

# NYBG

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NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN



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## Welcome to Family Programs!

Every day at The New York Botanical Garden families can embark on an exciting adventure to discover the world of plants and to make lifelong connections with nature.



Discover all family activities at [nybg.org/families](https://nybg.org/families)



## Learning Spaces Designed for Kids

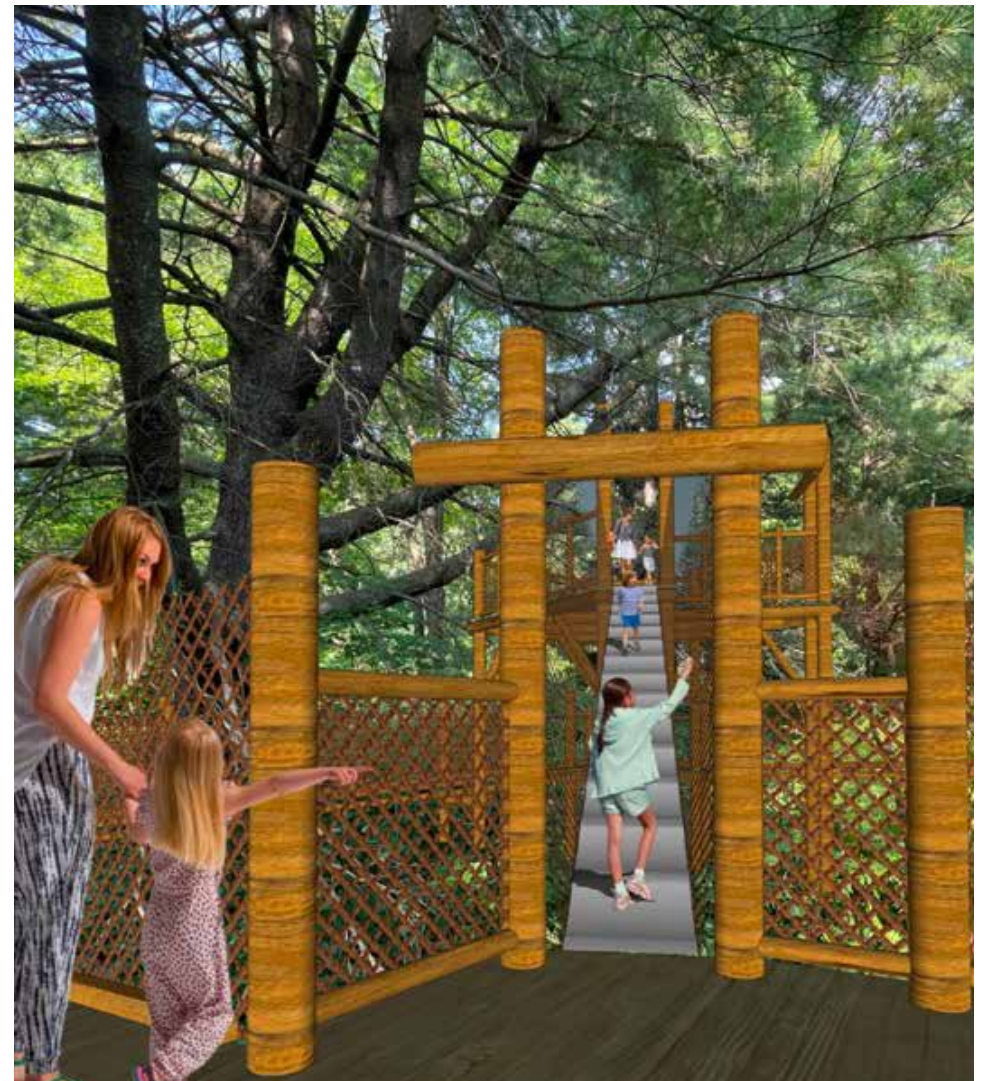
NYBG's Edible Academy and Everett Children's Adventure Garden offer daily activities in nature play, plant science, and gardening. These facilities also allow for a deeper understanding of the natural world through seasonal programs for ages 2–13.



## EVERETT CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE GARDEN

As of November 2023, Everett Children's Adventure Garden (ECAG) will be closed for restoration. This project will update the outdoor landscape and indoor facilities in order to enhance the garden's science and nature learning opportunities, and create new areas for exploration and investigation.

In the meantime, our programs will continue in our other locations across the Garden, including the Edible Academy and the Green School in the Haupt Conservatory. Visit <https://www.nybg.org/restoration> to learn more.





## Discover Nature as a Family

A lifelong love of gardening and the outdoors starts at NYBG, with hands-on opportunities for kids and families offered every day and in all seasons.



## DAILY DROP-IN FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Outdoor Nature Exploration in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden and beyond!

During the closure of ECAG, there will be seasonal pop-up activities, hands-on programs, and other family friendly events supported by the staff and teen Explainers. Registered programs such as Camps, Nature Explorers, and School Groups will continue at other NYBG locations during construction. Learn more and stay updated by checking out <https://www.nybg.org/restoration>.

### Hands-On Gardening Activities in the Edible Academy

Children are invited to roll up their sleeves and help tend the gardens in the Edible Academy. Dig in the soil, sow seeds, and water the crops growing in the garden. Each season offers new themes to investigate through hands-on activities and take-home projects.

March 30–November 3

Tuesdays–Sundays and Monday Holidays; for hours, visit [nybg.org/families](https://www.nybg.org/families)

#### Seasonal Programs

- Wake Up, Garden!: March 30–May 5
- Salad Days: May 7–June 14
- Juneteenth Weekend: June 15–16
- Foodways: June 18–July 14
- Scent-sational Herbs: July 16–August 11
- Pollinator Pals: August 13–September 15
- Three Sisters: September 17–October 11
- Sensational Seeds Weekend: October 12–14
- Goodnight, Garden: October 15–November 3

### Edible Academy Fresh from the Garden Tastings

Cooking demonstrations encourage families to get hands-on with healthy cooking. New recipes featuring plants grown in the Edible Academy are offered each week.

May 8–November 3

Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays; 2 and 4 p.m.



## Explore Nature Together

Looking for more meaningful activities to share the great outdoors with your young learner? NYBG's Nature Explorers Program allows toddlers and their caregivers the chance to discover the wonders of nature together.



## NATURE EXPLORERS PROGRAM

### Programs for Caregivers and Children (Ages 2–3)

Toddlers love adventures! Come along with your little one on a guided hike to discover the best spots in the Garden in each season. This hour-long program is designed for young children and their caregivers to explore areas of NYBG that have a scale and seasonal interest just right for little nature lovers. Each session includes songs, stories and take home projects.

\$160 Member; \$175 Non-member

Receive a 10% discount when you enroll in and pay for two or more seasons.  
Use code NE1024 at checkout.

Please note: One adult must attend with the registered child. Meet at the entrance to the Everett Children's Adventure Garden.

### Winter

6 Sundays, January 21–March 3 (no class Feb 18)  
Section A: 10–11 a.m.

6 Wednesdays, January 31–March 7  
Section B: 10–11 a.m.

### Spring

6 Sundays, April 14–June 2 (no class May 12 & 26)  
Section C: 10–11 a.m.

6 Wednesdays, April 24–May 29  
Section D: 10–11 a.m.

### Summer

6 Sundays, July 7–August 11  
Section E: 10–11 a.m.

6 Wednesdays, July 24–July 3–August 14 (no class July 24)  
Section F: 10–11 a.m.

### Fall

6 Wednesdays, September 11–October 23 (no class Sep 25)  
Section G: 10–11 a.m.

6 Sundays, September 15–October 27 (no class Oct 6)  
Section H: 10–11 a.m.



## Come Grow With Us

The Children's Gardening Program offers the perfect way for kids to get outside and get their hands dirty at the newly opened Edible Academy. Guided by educators, children plant, tend, and harvest fresh vegetables and herbs, and learn about topics from pollination to composting. Each gardening season offers unique and engaging activities customized for children ages 3–12. Register for one or more seasons!



## **CHILDREN'S GARDENING PROGRAM**

### **Sprouts Program (Ages 3–5)**

Accompanied by a parent or guardian, children ages 3–5 experience nature up close while investigating living things, tasting new foods, and making crafts. Spring through fall, Sprouts are introduced to the fun of planting and harvesting in the garden. In the winter, Sprouts explore the winter garden and our greenhouse, using both for seasonal activities.

\$185 Member | \$205 Non-Member

Fee includes all materials and participant t-shirt. Please note: One adult must attend per participant; no infants, toddlers, or older siblings. Programs run rain or shine.

### **Winter**

Section A: 6 Saturdays, 1–2:30 p.m., January 20–March 2 (no class Feb 17)

### **Spring**

Section B: 6 Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., April 27–June 8 (no class May 25)

### **Summer**

Section C: 6 Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., July 6–August 10

Section D: 6 Tuesdays, 9:30–11 a.m., July 9–August 13

Section E: 6 Thursdays, 9:30–11 a.m., July 11–August 15

### **Fall**

Section F: 6 Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., September 7–October 19 (no class Oct 12)



## CHILDREN'S GARDENING PROGRAM

### Crafters Program (Ages 6–12)

Crafters experience seasonal themes and activities while exploring our edible garden. Spring through fall, kids plant tasty vegetables, fresh herbs, and beautiful flowers; and then take home organic produce harvested from their very own garden plot! In the winter, Crafters investigate the garden, the greenhouse and cold weather gardening techniques while preparing for the busy planting season ahead.

#### Winter

\$117 Member | \$130 Non-Member

6 Saturdays, 9–11 a.m., January 20–March 2 (no class Feb 17)

#### Spring

\$198 Member | \$220 Non-Member

10 Saturdays, 9–11:30 a.m., March 30–June 8 (no class May 25)

#### Summer

\$235 Member | \$265 Non-Member

6 Tuesdays and 6 Thursdays, 9–11:30 a.m., July 9–August 15

#### Fall

\$198 Member | \$220 Non-Member

10 Saturdays, 9–11:30 a.m., September 7–November 16 (no class Oct 12)

Fee includes all materials and participant t-shirt. Programs run rain or shine.



## CHILDREN'S GARDENING PROGRAM

### Registration Information

Enrollment is limited. Receive a 10% discount when you enroll in and pay for two or more seasons. Use code CGP1024 at checkout.

### 4 Easy Ways to Register Starting in December

**Online** [nybg.org/cgp](https://nybg.org/cgp)

**Phone** 718.817.8181

**Mail or Fax** Download a Registration Form at [nybg.org/cgp](https://nybg.org/cgp)

Mail completed forms to:

Children's Gardening Program  
New York Botanical Garden  
2900 Southern Boulevard  
Bronx, NY 10458-5126

Fax to:

718.220.6504  
(Attn: Children's Gardening Program)

Payment must be received at least two weeks prior to start of program. Online, phone, and fax registrations require credit card payment.

Make checks payable to The New York Botanical Garden.

**Cancellation Policy:** A full refund, less a \$5 administrative fee, is given for withdrawals at least 10 business days before the program begins. Withdrawals after this time and through the first session are charged for one session plus administrative fee. No refunds processed after the second session.

### Scholarships

Partial scholarships are available thanks to the generosity of the Rebecca Sealy Mallory Foundation. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. For scholarship application instructions, visit [nybg.org/cgp](https://nybg.org/cgp) or call 718.817.8126.



## Calling All Campers

Looking for enriching activities for your child over Winter and Spring Breaks? Weeklong science and nature camps for kids in Grades K–5 feature indoor and outdoor explorations, science investigations, and more in NYBG's 250-acre landscape.



## WINTER AND SPRING BREAK CAMPS

### Cool Science Camp (for Children Currently in Grades K–5)

Campers chill out with fun science experiments, games, and hands-on activities during Winter Break Camp. Kids explore states of matter by turning liquids into solids and investigate adaptations that allow plants and animals to survive cold, icy winters. They warm up with visits to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory's tropical and desert collections to compare the plants growing in these environments.

\$320 Member | \$360 Non-Member  
February 20–23; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.\*

Section 1: Grades K–2  
Section 2: Grades 3–5

### Green Thumbs Gardening Camp (for Children Currently in Grades K–5)

Dig in to the spring season! Using the Edible Academy's greenhouse, classroom building, and gardens, campers will investigate plant growth and learn all about vegetables. Children will engage in hands-on culinary activities, garden-focused art projects, and craft activities.

\$400 Member | \$450 Non-Member  
April 22–26; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.\* (Monday–Friday)

*\*Early drop-off (8 a.m.), late pickup (5 p.m.), and extended pickup (until 6 p.m.) available on a weekly basis. Pre-registration is required. Weekly fees: \$75 per morning or afternoon, and \$150 for extended pickup. Late fees apply if children are picked up after their designated checkout time.*



## Summertime and the Camping Is Fine

The New York Botanical Garden is the place to be for kids on Summer Break! Choose among several different day camps—offering playful and creative opportunities for children Grades K–8.



## SUMMER BREAK CAMPS

### **Green Thumbs Gardening Camp (for Children Entering Grades 1–6 in Fall 2024)**

Dig in to the summer season! Using the Edible Academy's campus, including gardens open air pavilions, amphitheater, and classrooms, as well as the NYBG grounds, campers will investigate plant growth and learn all about vegetables. Children will engage in gardening, art and craft projects, exploration of the garden, and investigate sustainability.

Session 1: July 1–19 (no program July 4); 9 a.m.–3 p.m.\* \$1,260 Member | \$1,400 Non-Member

Session 2: July 29–August 16; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.\* \$1,350 Member | \$1,500 Non-Member

### **Science Camp (for Children Entering Grades 1–6 in Fall 2024)**

Discover the wonders of the world using a mix of nature exploration, science activities, art, group projects, and more in our vast 250 acres over 3 weeks of immersive fun!

Session 1: July 1–19 (no program July 4); 9 a.m.–3 p.m.\* \$1,260 Member | \$1,400 Non-Member

Session 2: July 29–August 16; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.\* \$1,350 Member | \$1,500 Non-Member

Dive into the wonders of the natural world this summer at NYBG's Science Camp! Campers spend the day outdoors on the 250-acre NYBG campus: hiking, experimenting, creating art and playing with their fellow campers and staff. Weekly themes feature junior botanists, woodland adventures and wild wetlands.

### **Summer Field Science Camps (for Children Entering Grades 7–8 in Fall 2024)**

Do you have a tween who loves spending time outdoors, collecting data, and working in teams? Students will get wet and dirty as they learn more about the plants and animals on the Garden grounds and go behind the scenes to find out about field research happening at the Garden, in the city, and around the world!

Session 1: July 29–August 16; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.\* \$1,350 Member | \$1,500 Non-Member

*\*Early drop-off (8 a.m.), late pickup (5 p.m.), and extended pickup (until 6 p.m.) available on a weekly basis. Pre-registration is required. Weekly fees: \$75 per morning or afternoon, and \$150 for extended pickup. Late fees apply if children are picked up after their designated checkout time.*



