascinating adaptations in nature: carnivorous plants that lure in unsuspecting bugs, animals that can see in the dark, insects that can lift more than 1,000 times their weight, and more.

June 13 – 17, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 11 – 15, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. August 1 – 5, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Explorers Half-Day

Grades 3 – 4 Most children are 8 or 9

\$175/\$219 per child per camp | Learning Campus Monday through Friday, dates and times as noted below

Engineering Investigations

STEM is the focus, and campers will solve different engineering problems every day by designing solutions. Engineer towers, water, transportation, flight, and a final day of challenges.

June 20 – 24, 12:30 – 3 p.m. July 25 – 29, 9:30 a.m. – noon



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Garden Photography

Campers will discover how the art of photography has been inspired by nature. Focusing on the work of famous photographers, campers will learn composition and framing while taking photos around the Garden with digital cameras.

June 27 – July 1, 12:30 – 3 p.m. July 11 – 15, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Forensic Files

This year's all-new mystery will require young CSI team members to try investigative techniques used by the pros to help us get to the bottom of this summer's hot case.

July 18 – 22, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Garden Caching

A new Garden adventure awaits. Explorers will search for hidden caches using compasses, maps, and GPS as they learn the etiquette of geocaching. They'll also create a cache for others to find.

July 18 - 22, 9:30 a.m. - noon

Garden Spa

Create plant-based products for yourself and your home. Campers will make their own soap and lip balm, discover how herbs and essential oils can make soothing sachets or potpourri, and make their own tea blend.

June 13 – 17, 12:30 – 3 p.m. August 1 – 5, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Konnichiwa Japan

It's time for immersion in Japanese culture as we explore Sansho-En, learn the art of bonsai, create sushi-inspired snacks, discover the art of calligraphy, and visit the Shoin House.

June 27 – July 1, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Making Art Supplies

Art-inspired campers will make their own materials to create masterpieces. This hands-on experience will include papermaking, chalk and chalkboards, watercolors, stencils, ink, and more. June 13 – 17, 9:30 a.m. – noon July 11 – 15, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Math Mysteries in the Garden

Campers will investigate the amazing mathematical patters found in nature: spider webs, honeycombs, sunflowers, and more. They'll discover the science and math behind the beauty as they explore the Garden. August 1 – 5, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Surviving Outdoors

Explorers will discover the secrets pioneers used to find water, make a collection of safe and useful plants, create a shelter, and learn how to predict weather and storms.

June 20 – 24, 9:30 a.m. – noon July 25 – 29, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Explorers Full-Day

Grades 3 – 4

Most children are 8 or 9

\$385/\$481 per child per camp | Learning Campus Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Adaptation Investigation

Explorers will learn about plant, animal, and human adaptations while using the scientific process. Campers will enjoy hands-on ecology, botany, physics, and chemistry.

June 27 – July 1, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 25 – 29, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Multimedia Makers

Calling all creative thinkers! While exploring the Garden, campers will use creative multimedia expression, including art, engineering, movement, and planting.

June 20 – 24, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 18 – 22, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Nature Quests

Does your child love a challenge? Campers will keep their bodies and minds active with tree climbing, hiking, team building, and more. June 13 – 17, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 11 – 15, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. August 1 – 5, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.



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Adventurers

Grades 5 – 7

Most children are 10 to 12

Pack a water bottle, nut-free lunch, and snack daily. \$385/\$481 per child per camp | Learning Campus Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Artistic Skills

Artists will introduce Adventurers to the use of various media to create their own art. Using the Garden as a backdrop, students will develop their photography, sculpture, and drawing skills. They will explore the use of natural materials and learn various tricks of the trade used by professional artists.

June 27 – July 1, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. August 1 - 5, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fantastic Plants

Adventurers will explore the fascinating world of botany. Campers will examine plants in their natural habitats as well as under a microscope, conducting experiments to understand what makes plants work and why they are essential for our survival.

June 20 - 24, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. July 25 – 29, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

New! Survival Skills

Campers will explore the Garden and gain important skills for outdoor adventures. They will learn how to navigate, forage, and build a campfire to develop a deeper connection to the natural world around them.

July 11 – 15, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. August 8 - 12, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Field Science

What does an ecologist do at the Garden? Adventurers will discover what scientists do as they explore the Garden's native Illinois habitats. Campers will conduct studies in our prairie, wetland, and woodland habitats, becoming familiar with native species. They will perform their own surveys, identifications, and field observations.

June 13 - 17, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. July 18 - 22, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Leaders in Training

Grades 8 - 10 Ages 13 – 15 \$440 | Learning Campus Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Over the course of two weeks, each Leader in Training (LIT) participant will work with the LIT coordinator every morning on a new topic

focusing on life skills that will help them in future job searches, taking leadership roles at school, and even college preparation. Then, they will immerse themselves in camp for the afternoon. Upon finishing their two weeks, LITs will have the option to volunteer with Camp CBG

Applications will be available in December, interviews will begin in January, and placement will be confirmed within two weeks of the interview. For an application and more information about the LIT program, please contact the camp manager at alabus@chicagobotanic.org. June 13 - 24, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ITW Kitchen Camps

Cooking campers will cook up something good each day in our teaching kitchen. Each camp focuses on vegetables and fruits harvested from the Garden (when available) and healthy recipes. Camp tuition includes materials fee.

Please note: We will make every attempt to accommodate participants with food allergies by substituting alternative ingredients as needed. However, our kitchen is not certified gluten-free and it is not kosher. Kindly consider your child's needs before enrolling in any camp involving cooking and food.

\$412/\$515 per child per camp | ITW Kitchen Classroom, Learning Campus Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cooking A – Z

Grades 1 – 2 Most children are 6 or 7

The kitchen challenge this week is to make recipes that use ingredients that start with every letter of the alphabet. Campers will make a new recipe every day, and will bring home an A – Z recipe book at the end of the week. Pack a nut-free lunch that does not require refrigeration. June 27 – July 1, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 25 - 29, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Botany in the Kitchen Grades 3 – 4 Most children are 8 or 9

This new full-day camp allows young chefs to spend more time in the kitchen. Campers will review kitchen safety, learn how to properly hold a knife and chop, cook savory and sweet muffins, create homemade spaghetti sauce, and more. Pack a nut-free lunch that does not require refrigeration.

June 13 – 17, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 11 – 15, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. August 8 - 12, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cuisine Grades 5 - 7 Most children are 10 to 12

Campers will discuss menu techniques and preparation; learn principles of cooking with fruits, vegetables, and grains; improve knife-handling skills; and learn the importance of kitchen safety, setting a table, plating dishes, and creating a healthy meal. Pack a nut-free lunch that does not require refrigeration.

Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. June 20 – 24, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 18 – 22, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. August 1 – 5, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Other Camp Programs

Before- and After-Camp Care Grades preK to 7 (ages 4 - 12)

Supervised before- and after-camp care is available. Activities include games, art projects, and gardening. More information is available on the Camp CBG webpage. June 15 – August 14

Morning Care: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

\$60 per week per camper | Learning Campus

Afternoon Care: 3 – 5:30 p.m.

\$75 per week per camper | Learning Campus No member discount for Before- or After-Camp Care.

Camp CBG Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made by May 31, 2022, will be refunded at 75 percent of the total fee. Transfers will be granted until May 31, 2022, at no cost. Registration fees are nontransferable after that date.

Cancellations made on June 1, 2022, or later will not be refunded. Registrations made after June 1 are included in this policy. To cancel or change your registration, please call (847) 835-6801.

If your child is unable to attend camp due to medical reasons, you may receive a refund (minus a 10 percent administration fee) at any time prior to the start of camp by providing a doctor's note. We are unable to refund for missed days of camp.

The Garden reserves the right to cancel a camp due to low enrollment or Garden closure.

Camps canceled by the Garden because of low enrollment or Garden closure will be fully refunded.



Camp CBG Schedule

		Week 1 6/6-6/10	Week 2 6/13-6/17	Week 3 6/20-24	Week 4 6/27-7/1	Week 5 7/6-7/8	Week 6 7/11-7/15	Week 7 7/18-7/22	Week 8 7/25-7/29	Week 9 8/1-8/5	Week 10 8/8-8/12
7:30-9:30 a.m.			Before Care	Before Care	Before Care		Before Care	Before Care	Before Care	Before Care	Before Care
My First Camp 2-3 year olds	9:30- 10:30 a.m.		Flower Power	Wonderful Water	Sticks & Stones		Muddy Buddies	Flower Power	Wonderful Water	Sticks & Stones	Muddy Buddies
	11 a.m. - noon		Flower Power	Wonderful Water	Sticks & Stones		Muddy Buddies	Flower Power	Wonderful Water	Sticks & Stones	Muddy Buddies
Green Sprouts Pre K-K	9:30 a.m. — noon		Sprouting Wizards	Nature Art	Bug Brigade		Fun With Physics	Hidden Treasures	Super Seedlings	Habitat Hunters	Garden Expedition
	12:30 — 3 p.m.		Garden Expedition	Hidden Treasures	Habitat Hunters		Super Seedlings	Nature Art	Bug Brigade	Mad Scientists	Fun with Physics
	9:30 a.m. – 3 pm		Creative Kids	Exploring Outdoors	Sensational Science		Creative Kids	Exploring Outdoors	Sensational Science	Creative Kids	Exploring Outdoors
Green Thumbs Grades 1-2	9:30 a.m. — noon	June Adventure Camp Gr 1-4	Kinetic Kids	Plant People	Explore Your World	July Adventure Camp Gr 1-4	Wildlife Wanderers	Art in the Garden	Insect Investigation	Plant People	August Adventure Camp Gr 1-4
	12:30 – 3 p.m.		Expert Wizardry	Art in the Garden	Insect Investigation		Treasure Hunt	Grossology	Wildlife Wanderers	Digging Into Math	
	9:30 a.m. — 3 pm		Super Scientists	Outdoor Skills	Growing Artists		Super Scientists	Outdoor Skills	Growing Artists	Super Scientists	
Explorers Grades 3-4	9:30 a.m. — noon		Making Art Supplies	Surviving Outdoors	Konnichiwa Japan		Garden Photography	Garden Caching	Engineering Investigations	Math Mysteries in the Garden	
	12:30 — 3 p.m.		Garden Spa	Engineering Investigations	Garden Photography		Making Art Supplies	Forensic Files	Surviving Outdoors	Garden Spa	
	9:30 a.m. – 3 pm		Nature Quests	Multimedia Makers	Adaptation Investigation		Nature Quests	Multimedia Makers	Adaptation Investigation	Nature Quests	
Adventures Grades 5-7	9:30 a.m. — 3 pm	June Adventure Camp Gr 5-8	Field Science	Fantastic Plants	Artistic Skills	July Adventure Camp Gr 5-8	Survival Skills	Field Science	Fantastic Plants	Artistic Skills	Survival Skills
Cooking	9:30 a.m. — 3 pm		Botany in the Kitchen	Cuisine	Cooking A-Z		Botany in the Kitchen	Cuisine	Cooking A-Z	Cuisine	Botany in the Kitchen
Leaders in Training Grades 8-10 - 3 bw - 3 bw			Leaders in Training								
3 – 5:30 p.m.			After Care	After Care	After Care		After Care	After Care	After Care	After Care	After Care

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