All programs $6 per person and are 45 minutes in length; 25 children maximum per program.

Pre-K

**Blooms & Butterflies**  
March 7–September 27, 2015  
Engage in the life of a butterfly as we investigate metamorphosis, anatomy and symmetry through a short program, story, game and craft. Take a caterpillar back to your classroom to observe as it goes through its wondrous changes!  
Classroom Experience & Self-Guided Biome Tour

**Garden Explorations**  
Use five senses to discover the Who, What, When, Where and How of gardens as you enjoy a scavenger hunt in either the indoor gardens or outdoor ScottsMiracle-Gro Community Garden Campus. Take a plant back to your classroom and observe how it grows and develops.  
Biome or Outdoor Garden Program

**Whole Body Healthy**  
Learn more about how good food and exercise help your body and mind as we examine the five food groups. A short program, fun games and an easy craft illustrate concepts you can take with you for a lifetime of good health.  
Classroom Program

*Hot Shop open weekdays  
April 4–December 31, 11am–2pm.

Grades K–2

**Blooms & Butterflies**  
March 7–September 27, 2015  
Discover the needs and wants of butterflies, their anatomy and how butterflies help humans. Take this experience back to the classroom as you watch your own larvae transform into a butterfly!  
Biome Program

**Garden Connections**  
Review the basics of plant needs and growth, including how water resources can influence a garden’s survival. Observe how seasonal changes, the sun, weather and the atmosphere affect a garden.  
Biome or Outdoor Garden Program

**Whole Body Healthy**  
Learn about the six nutrients essential to humans and the foods that provide them. Discuss how healthy activities and behaviors help your overall health. Play a fun game to get active and review what you’ve learned.  
Classroom Program

**Habitat Exploration**  
Identify the needs and interactions of plants and animals. Learn about food chains and plant defenses while traveling through the Conservatory’s Himalayan Mountain, Tropical Rainforest and Desert Biomes.  
Biome Program

Grades 3–5

**Blooms & Butterflies**  
March 7–September 27, 2015  
Butterflies use more than just plants to survive in various environments throughout the world. Identify how the anatomy of a butterfly helps it find food. Take this experience back to the classroom as you watch your own larvae transform into butterflies!  
Biome Program

**Garden Connections**  
Understanding plant needs and lifecycles is necessary for successful garden planning. Explore the importance of soil and ways you can improve it through amendments like compost and fertilizer. Learn some fun facts about the history of agriculture in Ohio and the United States and how it has affected backyard gardening.  
Biome or Outdoor Garden Program

**Artistic Highlights of the Conservatory**  
Combine an introductory tour of the gardens with an interactive art activity along the way. Observe how artists surprise us around each turn as you view the Conservatory’s plant life and artwork merged as one experience. A permanent train exhibit is also on view. Watch a glassblowing demonstration in the Hot Shop*.  
Biome Program

**Botany Basics**  
Expand your plant know-how as we explore plant parts, life cycles, classifications, and adaptations that help them survive in their habitats. Plant a seed and take it back to school to watch it develop and grow!  
Biome Program

*Hot Shop open weekdays  
April 4–December 31, 11am–2pm.
Grades 6–8

Garden Connections
Discover the importance of soil to the garden and the various soil types you may have in your backyard. Fun facts are shared about the history of agriculture in Ohio and the United States and how it has affected backyard gardening. Learn how to use maps to make decisions for a successful garden.

Biome or Outdoor Garden Program

Botany Basics
Explore the similarities and differences between plants and animals. Learn how soil and reproduction helps a plant species survive in its environment. Take a planted seed back to your classroom and watch science in action!

Biome Program

Artistic Highlights of the Conservatory
Discover an insider’s view of the intricate relationship between the world of plants and exquisite works of art. Students observe the basic elements of art and design: pattern, color, line, form and texture, that connect nature with the fundamentals of art. Watch a glassblowing demonstration in the Hot Shop.*

Biome Program

Grades 9–12

Garden Connections
Explore the chemical elements of plants. Discuss urbanization and local codes and laws that may influence the placement and design of your growing space. Learn about community involvement that can help you and your neighbors create successful gardens.

Biome or Outdoor Garden Program

Biodiversity: The More the Merrier
Investigate how biodiversity—or the lack there of—influences the environment in Ohio and around the world. Learn about some of the factors that have limited biodiversity and ways we can improve our collective environment.

Biome Program

Artistic Highlights of the Conservatory
View the garden collections through an artistic perspective. A tour of the Conservatory’s art exhibitions includes thought-provoking interpretation and intriguing details about art and architecture. Delve into the inspiration behind the artist’s creations. Watch a glassblowing demonstration in the Hot Shop.*

Biome Program

Special Seasonal Experiences

Scary Plants
September 29–October 17, 2014; Grades K–12 **
$9 per person (including all accompanying adults)
Adventure into the oddities of nature and explore scary, ugly and dangerous plants with a project and field activity. Discover the ins and outs of carnivorous plants and their habitats. This station-based, two-hour program aligns with Ohio Common Core Standards. Take back activities to complete in your classroom, and a Venus Fly Trap plant for observation.

All about Bugs
May 18–September 27, 2015; Grades K–8 **
$9 per person (including all accompanying adults)
The Conservatory has gone buggy! Learn about insects, create a project to take home, and participate in investigative field work through the Conservatory’s Blooms & Butterflies and Big Bugs exhibitions. Immerse yourself in the world of insects while you learn about bugs of all sorts during this two-hour, station-based program aligned with Ohio Common Core Standards. Take back activities to complete in your classroom.

**Adapted 45-minute Pre-K programs are $6 per person (including all accompanying adults)

Special Outreach Programs

Backyard Birds: A Primer for the Great Backyard Bird Count
Available throughout the year; Grades 1–12, $125 for first classroom, $45 for each additional classroom
Engage students in subject matter while connecting their efforts with active research through Citizen Science. Prepare for the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) through Cornell Lab of Ornithology by completing stations on the basics of bird identification, a hands-on activity, and a field survey for birds around your school. Follow up activities are provided to help teachers and students complete the GBBC at school and at home. Visit Cornell’s website for additional information: http://www.birds.cornell.edu

Bring Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens educators to your school for this two-hour program that can accommodate up to three classrooms (approximately 90 students). Call 614.715.8022 for information and reservations.

School programs blend the Conservatory’s unique resources with hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences—and a dose of fun—to get students excited about nature, well being and art. Except for Seasonal Experiences, all programs listed are available as outreach programs that can be brought to your school.

Pre-K programs offer plant-based activities that inspire curiosity in the natural world and build active bodies, and complement Ohio’s Early Learning and Development Standards to support the building of knowledge in all essential domains of school readiness.

K–12 programs are tailored to grade topics and themes aligned with Ohio Common Core Standards in the areas of Life Science, Earth & Space Science, Geography, Social Studies and Fine Arts. Follow-up activities are provided for you to continue the experience back in your classroom.