

Camps for Grades K – 8

June Adventure Camp

Grades 1 – 4

Grades 5 – 8

\$85/\$106 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. Pack a water bottle and nut-free lunch daily.

June 3 – 7, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

August Adventure Camp

Grades 1 – 4

\$424/\$530 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 5 – 9, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Green Sprouts Half-Day

PreK – Kindergarten

Born on or before September 1, 2020

\$200/\$250 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 10 – 14, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 22 – 26, 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 10 – 14, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 15 – 19, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 29 – August 2, 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.

June 17 – 21, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 8 – 12, 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 8 – 12, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 29 – August 2, 9:30 a.m. – noon

New! 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 24 – 28, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 22 – 26, 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 24 – 28, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 22 – 26, 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 10 – 14, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 29 – August 2, 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 17 – 21, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

June 24 – 28, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 15 – 19, 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 17 – 21, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 8 – 12, 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 17 – 21, 9:30 a.m. – noon

June 24 – 28, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 22 – 26, 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 10 – 14, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 29 – August 2, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Green Sprouts Full-Day

PreK – Kindergarten

Born on or before September 1, 2020

\$440/\$550 per child per camp | Learning Campus
Monday through Friday, dates and times as noted below

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 10 – 14, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 8 – 12, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 29 – August 2, 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 17 – 21, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 15 – 19, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

August 5 – 9, 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 24 – 28, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 22 – 26, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

August 5 – 9, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Green Thumbs Half-Day

Grades 1 – 2

Born on or before September 1, 2018

\$193/\$242 per child per camp | Learning Campus
Monday through Friday, dates and times as noted below

Aspiring Engineers

For campers who love to build and make! They will work on their problem solving skills while having a blast creating.

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

July 22 – 26, 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 29 – August 2, 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 17 – 21, 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

Explorers Half-Day

Grades 3 – 4

Born on or before September 1, 2016

\$193/\$242 per child per camp | Learning Campus

Leaders in Training