



chicago botanic garden  
REGENSTEIN SCHOOL

# Camp CBG

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

Household Plus members may register early, beginning January 22. Registration opens to everyone on January 29. As always, Household Plus members receive a 20 percent discount on camps.

Visit [chicagobotanic.org/camp](http://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

### My First Camp Age 2

**Born on or before September 1, 2023**

Our early childhood parent-child camp focuses on the joy of exploring the natural world with a caring adult. Campers and their adults spend time together each day learning, exploring, and creating. Each session will combine developmentally appropriate structured group activities and free play time. This is a two-day program that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**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.

\$42/\$53 per child per week | Learning Campus  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. – noon  
Dates as noted below

### Flower Power

Budding gardeners will get dirty working in the garden, exploring garden critters, and learning about the life cycle of plants. Busy hands will dig, plant, water, sort seeds, and harvest with real tools and experience the thrill of growing something.

June 10 & 12  
July 15 & 17

### Muddy Buddies

Create in this camp focused on exploratory processes and the beauty of fleeting, ephemeral art. Young campers will use natural materials such as water, bark, leaves, grass, and mud as they paint, draw, weave, and build.

July 8 & 10  
August 5 & 7

### Sticks and Stones

Curious children will take a deep dive in this nature play-focused camp. We will explore all types of natural elements and loose parts through sensory play using mud, sand, wind, plants, sticks, and animal habitats.

June 17 & 19  
July 22 & 24

### Wonderful Water

Little scientists will investigate water in this camp focused on exploration and observation. Campers will observe how water changes, use tools to practice measuring and scooping, and play with colorful water and ice.

June 24 & 26  
July 29 & 31

## My First Camp Age 3

**Born on or before September 1, 2022**

Our early childhood parent-child camp focuses on the joy of exploring the natural world with a caring adult. Campers and their adults spend time together each day learning, exploring, and creating. Each session will combine developmentally appropriate structured group activities and free play time. This is a three-day program that meets on 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.

\$63/\$79 per child per week | Learning Campus  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. – noon  
Dates as noted below

### Flower Power

Budding gardeners will get dirty working in the garden, explore garden critters, and learn about the life cycle of plants. Busy hands will dig, plant, water, sort seeds, and harvest with real tools and experience the thrill of growing something.

June 9, 11, and 13  
July 14, 16, and 18

### Muddy Buddies

Create in this camp focused on exploratory processes and the beauty of fleeting, ephemeral art. Young campers will use natural materials such as water, bark, leaves, grass, and mud as they paint, draw, weave, and build.

July 7, 9, and 11  
August 4, 6, and 8

### Sticks and Stones

Curious children will take a deep dive in this nature play-focused camp. We will explore all types of natural elements and loose parts through sensory play using mud, sand, wind, plants, sticks, and animal habitats.

June 16, 18, and 20  
July 21, 23, and 25

### Wonderful Water

Little scientists will investigate water in this camp focused on exploration and observation. Campers will observe how water changes, use tools to practice measuring and scooping, and play with colorful water and ice.

June 23, 25, and 27  
July 28, 30, and August 1



## 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.

June 2 – 6, 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 4 – 8, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Green Sprouts Half Day

### PreK – Kindergarten

Born on or before September 1, 2021

\$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 9 – 13, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

June 23 – 27, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 28 – August 1, 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 23 – 27, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 14 – 18, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 21 – 25, 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 9 – 13, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 28 – August 1, 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 14 – 18, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 21 – 25, 9:30 a.m. – noon

## Habitat Hunters

Habitat Hunters will explore the different habitats the Garden has to offer, learn how to track animals, and make a habitat for a creature that lives here.

June 16 – 20, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 21 – 25, 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 23 – 27, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 7 – 11, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 28 – August 1, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

## 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 16 – 20, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 7 – 11, 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 16 – 20, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 7 – 11, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 14 – 18, 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 9 – 13, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 28 – August 1, 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 9 – 13, 9:30 a.m. – noon

June 16 – 20, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 7 – 11, 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 23 – 27, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 14 – 18, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 21 – 25, 9:30 a.m. – noon

## Green Sprouts Full Day

### PreK – Kindergarten

Born on or before September 1, 2021

\$440/\$550 per child per camp | Learning Campus  
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 23 – 27

July 21 – 25

August 4 – 8

## 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 9 – 13

July 7 – 11

July 28 – August 1

## 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 16 – 20

July 14 – 18

August 4 – 8

## Green Thumbs Half Day

Grades 1 – 2

Born on or before September 1, 2019

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

Monday through Friday, dates and times as noted below

### Aspiring Engineers

Campers who love to build will work on their problem-solving skills while having a great time.  
July 21 – 25, 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 23 – 27, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 21 – 25, 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 28 – August 1, 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 16 – 20, 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 9 – 13, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

### Garden Games

It's game time at the Garden! Campers will play classic outdoor games like capture the flag and work together to create new games, too.

July 14 – 18, 9:30 a.m. – noon

### 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 16 – 20, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 14 – 18, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

### Kinetic Kids

Budding physicists will discover cool science tricks, explore the laws of motion, and perform physical science experiments with toys.

July 7 – 11, 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.

June 9 – 13, 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.

July 7 – 11, 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 23 – 27, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 28 – August 1, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

## Green Thumbs Full Day

Grades 1 – 2

Born on or before September 1, 2019

\$424/\$530 per child per camp | Learning Campus  
Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Growing Artists

Does your child enjoy the arts? Campers will explore the Garden with art, movement, and planting activities that encourage creative expression.

June 9 – 13

July 7 – 11

July 28 – August 1

### 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 16 – 20

July 14 – 18

### 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 more than 1,000 times their weight, and more.

June 23 – 27

July 21 – 25

## Explorers Half Day

Grades 3 – 4

Born on or before September 1, 2017

\$193/\$242 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. They will build towers, water systems, transportation methods, flight mechanisms, and tackle a final day of challenges.

June 9 – 13, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 7 – 11, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

### Game On

It's time to get outside and have fun! Campers will work together to solve team-building challenges, play some well-known outdoor games, and design their own obstacle course.

July 21 – 25, 9:30 a.m. – noon

### 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.

June 16 – 20, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 28 – August 1, 9:30 a.m. – noon



### 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 21 – 25, 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 23 – 27, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 14 – 18, 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 16 – 20, 9:30 a.m. – noon

### Making Art Supplies

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

June 9 – 13, 12:30 – 3 p.m.

July 7 – 11, 9:30 a.m. – noon

### Math Mysteries in the Garden

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

July 28 – August 1, 12:30 – 3 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.

June 23 – 27, 9:30 a.m. – noon

July 14 – 18, 9:30 a.m. – noon

## Explorers Full Day

Grades 3 – 4

Born on or before September 1, 2017

\$424/\$530 per child per camp | Learning Campus  
Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Adaptation Investigation

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

June 16 – 20

July 14 – 18

### Multimedia Makers

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

June 23 – 27

July 21 – 25

### 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 9 – 13

July 7 – 11

July 28 – August 1

## Adventurers

Grades 5 – 7

Born on or before September 1, 2015

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

\$424/\$530 per child per camp | Learning Campus  
Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Artistic Skills

Artists will introduce Adventurers to various media to create their own art. Using the Garden as a backdrop, students will develop their photography, sculpture, and drawing skills. They will explore the use of natural materials and learn various tricks of the trade used by professional artists.

June 23 – 27

July 28 – August 1

## Fantastic Plants

Adventurers will explore the fascinating world of botany. Campers will examine plants in their natural habitats as well as under a microscope, conducting experiments to understand what makes plants work and why they are essential for our survival.

June 9 – 13

July 14 – 18

## Field Science

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.

July 7 – 11

August 4 – 8

## Survival Skills

Campers will explore the Garden and gain important skills for outdoor adventures. They will learn how to navigate, forage, and build a campfire to develop a deeper connection to the natural world around them.

June 16 – 20

July 21 – 25

## Leaders in Training

Grades 8 – 10

Ages 13 – 15

\$460 | Learning Campus

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

Over the course of two weeks, each Leader in Training (LIT) participant will work with the LIT coordinator every morning 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. Then, they will immerse themselves in camp for the afternoon. Upon finishing their two weeks, LITs will have the option to volunteer with Camp CBG.

Applications will be available in December, interviews will begin in January, and placement will be confirmed within two weeks of the interview. For an application and more information about the LIT program, please contact Annie Labus, the camp manager, at [alabus@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:alabus@chicagobotanic.org).

June 9 – 20, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.



## ITW Kitchen Camps

Cooking campers will cook up something good each day in our teaching kitchen. Each camp focuses on vegetables and fruits harvested from the Garden (when available) and healthy recipes.

**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. \$454/\$568 per child per camp | ITW Kitchen Classroom, Learning Campus Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Cooking A – Z

Grades 1 – 2

Born on or before September 1, 2019

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 will bring home an A – Z recipe book at the end of the week. Pack a nut-free lunch that does not require refrigeration.

June 16 – 20

July 14 – 18

August 4 – 8

### Botany in the Kitchen

Grades 3 – 4

Born on or before September 1, 2017

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. Pack a nut-free lunch that does not require refrigeration.

June 9 – 13

July 7 – 11

July 28 – August 1

### Cuisine

Grades 5 – 7

Born on or before September 1, 2015

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. Pack a nut-free lunch that does not require refrigeration.

June 23 – 27

July 21 – 25



## Extended Care

### Before- and After-Camp Care

Grades preK to 7 (ages 4 – 12)

Supervised before- and after-camp care is available. Activities may include games, art projects, and gardening.

June 9 – August 8 (except week of June 30 – July 4)

### Morning Care: 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

\$66 per week per camper | Learning Campus

### Afternoon Care: 3 – 5:30 p.m.

\$83 per week per camper | Learning Campus

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

## Lunch Bunch

Grades preK to 4 (ages 4 – 9)

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

June 9 – August 1 (except week of June 20 – July 4), noon – 12:30 p.m.

\$15 per week per camper | Learning Campus

## Camp CBG Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made by **May 31, 2025**, will be refunded at 90 percent of the total fee. Transfers will be granted until May 31, 2025, at no cost. Registration fees are nontransferable after that date.

Cancellations made on June 1, 2025, 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 10 percent handling fee) at any time prior to the start of camp by providing a doctor's note. We are unable to refund 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

		Week 1 6/2-6/6	Week 2 6/9-6/13	Week 3 6/16-6/20	Week 4 6/23-6/27	No Camps 6/30-7/4	Week 5 7/7-7/11	Week 6 7/14-7/18	Week 7 7/21-7/25	Week 8 7/28-8/1	Week 9 8/4-8/8
7:30 – 9:30 a.m.			Before Care	Before Care	Before Care	No Camps	Before Care	Before Care	Before Care	Before Care	Before Care
<b>My First Camp</b> 2-3 year olds	9:30–10:30 a.m.		Flower Power	Sticks & Stones	Wonderful Water		Muddy Buddies	Flower Power	Sticks & Stones	Wonderful Water	Muddy Buddies
	11 a.m. – noon		Flower Power	Sticks & Stones	Wonderful Water		Muddy Buddies	Flower Power	Sticks & Stones	Wonderful Water	Muddy Buddies
<b>Green Sprouts</b> Prek-K	9:30 a.m. – noon		Super Seedlings	Nature Art	Bug Brigade		Super Seedlings	Tag, You're It!	Garden Expedition	Fun with Physics	
			Fun with Physics	Habitat Hunters	Tag, You're It!		Nature Art	Bug Brigade	Tag, You're It!	Budding Builders	
	12:30 – 3 p.m.		Budding Builders	Making Music	Hidden Treasures		Making Music	Nature Art	Habitat Hunters	Hidden Treasures	
			Sprouting Wizards	Super Seedlings	Budding Builders		Hidden Treasures	Garden Expedition	Bug Brigade	Sprouting Wizards	
9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.		Exploring Outdoors	Sensational Science	Creative Kids		Exploring Outdoors	Sensational Science	Creative Kids	Exploring Outdoors	Creative Kids Sensational Science	
<b>Green Thumbs</b> Grades 1-2	9:30 a.m. – noon		Plant People	Expert Wizardry	Wildlife Wanderers		Kinetic Kids	Garden Games	Art in the Garden	Digging Into Math	
	12:30 – 3 p.m.		Explore Your World	Insect Investigation	Art in the Garden		Treasure Hunt	Insect Investigation	Aspiring Engineers	Wildlife Wanderers	
	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	June Adventure Camp Grades 1-4	Growing Artists	Outdoor Skills	Super Scientists		Growing Artists	Outdoor Skills	Super Scientists	Growing Artists	August Adventure Camp Grades 1-4
9:30 a.m. – noon	Engineering Investigations		Konnichiwa Japan	Surviving Outdoors		Making Art Supplies	Surviving Outdoors	Game On	Garden Photography		
12:30 – 3 p.m.	Making Art Supplies		Garden Photography	Garden Spa		Engineering Investigations	Garden Spa	Garden Caching	Math Mysteries at the Garden		
<b>Explorers</b> Grades 3-4	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.		Nature Quests	Adaptation Investigation	Multimedia Makers		Nature Quests	Adaptation Investigation	Multimedia Makers	Nature Quests	
	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	June Adventure Camp Grades 5-8	Fantastic Plants	Survival Skills	Artistic Skills		Field Science	Fantastic Plants	Survival Skills	Artistic Skills	Field Science
	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.			Botany in the Kitchen	Cooking A-Z	Cuisine		Botany in the Kitchen	Cooking A-Z	Cuisine	Botany in the Kitchen
<b>Adventurers</b> Grades 5-7	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.		Leaders in Training								
<b>Cooking</b>	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.										
<b>Leaders in Training</b> Grades 8-10	9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.										
3 – 5:30 p.m.			After Care	After Care	After Care		After Care	After Care	After Care	After Care	After Care

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