

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 inspire curiosity for the natural world and build active bodies. Programs 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, Social Studies and Fine Arts.

All programs \$7 per person (including all accompanying adults). 25 students maximum per program.

For information and reservations visit www.fpconservatory.org/education-programs/school-programs or contact Sarah Robison, 614.715.8038 or schoolprograms@fpconservatory.org.

Pre-K

Blooms & Butterflies

March 16–July 3, 2020

Engage in the life of a butterfly as we investigate metamorphosis, anatomy and symmetry through developmentally appropriate activities and a trip to the Metamorphosis Lab.

30 minute program

Garden Detectives

Year Round

How do vegetables grow? Explore the science in our gardens and unlock the mystery of where our food comes from through developmentally appropriate activities. Make a Garden-in-a-Glove and watch it grow in your classroom.

30 minute program

Tree-mendous

Year Round

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

30 minute program



Grades K–2

Blooms & Butterflies

March 16–July 3, 2020

Discover the wonders of butterfly anatomy, metamorphosis, and migration as your class rotates through the Conservatory's biomes.

45 minute program

Plant Survival

Year Round

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

45 minute program

Garden Connections

May 1–September 30, 2020

Learn the basics of plant needs and growth, including the functions of pollinators and compost, while exploring the Conservatory's edible gardens.

45 minute outdoor garden program

Native Pollinators *NEW

May 1–September 30, 2020

Sunlight, water, air, shelter and food are the basic needs of living things. Come explore the Conservatory's gardens and learn first-hand what pollinators need to survive. Also, learn about ways that you can contribute to their survival.

45 minute outdoor garden program

Secrets of the Garden Railway *NEW

May 11–December 18, 2020

Explore the *Garden Railway* exhibition featuring the botanical architecture of Paul Busse. Investigate the science behind model trains and uncover what makes them go. Learn about Busse's unique construction process and discover the secrets behind the natural materials used to create his work.

45 minute outdoor garden program

Grades 3–5

Blooms & Butterflies

March 16–July 3, 2020

Discover the wonders of butterfly anatomy, metamorphosis, and migration as your class rotates through the Conservatory's biomes.

45 minute program

Garden Connections

May 1–September 30, 2020

Identify basic plant structures. Use your observation skills to discover pollinators, compost and more while exploring edible gardens.

45 minute outdoor garden program

Native Pollinators *NEW

May 1–September 30, 2020

Learn about pollinator habitats and explore the physical and behavioral traits that allow these species to thrive. Discover the importance of pollinators to humans.

45 minute outdoor garden program

Ecosystem Exploration

Year Round

Learn the essential needs of plants and animals and how they adapt to their surroundings.

45 minute program

The Nature of Glass

Year Round

Investigate the material of glass and learn the science behind glassblowing. Fuse the science with art as we analyze artworks.

45 minute program

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45 minute outdoor garden program



Grades 6–8

Biome Exploration

Year Round

Venture through the Conservatory's three biomes; Himalayan Mountains, Tropical Rainforest and Desert. Discover how geography and climate affect the ecosystems of each environment. Observe key plants from each location, learn their functions and adaptations and discover how they are used by native animals and humans in the region.

45 minute program

Inside a Plant

Year Round

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

45 minute program

The Nature of Glass

Year Round

Investigate the material of glass and learn the science behind glassblowing. Fuse the science with art as we analyze artworks by leading contemporary glass artist Dale Chihuly.

45 minute program

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45 minute outdoor garden program

Grades 9–12

The Nature of Glass

Year Round

Investigate the material of glass and learn the science behind glassblowing. Fuse the science with art as we analyze artworks by leading contemporary glass artist Dale Chihuly within the Conservatory's natural spaces.

45 minute program

Biome Exploration

Year Round

Venture through the Conservatory's three biomes; Himalayan Mountains, Tropical Rainforest and Desert. Discover how geography and climate affect the ecosystems of each environment. Observe key plants from each location, learn their functions and adaptations and discover how they are used by native animals and humans in the region. Human impacts and conservation issues will also be explored.

45 minute program

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Virtual Learning

***New for 2020!**

Bring the Conservatory gardens to your classroom through this digital field trip experience. Learn about working in the biomes with a horticulturalist or explore the life cycle of a butterfly through the changing seasons. Engage in a live conversation with a Conservatory Educator to answer all of your questions.

Outreach Program

Franklin Park Conservatory educators will bring interactive programs to your school! Available programs are listed on our Outreach Program Guide. Call 614.715.8022 for information and reservations.

Fairchild Challenge

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens 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 2019-2020 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:

fpconservatory.org/the-fairchild-challenge