2019 SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS
Week long camps, Monday June 3 through Friday August 16

Unlock your child’s imagination with interactive adventures in the great outdoors all summer long. Through science experiments, art, and creative play, The Morton Arboretum’s exciting camps for kids from four years old through eighth grade will inspire your child to become a champion of trees.

Bring the whole family for our summer exhibition!

Nature Connects®:
Art with LEGO® bricks
by Sean Kenney
Opens May 24

To register, call 630-719-2468 or visit mortonarb.org/education.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN
Children must be 4 years old by September 1, 2019 and fully potty-trained.

Growing Up Green half day
How do animals and plants grow up with roots, scales, or tails? Dive into the life cycles of green creatures around the Arboretum, and see them up close!

Hopping Through Habitats half day
Some animals dig, some fly, and some swim! Join this adventure in animal movements, and explore how animals move around the Arboretum.

NEW! Painting with Plants half day
Explore your artistic roots! Touch, explore, play, and paint with all the parts of a plant and discover what each part does.

Splashing Around with Science half day
Observe, guess, test, and splash your way through science experiments in this fun-filled outdoor lab adventure.

KINDERGARTEN
Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2019.

Dinos, Ginkgos, and Me half day
Travel back to the dinosaur age! Discover different dinosaurs; learn what they ate, where they lived, and the trees that grew when dinosaurs were alive.

Eric Carle’s Friends half day
Have you ever been as hungry as a caterpillar? Enter the whimsical world of Eric Carle as his characters come to life through stories, games, and crafts.

Fishing Fun full day
Get ready for some boot-splishin’ fun! Go fishing at the Arboretum. Play games, make crafts, and read stories about fish.

Leaf Zoo half day
Leaves come in all shapes, sizes, and colors! Let your imagination run wild as you discover what you can create with leaves.

NEW! Mud Buddies half day
Build, play, dig, and discover all the things that love mud! Explore life underground and learn what it takes to make a home in the mud.

Squishy, Squashy Art half day
Put on your artist hat. Paint and sculpt squishy frogs, textured turtles, and slippery fish. Learn about these wetland critters and develop artistic techniques.

Turtles and Tadpoles half day
How do tadpoles turn into frogs? How do turtles grow up? Together we’ll uncover fun facts, search for croaking frogs and basking turtles, play games, make crafts, and meet live turtles.

NEW! Where the Wild Things Are full day
Where are the wild things at the Arboretum? Hunt for animals that live in the woodland. What type of wild thing would the woods inspire you to be?

GRADES 1 AND 2

Awesome Art full day
Become a nature artist! Use nature as your inspiration to explore texture, color, and dimension. Learn about different artists’ techniques, and create your own nature-related artwork to take home.

Camp times fit YOUR schedule.
The Arboretum offers morning, afternoon, and lunchtime supervised play to better fit parents’ busy schedules. See registration panel for times and costs.
NEW! STEM: Sticks and Bricks  
full day  
Engineer your way through challenges as you learn about how nature stacks up around you. Spend time exploring our art exhibition, Nature Connects®, Art with LEGO® bricks, and build your own art from natural materials.

Wings and Things  
half day  
What would it feel like to be a bird? Soar into the fascinating life of birds as you listen to bird calls, scout out nests, and make a bird feeder to attract your own backyard birds.

Young Impressionists  
half day  
Become a mini-Monet! Explore the Arboretum for artistic inspiration, and use impressionist techniques to create a masterpiece.

Forest Fairy Friends  
half day  
Are fairies hidden in the forest? Discover woodland plants and animals, create your own fairy, and work together to build a fairy village.

Go Fish  
half day  
Make your own fishing pole, and let’s go fishing! Enjoy stories, games, and fishing trips to the Arboretum’s best spots.

Gotta Grow  
half day  
Water your curiosity! With a microscope get an up close look at seeds, leaves, and flowers. Sprout seeds, decorate a flower pot, and explore the gardens of the Arboretum.

Nature’s Lab  
full day  
Explore nature through the eyes of a scientist. Catapult seeds, make sun prints, and experiment with leaves as you use the outdoors as your laboratory.

Nature’s Superheroes  
half day  
How strong is a spider’s web? How do bats hunt? How fast is a hummingbird? Use your knowledge of nature’s superpowers to create your own superhero, play games, and look at real animal powers close up.

NEW! Critter Cases  
half day  
Can you solve the case of the missing acorn or the mystery of the toppled tree? Put your sleuthing skills to work as you learn signs that animals leave behind and become a woodland detective.

Forest Forts  
full day  
Design and build forts inspired by trees. Study trees up close and uncover their individual characteristics. Build a miniature tree fort village as a group. Each child takes home a tiny tree fort.

Outdoor Adventures  
full day  
Get outside and explore! Set off on a different adventure each day as you explore geocaching, letterboxing, survival skills, and more.

Scales to Feathers  
half day  
What makes a snake scale tough and a feather light? Take a microscopic look at scales, feathers, shells, and more as you discover what animal adaptations are all about.

Science of Why  
half day  
Have you ever wondered WHY? Find out answers as we conduct experiments using the scientific method. Delve into why leaves change color, where rainbows come from, how fireflies glow, and other scientific mysteries.

NEW! Slime Time  
full day  
Stretch, squish, and squoosh slime as you discover how plants and animals use slime, learn recipes for slime, and put your slime to the test.

Animal Engineers  
full day  
From intricate bird’s nests to astounding beaver dams, animals are engineering all around us. Take a closer look at the construction techniques used in the animal kingdom and take on wild STEM building challenges.

Eco-Challenge  
full day  
What can you accomplish when you master an eco-challenge? Build your leadership skills as you take on team building and STEM challenges in this camp, all while exploring the natural world.
Filming in the Forest  full day
If a picture is worth a thousand words, how many words is a video worth? Capture the movements of nature, from falling leaves to crawling caterpillars, and make a moving story out of the natural world. Participants must bring their own digital camera with video capability.

NEW! Help Wanted  full day
What does it take to make an Arboretum run? Take a behind-the-scenes look at careers at the Arboretum and experience what it takes to become a champion of trees.

NEW! STEM: Sticks and Bricks  full day
Engineer your way through challenges as you learn about how nature stacks up around you. Spend time exploring our art exhibition, Nature Connects: Art with LEGO bricks, and build your own art from natural materials.

Nature Photography I  full day
Use your nature observation skills and get creative with digital photography. Practice composition, subject placement, close-ups, moving targets, and more. With your classmates, create an Arboretum digital slideshow. Participants must bring a digital camera.

Nature Photography II  full day
Capture nature from a new angle! Play with mirrors, water, shadows, and light in this photography class. Participants must bring a digital camera.

Vitamin N  full day
Just a spoonful of nature makes a happier and healthier you! Try out some natural ways to work toward a healthy body and mind, including nature walks, yoga, journaling, coloring, and more as we take time for wellness.

Camps fill fast!
Register early to reserve your child’s spot. Waiting lists start when sessions are filled.

Inspire your child to become a champion of trees!

How to Register
1. Choose programs based on the age or grade your child will enter in the 2019–2020 school year.
2. Choose your camp(s). Note the week and title of each camp.
3. Register at mortonarb.org/education or call 630-719-2468.
4. NEW! For sibling or multi-camp discounts, please call the registrar’s office at 630-719-2468. Discounts must be applied at the time of purchase.
5. Fill out the required medical forms, sent via email, at least two weeks prior to camp.

Pricing  *Camp fee is per child, per week.
- Half-Day Camps
  $180 (nonmembers $210)
- Full-Day Camps (includes supervised lunch)
  $335 (nonmembers $380)
- Morning Supervised Play (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.)
  $60 (nonmembers $70)
- Supervised Lunch (noon to 12:30 p.m.)
  $15 (nonmembers $20)
- Afternoon Supervised Play (3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)
  $90 (nonmembers $106)

Members receive a 15% discount!
Begin or renew your membership at mortonarb.org/join.

Registration, Cancellation, Transfer, Late Pickup, and Refund Policies
- Space is limited, preregistration is required.
- A $15 nonrefundable registration fee is included in each camp session fee.
- Payment is due in full at time of registration.
- Camp registration closes at 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the next week’s camp.
- We are unable to give refunds for cancellations with less than three weeks notice from the first day of camp.
- Transfers will be granted up to three weeks before the first day of the original camp. Late transfers will be considered a cancellation of the original camp and will be charged in full.
- If your child is unable to attend camp due to medical reasons, you may receive a refund at any time prior to the start of camp by providing a doctor’s note.
- We are unable to refund for missed days of camp.
- The Arboretum reserves the right to cancel a camp due to low enrollment. Camps cancelled by the Arboretum because of low enrollment will be automatically refunded in full.
- Any parent/guardian picking up a child late will be assessed a fee of $15 per child for pickup 15 minutes late and $1 per minute thereafter. Late fees are due on the child’s next day of camp.

Special Needs
The Arboretum strives to provide accessible experiences for all children. Contact the camp and scout supervisor at 630-719-4890 to discuss special needs prior to registration.

The Morton Arboretum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that relies on the generosity of members and donors. Your camp registration and contributions support our work as the champion of trees.

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