

Camp CBG Schedule

		Week 1 6/8-6/12	Week 2 6/15-6/19	Week 3 6/22-6/26	Week 4 6/29-7/3	Week 5 7/6-7/10	Week 6 7/13-7/17	Week 7 7/20-7/24	Week 8 7/27-7/31	Week 9 8/3-8/7
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	Sticks & Stones	Wonderful Water	Muddy Buddies	Flower Power	Sticks & Stones	Wonderful Water	Muddy Buddies
	11 a.m. – noon		Flower Power	Sticks & Stones	Wonderful Water	Muddy Buddies	Flower Power	Sticks & Stones	Wonderful Water	Muddy Buddies
Green Sprouts PreK-K	9:30 a.m. – noon		Super Seedlings	Nature Art	Bug Brigade	Super Seedlings	Feathered Friends	Fun with Physics	Garden Expedition	
			Fun with Physics	Hidden Treasures	Tag, You're It!	Nature Art	Bug Brigade	Tag, You're It!	Budding Builders	
	12:30 – 3 p.m.		Budding Builders	Making Music	Habitat Hunters	Making Music	Nature Art	Habitat Hunters	Hidden Treasures	
			Sprouting Wizards	Feathered Friends	Budding Builders	Hidden Treasures	Garden Expedition	Bug Brigade	Sprouting Wizards	
	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.		Exploring Outdoors	Sensational Science	Creative Kids	Exploring Outdoors	Sensational Science	Creative Kids	Exploring Outdoors	Creative Kids Sensational Science
Green Thumbs Grades 1-2	9:30 a.m. – noon		Plant People	Expert Wizardry	Wildlife Wanderers	Kinetic Kids	Garden Games	Art in the Garden	Digging Into Math	
	12:30 – 3 p.m.		Treasure Hunt	Insect Investigation	Art in the Garden	Weather Wonders	Insect Investigation	Aspiring Engineers	Wildlife Wanderers	
	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	June Adventure Camp Grades 1-4	Growing Artists	Outdoor Skills	Super Scientists	Growing Artists	Outdoor Skills	Super Scientists	Growing Artists	August Adventure Camp Grades 1-4
Explorers Grades 3-4	9:30 a.m. – noon		Engineering Investigations	Konnichiwa Japan	Surviving Outdoors	Making Art Supplies	Garden Photography	Game On	Surviving Outdoors	
	12:30 – 3 p.m.		Making Art Supplies	Garden Photography	Garden Spa	Engineering Investigations	Treasure Caching	Garden Spa	Math Mysteries at the Garden	
	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.		Nature Quests	Adaptation Investigation	Multimedia Makers	Nature Quests	Adaptation Investigation	Multimedia Makers	Nature Quests	
Traitblazers Grades 5-7	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	June Adventure Camp Grades 5-8	Fantastic Plants	Survival Skills	Artistic Skills	Field Science	Fantastic Plants	Survival Skills	Artistic Skills	Field Science
Cooking	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.		Botany in the Kitchen	Cooking A-Z	Cuisine	Botany in the Kitchen	Cooking A-Z	Cuisine	Botany in the Kitchen	Cooking A-Z
Leaders in Training Grades 8-10	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.		Leaders in Training							
3 – 5:30 p.m.		After Care	After Care	After Care	After Care	After Care	After Care	After Care	After Care	After Care

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REGENSTEIN SCHOOL

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.

Household Plus members may register early, beginning January 21. Registration opens to everyone on January 28. As always, Household Plus members of the Garden receive a 20 percent discount on camps.

Visit chicagobotanic.org/camp for complete information about 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, 2024

Our early childhood parent-child camp focuses on the joy of exploring the natural world with a caring adult. Campers and their adults spend time together each day learning, exploring, and creating. Each session will combine developmentally appropriate structured group activities and free play time. This is a two-day program that meets on 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.

\$44/\$55 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, exploring garden critters, and learning 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 16 and 18
July 14 and 16

Muddy Buddies

Create in this camp focused 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 7 and 9
August 4 and 6

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 using mud, sand, wind, plants, sticks, and animal habitats.

June 23 and 25
July 21 and 23

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 water and ice.

June 30 and July 2
July 28 and 30

My First Camp Age 3

Born on or before September 1, 2023

Our early childhood parent-child camp focuses on the joy of exploring the natural world with a caring adult. Campers and their adults spend time together each day learning, exploring, and creating. Each session will combine developmentally appropriate structured group activities and free play time. This is a three-day program that meets on 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.

\$65/\$82 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, exploring garden critters, and learning 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 15, 17, and 19
July 13, 15, and 17

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 6, 8, and 10
August 3, 5, and 7

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 using mud, sand, wind, plants, sticks, and animal habitats.

June 22, 24, and 26
July 20, 22, and 24

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 water and ice.

June 29, July 1 and 3
July 27, 29, and 31



Camps for Grades K – 8

June Adventure Camp

Grades 1 – 4

Grades 5 – 8

\$86/\$108 per child per day | Learning Campus

Each day, campers will visit a different area of the Garden, conduct a science investigation, and dabble in art, as they learn more about the natural world. Sign up for single days or the whole week. Pack a water bottle and nut-free lunch daily.

June 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.



August Adventure Camp

Grades 1 – 4

\$432/\$540 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 3 – 7, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Green Sprouts Half Day

PreK – Kindergarten

Born on or before September 1, 2022

\$204/\$255 per child per camp | Learning Campus

Monday through Friday, dates and times as noted below

Budding Builders

Does your camper love to build? From cork boats and stick forts to make-and-take sculptures, their imaginations will be the only limit to their creations!

June 15 – 19, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

June 29 – July 3, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 27 – 31, 9:30 a.m. – noon

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 29 – July 3, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 13 – 17, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 20 – 24, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

NEW Feathered Friends

Campers will explore the Garden as they look for birds and learn about their habitats and behaviors. They'll also work together to build a giant nest to play in.

June 22 – 26, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 13 – 17, 9:30 a.m. – noon

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.

June 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 20 – 24, 9:30 a.m. – noon

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.

July 13 – 17, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 27 – 31, 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 29 – July 3, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 20 – 24, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

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 22 – 26, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 6 – 10, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 27 – 31, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Making Music

Campers will rock and roll around the Garden, participating in singing, percussion activities, and discovering the natural music that surrounds us here at the Garden.

June 22 – 26, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 6 – 10, 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 22 – 26, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 6 – 10, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 13 – 17, 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 15 – 19, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 27 – 31, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

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.

June 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 6 – 10, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Tag, You're It!

Campers will have lots of fun exploring the Garden and making friends as they play classic outdoor games and engage in camper-led nature play.

June 29 – July 3, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 20 – 24, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Green Sprouts Full Day

PreK – Kindergarten

Born on or before September 1, 2022

\$448/\$560 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 29 – July 3

July 20 – 24

August 3 – 7

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 15 – 19

July 6 – 10

July 27 – 31

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 22 – 26

July 13 – 17

August 3 – 7

Green Thumbs Half Day

Grades 1 – 2

Born on or before September 1, 2020

\$197/\$247 per child per camp | Learning Campus
Monday through Friday, dates and times as noted below

Aspiring Engineers

Campers who love to build and make things will have a blast working on their problem-solving skills while creating.

July 20 – 24, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

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 29 – July 3, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 20 – 24, 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.

July 27 – 31, 9:30 a.m. – noon

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 22 – 26, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Garden Games

It's game time at the Garden! Campers will play classic outdoor games like capture the flag and work together to create new games too.

July 13 – 17, 9:30 a.m. – noon

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 22 – 26, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 13 – 17, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Kinetic Kids

Budding physicists will discover cool science tricks, explore the laws of motion, and perform physical science experiments with toys.

July 6 – 10, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Plant People

Young horticulturists will explore the fascinating life cycle of plants, with plenty of opportunity for scientific discovery, hands-on experiments, and garden cultivation.

June 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon



Treasure Hunt

Campers will develop map-reading skills, use compasses, and discover how archaeologists excavate sites. They will create a hidden treasure map and find secret plant treasures too.

July 15 – 19, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

NEW Weather Wonders

Young meteorologists will explore ways to predict the weather and will create their own scientific tools to measure the rain and wind.

July 6 – 10, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Wildlife Wanderers

Junior ecologists will study creatures on the ground, in the air, and in the water. Create a science kit, plant a terrarium, identify trees and animal tracks, and record everything in your journal.

June 29 – July 3, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 27 – 31, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Green Thumbs Full Day

Grades 1 – 2

Born on or before September 1, 2020

\$432/\$540 per child per camp | Learning Campus
Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Growing Artists

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

June 15 – 19

July 6 – 10

July 27 – 31

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 22 – 26

July 13 – 17

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 29 – July 3

July 20 – 24

Explorers Half Day

Grades 3 – 4

Born on or before September 1, 2018

\$197/\$247 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. They will build towers, water systems, transportation methods, flight mechanisms, and tackle a final day of challenges.

June 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 6 – 10, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Game On

It's time to get outside and have fun. Campers will work together to solve team-building challenges, play some well-known outdoor games, and design their own obstacle course.

July 20 – 24, 9:30 a.m. – noon

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 22 – 26, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 13 – 17, 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 29 – July 3, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 20 – 24, 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 22 – 26, 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 15 – 19, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 6 – 10, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Math Mysteries in the Garden

Campers will investigate the amazing mathematical patterns found in nature: spiderwebs, honeycombs, sunflowers, and more. They'll discover the science and math behind the beauty as they explore the Garden.

July 27 – 31, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

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 29 – July 3, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 27 – 31, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Treasure 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 13 – 17, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Explorers Full Day

Grades 3 – 4

Born on or before September 1, 2018

\$432/\$540 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 22 – 26

July 13 – 17

Multimedia Makers

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

June 29 – July 3

July 20 – 24

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 15 – 19

July 6 – 10

July 27 – 31

Trailblazers

Grades 5 – 7

Born on or before September 1, 2016

Pack a water bottle, nut-free lunch, and snack daily.

\$432/\$540 per child per camp | Learning Campus

Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Artistic Skills

Artists will introduce Trailblazers to 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 29 – July 3

July 27 – 31

Fantastic Plants

Trailblazers 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 15 – 19

July 13 – 17

Field Science

What does an ecologist do at the Garden?

Trailblazers 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.

July 6 – 10

August 3 – 7

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.

June 22 – 26

July 20 – 24

Leaders in Training

Grades 8 – 10

Ages 13 – 15

\$465 | 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 Annie Labus-Silvain, camp manager, at alabus@chicagobotanic.org.

June 15 – 26, 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.
\$462/\$578 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

Born on or before September 1, 2020

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 22 – 26

July 13 – 17

August 3 – 7

Botany in the Kitchen

Grades 3 – 4

Born on or before September 1, 2018

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 15 – 19

July 6 – 10

July 27 – 31

Cuisine

Grades 5 – 7

Born on or before September 1, 2016

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.

June 29 – July 3

July 20 – 24



Extended Care

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

Supervised before- and after-camp care is available. Activities may include games, art projects, and gardening.

June 15 – August 7

Morning Care: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

\$68 per week per camper | Learning Campus

Afternoon Care: 3 – 5:30 p.m.

\$88 per week per camper | Learning Campus

No member discount for Before- or After-Camp Care.

Lunch Bunch

Grades preK to 4 (ages 4 – 9)

Camp CBG offers a supervised lunch period for Green Sprouts, Green Thumbs, and Explorers campers attending both a morning and afternoon half-day camp. Camp staff supervises the lunch and escorts campers to their afternoon sessions. Pack a nut-free lunch that does not require refrigeration.

June 15 – July 31, noon – 12:30 pm

\$15 per week per camper | Learning Campus

Camp CBG Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made by **May 31, 2026**, will be fully refunded. Transfers will be granted until May 31, 2026, at no cost. Registration fees are nontransferable after that date.

Cancellations made on June 1, 2026, 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 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