

# FAMILY PROGRAMS 2025



**NYBG**

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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

The Everett Children's Adventure Garden will reopen in late Spring 2025! While these exciting upgrades are completed, be sure to visit the Pop Up for engaging nature play opportunities and fun hands-on programs.

Enjoy our programs in other locations around the Garden. We can't wait to welcome you back to the Children's Garden soon!





# 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!

While we wait for the finishing touches on the Everett Children's Adventure Garden to be completed this winter and spring, be sure to stop by the Pop Up for guided programs and drop-in nature play. 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 29–November 2

Tuesdays–Sundays and Monday Holidays; for hours, visit [nybg.org/families](https://www.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 7–November 2

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.

\$168 Member; \$184.80 Non-member

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

Use code NE1025 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 26–March 9 (no class Feb 16)  
Section A: 10–11 a.m.

6 Wednesdays, January 29–March 12 (no class Feb 19)  
Section B: 10–11 a.m.

### Spring

6 Wednesdays, April 23–May 28  
Section C: 10–11 a.m.

6 Sundays, April 27–June 8 (no class May 25)  
Section D: 10–11 a.m.

### Summer

6 Wednesdays, July 2–August 13 (no class July 23)  
Section E: 10–11 a.m.

6 Sundays, July 13–August 17  
Section F: 10–11 a.m.

### Fall

6 Wednesdays, September 10–October 22 (no class Sept 24)  
Section G: 10–11 a.m.

6 Sundays, September 14–October 26 (no class October 12)  
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. 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.

\$194.25 Member | \$215.25 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

**NEW!!** Section A: 6 Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., January 25–March 8 (no class Feb 15)

Section B: 6 Saturdays, 1–2:30 p.m., January 25–March 8 (no class Feb 15)

### Spring

Section C: 6 Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., April 26–June 7 (no class May 24)

### Summer

Section D: 6 Tuesdays, 9:30–11 a.m., July 8–August 12

Section E: 6 Thursdays, 9:30–11 a.m., July 10–August 14

Section F: 6 Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., July 12–August 16

### Fall

Section G: 6 Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., September 6–October 18 (no class Oct 11)





## 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

\$122.85 Member | \$136.50 Non-Member

6 Saturdays, 9–11 a.m., January 25–March 8 (no class Feb 15)

#### Spring

\$207.90 Member | \$231 Non-Member

10 Saturdays, 9–11:30 a.m., March 29–June 7 (no class May 24)

#### Summer

\$246.75 Member | \$278.25 Non-Member

6 Tuesdays and 6 Thursdays, 9–11:30 a.m., July 8–August 14

#### Fall

\$207.90 Member | \$231 Non-Member

10 Saturdays, 9–11:30 a.m., September 6–November 15 (no class Oct 11)

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 CGP1025 at checkout.

### Easy Ways to Register

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

\$336 Member | \$378 Non-Member  
February 18–21; 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 gardening, learn about sustainability, and participate in culinary and crafting activities.

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

\$420 Member | \$472.50 Non-Member  
April 14–18; 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 PreK–8.



## Summer Break Camps

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

### **NEW! Nature Camp (for Children Entering PreK4-Kindergarten in Fall 2025!)**

We are excited to offer summer camp at the renovated Everett Children's Adventure Garden for kids entering Pre-K and Kindergarten in the fall 2025! From woodland walks, sensory play and nature crafts, these little explorers will experience science and nature first hand. Must be fully toilet-trained.

### **Green Thumbs Gardening Camp (for Children Entering Grades 1–6 in Fall 2025)**

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 2025)**

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!

### **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 2 only: July 28–August 15; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.\* \$1,420 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 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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