



2017/2018 School Programs

Blend the Conservatory's unique resources with a hands-on, inquiry-based learning experience and a dose of fun to get your students excited about nature, well-being and art. Pre-K programs offer fun plant-based activities to open up curiosity in the natural world and build active bodies, and are specifically designed to 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 will be provided for you to continue the experience back in your classroom.

Contact Jeannie Wycinski, Youth Program Coordinator, at 614.715.8028 or jwycinski@fpconservatory.org for information and reservations.
All programs \$6 per person. 25 students maximum per program.

Pre-K

Blooms & Butterflies

March 11–September 17, 2017

Engage in the lifecycle of a butterfly by investigating metamorphosis, anatomy and symmetry. Program includes developmentally appropriate activities and a trip to the Conservatory's Butterfly Emergence Center.

30 minute program

Garden Detectives

Learn how vegetables grow. Explore the science in the Conservatory's gardens and unlock the mystery of where food comes from through developmentally appropriate activities. Make a Garden-in-a-Glove and watch them grow in your classroom.

30 minute program

Tree-mendous

Discover how a tree changes with the seasons by exploring the color, structure and function of these giant plants through stories, games and guided observations.

30 minute program

Grades K–2

Blooms & Butterflies

March 11–September 17, 2017

Discover the wonders of metamorphosis and butterfly migration, as groups from your class rotate through the biomes.

45 minute program

Garden Connections

Learn the basics of plant needs and growth, including the importance of water resources, while exploring the Conservatory's edible gardens.

45 minute outdoor garden program

Ecosystem Exploration

Learn the essential needs of plants and animals and how they adapt to the conditions around them. Identify different plant ecosystems and plants that are their own ecosystem while traveling through the Conservatory's Biomes.

45 minute program

Grades 3–5

Blooms & Butterflies

March 11–September 17, 2017

More than just plants are required to ensure butterfly survival. Learn how butterflies survive in various environments throughout the world. Identify how the anatomy of a butterfly helps it to find food.

45 minute program

Garden Connections

Discover the importance of soil to a successful garden while exploring the Conservatory's edible gardens. Learn methods to improve soil quality through amendments like compost and fertilizer. Understand how plant needs and lifecycles can assist garden planning

45 minute outdoor garden program

Plant Survival

Discover why plants have certain traits that help them survive in different environments. Take a closer look at these physical and behavioral characteristics of individual species while walking through the biomes.

45 minute program

Artistic Highlights of the Conservatory

Combine an introductory tour of the gardens with how artists surprise us around each turn in the biomes as the prolific plant life and artwork merge into one whole experience. Permanent train exhibit is on view.

45 minute program



Grades 6–8

Garden Connections

Discover the importance of soil to the garden and the various soil types you may have in your backyard. Understand how maps can help you make the best decisions for a successful garden.

45 minute program

Inside a Plant

Discover the structure and function that cells have to support life. Uncover the differences between mosses, ferns and angiosperms while visiting our biomes.

45 minute 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.

45 minute program

Grades 9–12

Artistic Highlights of the Conservatory

View the garden collections through an artistic perspective that includes the Conservatory's current art exhibitions, thought-provoking interpretation and intriguing details about the artists and architecture. Delve into the inspiration behind the artist's creations.

45 minute program

Biomes

Venture through the Conservatory's three biomes: Himalayan Mountains, Tropical Rainforest and Desert. Learn about the abiotic and biotic factors found within each. Discover how geography and climate effect the ecosystems of each environment using observation skills.

45 minute program

Outreach Program

Garden Lab (new) Pre-K – 12

\$450 for three 45min program series and all supplies included. Grow an indoor garden through hands-on activities in the classroom. Through our Garden Lab series your students will learn seed germination, parts of a plant, harvesting, nutrition and basic garden knowledge. From set-up of your 4'x2'x2' Grow Lab station to transplanting your garden outside or enjoy an indoor harvest, the Conservatory will guide you every step of the way.

Call 614.715.8028 to bring this program to your school.

Special Seasonal Experiences

Topiaries at the Conservatory: Wild Wonders

May 20 – October 29, 2017; grades K-9
\$6 per person (including all accompanying adults)
Explore endangered fauna through our unique topiary exhibit Wild Wonders. On this adventure we will discuss the Endangered Species Act of 1973, CITES and take a look at what makes these animals endangered today.

45 minute program

Curious Cucurbits

September 16 – October 29, 2017; Grades 5-9
\$6 per person (including all accompanying adults)
Take an adventure into the oddities of the cucurbit family while exploring the fascinating nature of these colorful and warty plants. Learn the genetic features and structures of creeping flowering plants that produce pumpkins, gourds and squashes.

45 minute program

Fairchild Challenge

Grades 9–12

The Conservatory has joined a growing consortium of partners offering a unique program launched in 2002 by The Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Miami, Florida: The Fairchild Challenge. This free, multidisciplinary, standards-based, STE(A)M-focused environmental education program provides teachers with a valuable tool to deliver core curriculum, and gives students an opportunity to shine. By appealing to students' innate sense of creativity and curiosity about the world around them, the Challenge invites learners to investigate environmental issues, devise imaginative and effective responses to these issues and to take action—at any level—to address them.

All central Ohio Middle Schools and High Schools are invited to participate in the 2016-2017 Fairchild Challenge! Please contact us for more information and to arrange a meeting at your school. Share with your colleagues, administration and parents, and visit the Franklin Park Conservatory webpage about the Fairchild Challenge program for details, stories and images about this program:

www.fpconservatory.org/the-fairchild-challenge

In 2016-2017, the four challenges will include a Art Challenge, Essay/Ethnobotany Challenge and Multi-media/Construction Challenge.

Consider participating in any one or all of the challenges in this exciting program! Please call Dr. Mark Miller, Fairchild Challenge Coordinator, at 614.715.8030 or email (mmiller@fpconservatory.org) with any questions you may have, or to arrange a meeting at your school. We look forward to discussing the rich possibilities! Thank you.

