



Blend the Conservatory's unique resources with a hands-on learning experience and a dose of fun to get your students excited about plants, art and other wonders of the natural world. Conservatory Education programs offer fun plant-focused activities to inspire curiosity and ignite learning. Pre-K programs are specifically designed to complement Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards to support school readiness. K–12 programs are aligned with Ohio Standards in the areas of Life Science, Earth & Space Science, and Fine Arts.

All educator-led programs are \$8 per person including accompanying adults.* Large groups will be scheduled for multiple tour times with a maximum of 25 students and adults in each tour group.

All programs include Conservatory admission for the day. Contact Lindsay Maynard, 614.715.8033 or schoolprograms@fpconservatory.org for additional information or schedule your program here:

fpconservatory.org/education-programs/school-programs/school-registration-form

*Two teachers per classroom are admitted free of charge with registration.

Programs are subject to the 5% Columbus Arts and Culture Fee. Programs must be booked at least 14 business days in advance.

Pre-K

30 MINUTE PROGRAM

Butterfly Explorers | *February 26–May 30*

Engage in the life of a butterfly to investigate metamorphosis, anatomy and symmetry through developmentally appropriate songs, games and movement activities.

Garden Detectives | *Jan 1–May 30 & Sept 1–Dec 15*

How do vegetables grow? Explore the science in the gardens and unlock the mystery of where our food comes from through developmentally appropriate activities.

Grades K–5

45 MINUTE PROGRAM

Blooms & Butterflies | *February 26–May 30*

Discover the wonders of butterfly anatomy, metamorphosis and adaptations, while exploring our Metamorphosis Lab and encountering live butterflies in the Pacific Island biome.

Carnivorous Plants | *Jan 1–May 30 & Sept 1–Dec 15*

Explore the amazing adaptations of “meat eating” plants. Engage in direct observation and team-based play to survive a trip through a carnivorous plant bog!

Bugs & Botany | *Sept 1–Dec 15*

Discover the complex relationships between plants and the tiny creatures who help them grow. Observe live and preserved specimens, then create a flower with a “secret” UV message only pollinators can see.

Grades 6–8

45 MINUTE PROGRAM

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The Nature of Glass | *Jan 1–May 30 & Sept 1–Dec 15*

Investigate glass as a unique material and learn the science behind glassblowing. Explore our collection of glass art by contemporary artist Dale Chihuly, then fuse science with art to create your own “glass” masterpiece.

Grades 9–12

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Biome Exploration | *Jan 1–May 30 & Sept 1–Dec 15*

Venture through the Conservatory’s biomes. 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.

Need programming that doesn’t fit our typical school program model? We offer a variety of educational experiences including Self-Guided, Homeschool and Traveling programs to suit the needs of your students.

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Self-Guided Programs

\$7 PER PERSON

Want to visit the Conservatory without a guide at your own pace? We also offer self-guided programs. Explore all the Conservatory has to offer including our interior biomes, Children’s Garden and seasonal exhibits! Complimentary activity packets are available to guide and enhance your visit. \$7 per person and subject to the 5% Columbus Arts and Culture Fee. All programs booked during Summer will be self-guided.

Traveling Programs

45 MINUTE PROGRAM

Franklin Park Conservatory educators will bring interactive programs to your school! Our on-site programs can travel to you (see front for more details). \$175 per 45 minute program. 30 students max per program. Contact us for additional information and availability.

Homeschool Day Programs

QUARTERLY

The Conservatory offers quarterly homeschool programs during the school year. Homeschool families can explore themes like glassblowing, plant science and pollinators at their own pace through a variety of educator-led learning stations.

Create your own “glass” masterpiece, explore the amazing adaptations of carnivorous plants or get an up close view of butterfly anatomy. Stay after to extend your learning and explore the Conservatory with full admission after your program. Online registration is required and may sell out quickly.

Visit the Conservatory’s event calendar at fpconservatory.org for information on upcoming Homeschool Days.