



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Camp CBG

Camp CBG offers exciting and enriching learning experiences for your child, with programs for children ages 4 to 12. All camps incorporate nature exploration, hands-on learning, games, crafts, and planting.

At this time, we are planning for camp to take place in COVID-19 Phase 3. In this case, campers will be required to wear masks and groups will be limited to ten participants. As much as possible, activities will take place outdoors and socially distanced.

We will be offering morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions. We will not be offering Lunch Bunch this year. If you are registering for a half-day program, please choose either morning or afternoon, but not both. At this time, we do not anticipate offering Before- or After-Camp Care, My First Camps, Cooking Camps, or the LIT program. Please check the website for updates.

Members may register early, beginning January 13. Registration opens to the public on January 20. As always, Garden Plus members receive a 20 percent discount on camps.

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



Camps for Grades K – 8

June Adventure Camp

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.

\$68/\$85 per child per day | Learning Campus
 June 7 – 11, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Grades 1 – 4
 Grades 5 – 8

July Adventure Camp

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 July 7-9, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Grades 1 – 4
 Grades 5 – 8

August Adventure Camp

Campers wrap up summer with their favorite games and activities: capture the flag, scavenger hunt, dance party, s'mores and campfire, along with art, science, and nature activities and a visit from the Frog Lady and her collection of live animals.

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

\$360/\$450 per child | Learning Campus
 August 9 – 13, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Grades 1 – 4

Green Sprouts Half Day

PreK – Kindergarten

Most children are 4 or 5

\$180/\$225 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 28 – July 2, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
 July 26 – 30, 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 19 – 23, 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.

June 14 – 18, 12:30 – 3 p.m.
 August 9 – 13, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

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 21 – 25, 9:30 a.m. – noon
 July 12 – 16, 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 14 – 18, 9:30 a.m. – noon
 August 9 – 13, 9:30 a.m. – noon



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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 2 – 6, 9:30 a.m. – noon

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 28 – July 2, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 12 – 16, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

August 2 – 6, 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.

July 26 – 30, 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.

June 21 – 25, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 19 – 23, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Green Sprouts Full Day

PreK – Kindergarten

Most children are 4 or 5

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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 14 – 18, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 19 – 23, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

August 9 – 13, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Exploring Outdoors

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

June 28 – July 2, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 12 – 16, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

August 2 – 6, 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 21 – 25, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 26 – 30, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Green Thumbs Half Day

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 14 – 18, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 19 – 23, 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 2 – 6, 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 21 – 25, 9:30 a.m. – noon

August 2 – 6, 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.

July 26 – 30, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

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 14 – 18, 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 28 – July 2, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 26 – 31, 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 21 – 25, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

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 28 – July 2, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 12 – 16, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

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 19 – 23, 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.

July 12 – 16, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Green Thumbs Full Day

Grades 1-2

Most children are 6 or 7

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

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

Ephemeral Art

Budding artists will spend their days creating with leaves, petals, branches, and more. Their focus will be making ephemeral art but they'll still create a few projects to bring home and show off.

June 28 – July 2, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 26 – 30, 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 21 – 25, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
July 12 – 16, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
August 2 – 6, 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 over a 1,000 times their weight, and more.

June 14 – 18, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
July 19 – 23, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Explorers Half Day

Grades 3 – 4

Most children are 8 or 9

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Engineering Investigations

Campers will design solutions to different engineering problems every day. We will build towers, work with water, investigate flight, and wrap up with a day of STEM challenges.

June 14 – 18, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
July 19 – 23, noon – 2:30 p.m.

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 12 – 16, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
July 26 – 30, noon – 2:30 p.m.

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 14 – 18, noon – 2:30 p.m.
July 26 – 30, 9 – 11:30 a.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 19 – 23, 9 – 11:30 a.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 21 – 25, noon – 2:30 p.m.
August 9 – 13, noon – 2:30 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 21 – 25, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
June 28 – July 2, noon – 2:30 p.m.

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 28 – July 2, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
August 9 – 13, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Math Mysteries in the Garden

Campers will discover the amazing mathematical patterns found in nature—spider webs, honeycombs, sunflowers, and more. They'll learn the science and math behind the beauty as they explore the Garden.

August 2 – 6, noon – 2:30 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.

July 12 – 16, noon – 2:30 p.m.
August 2 – 6, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Explorers Full Day

Grades 3-4

Most children are 8 or 9

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Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Adaptation Investigation

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

June 28 – July 2, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
July 12 – 16, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Multimedia Makers

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

June 21 – 25, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
July 19 – 23, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
August 2 – 6, 9 a.m. – 2:30 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 14 – 18, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
July 26 – 30, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
August 9 – 13, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Adventurers

Grades 5 – 7

Most children are 10 to 12

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Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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

Art

Gathering inspiration from the Garden, campers will use a variety of media to develop their photography, sculpture, and drawing skills and create their own brilliant works of art. They will explore the use of natural materials and learn various techniques used by professional artists.

June 28 – July 2, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

August 2 – 6, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Botany

Explore the fascinating world of green plants. Examine plants under a microscope, measure the oxygen they produce, and perform experiments to understand the inner workings of plants and why they are essential for our survival.

June 21 – 25, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

July 26 – 30, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Chemistry

Who knew chemistry could be so cool? Adventurers will investigate the basic principles of chemistry and chemical reactions. Campers will perform simple experiments to learn about acid and base reactions, improve their laboratory skills, and find out what it takes to be a scientist.

July 12 – 16, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

August 9 – 14, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Ecology

Adventurers will discover what naturalists and ecologists do at the Garden as they explore prairie, wetland, and woodland habitats. They will perform field observations, test water quality, and learn to identify plants and animals as they get to know the local flora and fauna better.

June 14 – 28, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

July 19 – 23, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Camp CBG Schedule

Pre Camp June 7-11		Week 1 June 14-18	Week 2 June 21-25	Week 3 June 28-July 2	July 7-9	Week 4 July 12-16	Week 5 July 19-23	Week 6 July 26-30	Week 7 August 2-6	Week 8 August 9-13
Green Sprouts	Grades PreK-K	Hidden Treasures	Habitat Hunters	Nature Art	<i>NO CAMP</i>	Habitat Hunters	Fun with Physics	Sprouting Wizards	Mad Scientists	Hidden Treasures
	9:30 a.m.–noon	Garden Expedition	Super Seedlings	Bug Brigade	<i>NO CAMP</i>	Nature Art	Super Seedlings	Bug Brigade	Nature Art	Garden Expedition
	12:30–3 p.m.	Creative Kids	Sensational Science	Exploring Outdoors	<i>NO CAMP</i>	Exploring Outdoors	Creative Kids	Sensational Science	Exploring Outdoors	Creative Kids
June Adventure Grades 1 – 4 9:30 a.m. –3 p.m.	Grades 1-2	Art in the Garden	Expert Wizardry	Insect Investigation	July Adventure Grades 1 – 4	Wildlife Wanderers	Art in the Garden	Insect Investigation	Digging Into Math	August Adventure Grades 1 – 4
	9:30 a.m.–noon	Grossology	Kinetic Kids	Plant People	9:30 a.m. –3 p.m.	Plant People	Treasure Hunt	Explore Your World	Expert Wizardry	9:30 a.m. –3 p.m.
	12:30–3 p.m.	Super Scientists	Outdoor Skills	Ephemeral Art		Outdoor Skills	Super Scientists	Ephemeral Art	Outdoor Skills	
Explorers	Grades 3-4	Engineering Investigation	Konnichiwa Japan	Making Art Supplies	<i>NO CAMP</i>	Garden Photography	Garden Caching	Forensic Files	Surviving Outdoors	Making Art Supplies
	9 – 11:30 a.m.	Forensic Files	Garden Spa	Konnichiwa Japan	<i>NO CAMP</i>	Surviving Outdoors	Engineering Investigation	Garden Photography	Math Mysteries	Garden Spa
	noon–2:30 p.m.	Nature Quests	Multimedia Makers	Adaptation Investigation	<i>NO CAMP</i>	Adaptation Investigation	Multimedia Makers	Nature Quests	Multimedia Makers	Nature Quests
June Adventure Grades 5 – 8 9:30 a.m. –3 p.m.	Grades 5-8	Ecology	Botany	Art	July Adventure Grades 5 – 8	Chemistry	Ecology	Botany	Art	Chemistry
	Full Day 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.				9:30 a.m. –3 p.m.					

