



Welcome to the **Outdoor Classroom**, a new field trip experience designed to educate young children about nature in a fun and exciting way. Young students are introduced to the Arboretum and the world of plants and animals through observation, hikes, games, stories and more. All programs feature “hands-on” activities. Directors and teachers choose from the Arboretum’s **Outdoor Classroom** menu of topics including:

Meet Mr. Tree — A Living Creature *(year round)*

Become a botanist for the day and explore the fascinating world of trees in their natural surroundings. Through short hikes, stories and hands-on activities students will learn the parts of a tree, how they grow, and how big they’ll get.

Woodland Wanderers *(fall)*

Autumn is a time of dramatic change in the garden. Students will hike through the garden and discover why leaves change color and fall from the trees. We’ll search for other signs of fall and look for acorns and other tree nuts and learn about the animals that depend on them. We’ll even help the birds and animals by making outdoor tree ornaments for wildlife to feast on.



Crazy for Critters *(year round)*

Take a walk on the wild side and explore the Arboretum grounds looking for the different places animals make their homes and raise their young. Students will use their imaginations as they roll-play with puppets looking for food and a place to live.

Green Thumb Gardeners *(spring)*

Roll-up your sleeves and dig in as students explore the world of plants and how they grow. Little gardeners will learn how to make a garden, plant seeds, have a scavenger hunt, and go hunting for bugs.

Fantastic Flowers *(spring)*

Explore the secrets of the season as we visit the Arboretum’s colorful and fragrant gardens. Why do flowers have different shapes, sizes, colors and smells? Why do bees, butterflies and hummingbirds visit these flowers? Join us and find out.



All group programs are available Wednesdays and Thursdays at a cost of \$5.00 per student. Minimum \$50 per class.

Kindergarten through 2nd grade

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. or 12:45 - 2:15 p.m.
20 to 24 per class

Pre-K 4 to 6 year olds

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. or 12:45 - 2:15 p.m.
12 to 24 per class

Three-year-olds

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
10 to 12 per class

Individual students may enroll for classes to be offered on the second Tuesday of the month for 4-year-olds and the second Friday of the month for 3-year-olds.

Programs are available:

Fall Programs

September 2 through November 19

Spring Programs

March 16 through May 27

For more information or to schedule any of the **Outdoor Classroom** programs contact Carolyn Dewey at 913-897-2991 or Carolyn@arborclassroom.org

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The Arboretum is located 1/2 mile west of US 69 Highway at 179th & Antioch