



SOUTH TEXAS BOTANICAL GARDENS & NATURE CENTER

Hello Family Garden Friends!

Family and Homeschool Field Trips are a great way to learn and have fun at the Gardens!

Up to 6 people (including adults) for **\$40 for the group (members)** and **\$50 group for (non-members)**

Enjoy a **one and half to two hour** educational and entertaining experience which includes any 4 of the field trip stations listed below and a Science Investigation or Nature Craft.

Request a date and time for your Field Trip today! Experience also includes **private use of playground** and participants receive mini-nature journals and other garden keepsakes.

Please choose 4 of the following Field Trip Stations in the Gardens (15-20 minute stations):

- 1-**Reptile Room**- (touch) at least 2 reptiles (tortoise and snake) and learn about habitats, diets and more!
- 2-**Parrot Time**- observe and feed several parrots and learn about the characteristics, behaviors, and diets.
- 3-**Butterfly House**- observe and interact with butterflies, caterpillars and chrysalis
- 4-**Sensory Garden**- use your senses such as taste and smell to investigate different herbs and native plants
- 5-**Orchid & Bromeliad Houses**- learn where vanilla comes from, where pineapples are grown and uses, and explore "mini-ponds in plants"
- 6-**Brennecke Trail**- a short walking trail with an overlook tower beside Gator Lake (no gators in lake)
- 7-**Wetlands Boardwalk, Palapa Deck and Arid Garden**- take a short walk to view birds with our binoculars and view different plants in a wetland setting.

Please choose 1 of the following Science Investigations or Nature Crafts (20-30 min activity)

- 1-**Tiny Critter Investigations**- observe and use lab charts as you explore insect critter traps, ant labs...
- 2-**Critter Behavior Lab**-observe mealworms and rollie pollies using behavior chamber lab equipment
- 3-**Earthworms and composting Station**- interact with earthworms/red wigglers and composting activities.
- 4-**Butterfly Life Cycle**-observe caterpillars, chrysalis phase and parts of butterflies using a microscope.
- 5- **Nature Sun Catcher**- use real butterfly wings, snakeskin, feathers, flowers...
- 6- **Snake in the Grass**- make a snake using real snakeskin and create an environment for your snake
- 7-**Sun Prints**-create 2-3 sun prints using special paper and petals, snakeskin, feathers, leaves and more.
- 8-**Spider Web**-make your own spider web using yarn and add your spider and bug

Above Program activities subject to weather, animal behavior, staff/volunteer availability, etc.

Complete the Field Trip Registration on the 2nd page and email to brendae@stxbot.org

Field Trip Registration- **answer questions below** and email to brendae@stxbot.org

1-Requested date(s)

2-Time of **arrival** and **departure** (usually 9:30-11:30 or later if staying for lunch)

3-Number and age of youth & number of adults?

4-Eating lunch at the Gardens? (Bring picnic lunches and eat under the Rose Pavilion...)

5-Visiting Gift shop? (Pre-order our \$3, \$5, \$10 **Nature Fun Bags**)

6-Visiting Playground? (treehouse, grassy hill, swings and slide) Playground will be opened **ONLY** for your family)

7--Interested in a VIP Presentation? \$30 Reptile Presentation, \$45 Parrot Presentation (30 minute interactive with 3-4 animals) after Field Trip

8-Anything you would like us to emphasize? **Special requests** are welcome!

9-Any **food allergies**? (Nuts are fed to the parrots)

Inquire about our **Nature Buddy Days, Nature Photo Fun** and **Animal Art Days** Just For Kids!

Girl Scout Rocker Patch coming soon!

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