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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

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.



Adventure Grows Here!

Step into a world of leafy wonder at the Everett Children's Adventure Garden—where every path leads to discovery and every child becomes a nature explorer! Designed especially for curious minds in Pre-K through elementary school, this hands-on garden is bursting with seasonal fun and botanical surprises.

Climb into the canopy on the Tree Top Walk, where little adventurers can see the garden from a bird's-eye view and spot leaves, branches, and maybe even a squirrel or two! Down below, winding trails lead to plant investigations, nature-inspired crafts, and playful outdoor activities that change with the seasons.



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!

Every season is a new adventure at the Everett Children's Adventure Garden! Families can drop in for hands-on activities that celebrate the magic of plants and the changing natural world. From planting seeds and making nature-inspired art to exploring leafy trails and spotting seasonal blooms, there's always something exciting to discover.

With the help of our friendly Teen Explainers, young explorers dig into science, spark their creativity, and connect with nature through play. Whether it's springtime sprouts, summer pollinators, autumn leaves, or winter pinecones—there's a plant-powered experience waiting for everyone!

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.

April 4–November 1

Tuesdays–Sundays and Monday Holidays; for hours, visit nybg.org/families

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 6–November 1

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



Purchase your *All-Garden Pass* at nybg.org

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.

\$175.50 Member; \$195 Non Member

Receive a 10% discount when you enroll in and pay for two or more seasons.

Use code NE1026 at checkout.

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

Winter

Section A: 6 Sundays, 10–11 a.m., January 25–March 8
(No program February 15)

Section B: 6 Wednesdays, 10–11 a.m., January 28–March 11
(no program February 18)

Spring

Section C: 6 Wednesdays, 10–11 a.m., April 22–May 27

Section D: 6 Sundays, 10–11 a.m., April 26–June 7
(no program on May 24)

Summer

Section E: 6 Wednesdays, 10–11 a.m., July 8–August 19
(no class July 29)

Section F: 6 Sundays, 10–11 a.m., July 12–August 16

Fall

Section G: 6 Wednesdays, 10–11 a.m., September 9–October 21
(no program September 23)

Section H: 6 Sundays, 10–11 a.m., September 13–October 25
(no program October 11)

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 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. In the winter, Sprouts explore the winter garden and our greenhouse, using both for seasonal activities. Spring through fall, Sprouts are introduced to the fun of planting and harvesting in the garden.

\$202.50 Member; \$225 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, 9:30–11 a.m., January 24–March 7 (no program February 14)

Section B: 6 Saturdays, 1–2:30 p.m., January 24–March 7 (no program February 14)

Spring

Section C: 6 Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., April 25–June 6 (no program May 23)

Summer

Section D: 6 Tuesdays, 9:30–11 a.m., July 7–August 11

Section E: 6 Thursdays, 9:30–11 a.m., July 9–August 13

Section F: 6 Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., July 11–August 15

Fall

Section G: 6 Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., September 12–October 24 (no program October 10)



Children's Gardening Program

Crafters Program (Ages 6–12)

Crafters experience seasonal themes and activities while exploring our edible garden. In the winter, Crafters investigate the garden, the greenhouse, and cold weather gardening techniques while preparing for the busy planting season ahead. 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!

Winter

\$126 Member; \$140 Non Member

6 Saturdays, 9–11 a.m., January 24–March 7 (no program February 14)

Spring

\$216 Member; \$240 Non Member

10 Saturdays, 9–11:30 a.m., March 28–June 6 (no program May 23)

Summer

\$261 Member; \$290 Non Member

12 Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9–11:30 a.m., July 7–August 13

Fall

\$216 Member; \$240 Non Member

10 Saturdays, 9–11:30 a.m., September 12–November 21
(no program October 10)

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 CGP1026 at checkout.

Easy Ways to Register

Online nybg.org/cgp

Phone 718.817.8181

Payment must be received at least two weeks prior to start of program. Online or phone 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 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 Pre-K–6 feature indoor and outdoor explorations, science investigations, and more in NYBG’s 250-acre landscape.



Nature Camp (Pre-K4–Kindergarten)

NEW! Nature Camp (pre-K4–K): *Winter Wonders!* Bundle up and join the fun! This Winter Break, children in Pre-K and Kindergarten can explore the frosty magic of our wintry garden. After outdoor adventures, little ones can cozy up indoors for story time and imaginative play in the Discovery Center. Please note: All participants must be fully toilet-trained.

Tuesday, February 17–Friday, February 20; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.*
\$355.50 Member; \$395 Non Member

Cool Science Camp (for Children Currently in Grades 1–6)

Campers chill out with fun science experiments, games, and hands-on activities during Winter Break Camp. Kids explore states of matter 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.

Tuesday, February 17–Friday, February 20; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.*
\$355.50 Member; \$395 Non Member

NEW! Spring Break Nature Camp: *Spring into Adventure!*

This Spring Break, little explorers in Pre-K and Kindergarten can join the fun at the Everett Children’s Adventure Garden! Each day is packed with joyful songs, outdoor play, and hands-on crafts that celebrate the magic of spring. All participants must be fully toilet-trained.

Monday, April 6–Friday, April 10; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.*
\$450 Member; \$500 Non Member

Budding Botanists (for Students Currently in Grades 1–6)

Spring into adventure! Campers will explore the Garden as it bursts into bloom. They’ll discover amazing plants, create colorful crafts, and dive into fun experiments. With scavenger hunts and nature journals in hand, campers will become plant detectives—uncovering the secrets of the wonderful world of plants!

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

Monday, April 6–Friday, April 10; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.*
\$450 Member; \$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.*

SUMMERTIME AND THE CAMPING IS FINE

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



Summer Break Camps

Monday, April 6–Friday, April 10; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.*

\$1485 Member; \$1650 Non Member

Session 2: Monday, August 3–Friday, August 21; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.*

\$1485 Member; \$1650 Non Member

Nature Camp (for Children Entering Pre-K4–Kindergarten in Fall 2026!)

Calling all curious Pre-K and Kindergarten adventurers! This summer, we're heading outside for sunshine-filled days of woodland walks, splashy sensory play, and nature crafts that spark wonder. From bug hunts to mud kitchens, our little explorers will discover science and the magic of nature through hands-on fun and creative play. All participants must be fully toilet-trained.

Green Thumbs Gardening Camp (for Children Entering Grades 1–6 in Fall 2026)

Dig in to the summer season! Using the Edible Academy's greenhouse, classroom building, and gardens, campers will investigate plant growth and learn all about vegetables. Campers will use the NYBG grounds as an outdoor classroom to investigate themes of art and ecology. Children will engage in hands-on gardening, learn about sustainability, and participate in culinary and crafting activities.

Science Camp (for Children Entering Grades 1–6 in Fall 2026)

Dive into the wonders of the natural world this summer at 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. Science Camp returns to the newly renovated Everett Children's Adventure Garden campus for its home base this summer!

NEW Topic! Summer Field Science Camp (entering Grades 7–8)

Explore the Bronx River! Got a tween who loves nature, teamwork, and getting messy? Campers dive into real science—collecting data, exploring wildlife, and going behind the scenes to discover how NYBG studies the Bronx River and beyond.

- Summer Break: Monday, August 3–Friday, August 21; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.*
- \$1485 Member; \$1650 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 time.*

NYBG Neighbors get a 5% discount off of Member and Non-Member rate (for select zip codes: includes all of the Bronx plus Washington Heights and Inwood). When prompted during registration, select your zip code in the drop-down menu to apply the discount.



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