

Camp CBG

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

Registration opens on January 22. As always, Garden Plus members receive a 20 percent discount on camp fees.

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

Stroller Walks

Ages 6 months – 2 years

Drop your camper at Camp CBG and join us for a brisk walk around the Garden. Each week we'll take a different route and end up at the Learning Campus where your stroller child can explore. Season pass valid Friday, June 14, through Friday August 16. A rain cancellation will be made by 9 a.m. Your registration is your pass to attend when you are available.

\$48/\$60 per child per stroller | Learning Center

Fridays, June 14 – August 16
9:45 – 11:15 a.m.

My First Camps Ages 2 and 3

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. Age 2 Camp meets Tuesdays and Thursdays and Age 3 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.

My First Camp Age 2

Born on or before September 1, 2017
10 – 11 a.m., dates as noted below
\$36.80/\$46 per child per week | Learning Campus

My First Camp Age 3

Born on or before September 1, 2016
10 – 11 a.m., dates as noted below
\$55.20/\$69 per child per week | Learning Campus

Planting a Rainbow

Budding gardeners will grow their skills, get dirty working in the garden, and learn about the life cycle of plants. Busy hands will dig, plant, and harvest with real tools and experience the thrill of growing something.

Age 2: June 18 & 20 or August 13 & 15
Age 3: June 17, 19, 21 or August 12, 14, 16

New! Goodnight Moon

Little scientists will investigate weather, seasonal changes, and other natural phenomena in this first science-skills camp. We will use our observation skills, practice measuring and counting, and discover new scientific tools.

Age 2: June 25 & 27 or August 6 & 8
Age 3: June 24, 26, 28 or August 5, 7, 9

New! The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Curious campers will discover the magic of how fruits and vegetables grow, try new foods, and prepare a healthy snack. We will explore the concept of pollination and learn that insects play an important role in the garden.

Age 2: July 9 & 11 or July 30 & August 1
Age 3: July 8, 10, 12 or July 29, 31, August 2

New! The Rainbow Fish

Join us and experience the joy of nature play in this multi-sensory camp. We'll explore the textures, sights, sounds, and smells of the natural world with water, mud, sand, and whatever else we discover along the way.

Age 2: July 16 & 18 or July 23 & 25
Age 3: July 15, 17, 19 or July 22, 26

Summer Break Camp

Join our new camp as we kick off summer. We'll get a jump on some of our most favorite camp activities, plant a bed in the Grunsfeld Children's Growing Garden, investigate the Dixon Prairie, discover what lives in the McDonald Woods, visit the Kleinman Family Cove, and compare the three Greenhouses. Each day, campers will make their own healthy afternoon snack and play in our Nature Play Garden. Sign up for one day or the whole week.

Grades 1 – 4
\$68/\$85 per child per day | Learning Campus
June 10 – 14, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

New! Middle School Summer Break Camp

Join our new camp as we kick off summer. Middle school-aged students will dig deeper as they investigate different areas of the Garden including the Dixon Prairie, Kleinman Family Cove, and Greenhouses. Each day, campers will prepare their own healthy snack, dabble in art, and conduct a science experiment. Sign up for one day or the whole week.

Grades 5 – 8
\$68/\$85 per child per day | Learning Campus
June 10 – 14, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Garden Adventure Camp

Our last week of summer will be a blast. 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. A special guest will bring some animals for us to investigate. This camp is sure to be a new favorite of our Camp CBG families.

Grades 1 – 4
\$360/\$450 per child | Learning Campus
August 12 – 16, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Green Sprouts

PreK – Kindergarten

Most children are 4 or 5
\$176/\$220 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 17 – 21, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
July 22 – 26, 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.

July 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon
August 5 – 9, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Garden Expedition

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

June 24 – 28, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 29 – August 2, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Habitat Hunters

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

June 17 – 21, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 22 – 26, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
August 5 – 9, 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 24 – 28, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
July 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon
August 5 – 9, 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.

June 17 – 21, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 22 – 26, 9:30 a.m. – noon
August 12 – 16, 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 watercol-
or painting.

June 24 – 28, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 15 – 19, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
July 29 – August 2, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Salad Science

We eat parts of plants every day. Young food
scientists will explore the Garden to discover
how foods grow. We'll discover how plants
change the sun's energy into energy for our
bodies, prepare our own snacks, and plant a
salad to take home.

July 8 – 12, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
August 12 – 16, 9:30 a.m. – noon

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.

July 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 29 – August 2, 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.

July 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon
August 12 – 16, 9:30 a.m. – noon



Green Thumbs

Grades 1 – 2

Most children are 6 or 7
\$176/\$220 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 24 – 26, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
July 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 29 – August 2, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Expert Wizardry

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

July 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 29 – August 2, 9:30 a.m. – noon

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 24 – 28, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 29 – August 2, 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.

June 17 – 21, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 22 – 26, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Incredible Edibles

Young chefs will explore the Garden with their taste buds and find out how plants turn the sun's energy into fuel for our bodies. We'll explore how we eat plant parts every day, harvest food grown in the Outdoor Classroom, make our own tasty snacks, and plant a vegetable garden to take home.

July 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon
August 5 – 9, 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 17 – 21, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 22 – 26, 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.

July 8 – 12, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
August 5 – 9, 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.

July 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon
August 5 – 9, 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.

June 24 – 28, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 15 – 19, 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 17 – 21, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
July 22 – 26, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Explorers

Grades 3 – 4

Most children are 8 or 9
\$176/\$220 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.

July 15 – 19, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
July 29 – August 2, 9:30 a.m. – noon

New! 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.

July 22 – 26, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
August 12 – 16, 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.

June 24 – 28, 9:30 a.m. – noon
July 29 – August 2, 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 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon
August 12 – 16, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

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 17 – 21, 9:30 a.m. – noon
August 5 – 9, 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 17 – 21, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
July 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon

New! Making Art Supplies

Art-inspired campers will make their own materials to create masterpieces. This hands-on experience will include paper-making, chalk and chalkboards, watercolors, stencils, ink, and more.

June 24-28, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
July 22-26, 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.

July 8 – 12, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
August 5 – 9, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Rovers

Grades 2 – 4

Most children are ages 7, 8, or 9

Campers will experience the most the Garden has to offer in these two-week, full-day camp sessions. Pack a water bottle, nut-free lunch, and snack daily.

\$720/\$900 per child per camp | Learning Campus

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

Create & Grow

Does your child enjoy the arts? Campers will explore the Garden with art, music, cooking, yoga, and planting activities that encourage creative multimedia expression. Spend two weeks of your summer being inspired by the Garden.

July 8 – 19

August 5 – 16

Science Explorer

Explorers will investigate plant, animal, and human adaptations, while utilizing the scientific process. Ecology, botany, physics plus chemistry equals a whole lot of fun in this exciting two-week camp.

June 17 – 28

July 22 – August 2

Adventurers

Grades 5 – 7

Most children are 10 to 12

\$360/\$450 per child per camp | Learning Campus

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

Art

Campers will learn about artists in a historical context and will be introduced to new styles and techniques in drawing, painting, and sculpture. Examine the work of professional artists in various media.

July 8 – 12

August 5 – 9

Chemistry

Who knew chemistry could be so cool? Adventurers will explore the basics of chemistry and chemical reactions. By performing simple experiments, they will develop a basic understanding of acids and bases, fine-tune measurement skills, and understand the importance of accurate data observation and recording.

June 17 – 21

July 29 – August 2

Botany

This study of plants will lead you into the fascinating world of the green organisms that sustain all life on the planet. Examine plants under a microscope, measure the amount of oxygen they produce, and perform other experiments to understand what makes plants work and why they are essential for our survival.

July 15 – 19

August 12 – 16

Ecology

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 24 – 28

July 22 – 26



Leaders in Training

Grades 8 – 10

Ages 13 – 15

Over the course of two-weeks, Leader in Training (LIT) participants will immerse themselves in camps every morning, then work with the LIT coordinator every afternoon 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. Upon review of applications, interviews will begin in January, and placement will be confirmed within two weeks of the interview. Please note: A mandatory training session takes place in June. For an application and more information about the LIT program, please contact the camp manager at (847) 835-8361.

\$420 | Learning Campus



ITW Kitchen Camps

Campers will cook up something good each day in the teaching kitchen. Each camp below 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.

Grades 1 – 3

Cooking A – Z

Most children are 6 to 8

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 bring home an A – Z recipe book at the end of the week.

\$188/\$235 per child per camp | ITW Kitchen, Learning Center

July 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 29 – August 2, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Grades 3 – 4

Botany in the Kitchen

Most children are 8 or 9

This 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.

\$384/\$480 per child per camp | ITW Kitchen, Learning Center

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

June 17 – 21

July 15 – 19

August 5 – 9

Grades 5 – 7

Cuisine

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.

\$384/\$480 per child per camp | ITW Kitchen, Learning Center

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

June 24 – 28

July 22 – 26

August 12 – 16

Other Camp Programs

Lunch Bunch

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

\$10 per child per week | Learning Campus
Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Before- and After-Camp Care

Grades preK to 7 (ages 4 – 13)

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 17 – August 16

Morning Care: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

\$53 per week per camper | Learning Campus

Afternoon Care: 3 – 5:30 p.m.

\$66 per week per camper | Learning Campus

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

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Cancellation Policy

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

Cancellations made on June 1 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 25 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

	June 17 - 21	June 24 - 28	July 1 - 5	July 8 - 12	July 15 - 19	July 22 - 26	July 29 - August 2	August 5 - 9	August 12 - 16	
Age 6 mos to 2 yrs My First Camp	9:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Stroller Walks	Stroller Walks	NO CAMP	Stroller Walks	Stroller Walks	Stroller Walks	Stroller Walks	Stroller Walks	
Age 2 My First Camp	10 – 11 a.m.	Planting a Rainbow	Goodnight Moon	NO CAMP	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Rainbow Fish	Rainbow Fish	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Goodnight Moon	Planting a Rainbow
Age 3 My First Camp	10 – 11 a.m.	Planting a Rainbow	Goodnight Moon	NO CAMP	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Rainbow Fish	Rainbow Fish	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Goodnight Moon	Planting a Rainbow
Grades PreK-K Green Sprouts	9:30 a.m. – noon 9:30 a.m. – noon 12:30 – 3 p.m.	Habitat Hunters Mad Scientists Bug Brigade	Nature Art Garden Expedition Hidden Treasures	NO CAMP NO CAMP NO CAMP	Fun with Physics Super Seedlings Salad Science	Hidden Treasures Sprouting Wizards Nature Art	Mad Scientists Bug Brigade Habitat Hunters	Nature Art Garden Expedition Sprouting Wizards	Hidden Treasures Habitat Hunters Fun with Physics	Super Seedlings Salad Science Mad Scientist
Grades 1-2 Green Thumbs	9:30 a.m. – noon 9:30 a.m. – noon 12:30 – 3 p.m.	Insect Investigation Grossology Wildlife Wanderers	Treasure Hunt Explore Your World Art in the Garden	NO CAMP NO CAMP NO CAMP	Incredible Edibles Plant People Kinetic Kids	Art in the Garden Expert Wizardry Treasure Hunt	Wildlife Wanderers Insect Investigation Grossology	Expert Wizardry Explore Your World Art in the Garden	Kinetic Kids Plant People Incredible Edibles	Garden Adventure Camp Grades 1 – 4 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Grades 3-4 Explorers	9:30 a.m. – noon 12:30 – 3 p.m.	Garden Spa Konnichiwa Japan	Forensic Files Making Art Supplies	NO CAMP NO CAMP	Garden Caching Surviving Outdoors	Konnichiwa Japan Engineering Investigations	Making Art Supplies Garden Photography	Engineering Investigations Forensic Files	Surviving Outdoors Garden Spa	Garden Photography Garden Caching
Grades 2-4 Rovers	FULL-DAY TWO-WEEK 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Science Explorer	NO CAMP	Create & Grow	Science Explorer	Create & Grow				
Adventurers Grades 5 – 7	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Chemistry	Ecology	NO CAMP	Art	Botany	Ecology	Chemistry	Art	Botany
ITW Kitchen		Botany in the Kitchen 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Cuisine 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	NO CAMP	Cooking A – Z 9:30 a.m. – noon.	Botany in the Kitchen 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Cuisine 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Cooking A – Z 9:30 a.m. – noon	Botany in the Kitchen 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Cuisine 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.