



CAPE FEAR BOTANICAL GARDEN

# Cape Fear Botanical Garden Summer Camps

536 N. Eastern Blvd. Fayetteville, NC 28301

CFBG summer camps instill a love for nature with Garden explorations, hands-on science experiments and nature art projects. The Garden has programs for children ages 4-15.

Garden members may register early starting on March 9th and registration opens to the public on March 20th.

## **Sprouts Camps (Ages 4-6)**

### **Wonders of Nature**

May 30th-June 2nd  
9am – 12pm

Young campers will explore the wonders of nature! We'll investigate plants, bugs, and other critters. Create a bug jar, plant seeds, and make animal tracks.



### **Garden Sprouts**

July 25th-27th  
2pm -5pm

Look at seed pods up-close, play with worms, and paint a planter to take home. Each day campers will hear a story, take a walk in the Garden, have a snack, make a craft, enjoy a simple science project, and play in the Eleanor and Raymond Manning Children's Garden.

## **Explorers Camps (Ages 5-8)**

### **Critter Camp**

#### **Session A**

June 4th-9th  
8:30am – 12:30 pm

#### **Session B**

July 10th -14th  
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

In this camp, learn about a new group of animals each day. Campers will investigate furs, feathers, and scales, meet live reptiles, catch fish in the pond, and build their own nests.

### **S.T.E.A.M. Discoveries**

July 17th-21st  
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

In this camp, learn by doing with hands-on experiments, engineering challenges, and nature art projects. Campers will build floating rafts, create a mini-lava lamp, blow giant bubbles, and become citizen scientists.



### **World of Bugs**

August 7th-11th  
8:30am – 12:30 pm

Most of the animals on Earth are insects! In this camp, explore the world of bugs with activities including creating bug jars, catching butterflies, building a mason bee house, and designing a floating water strider.

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## Creators Camps (Ages 6-10)

### Nature Around the World

July 10th-14th

8:30am - 12:30 pm

“Travel” to a new part of the world each day to explore ecosystems and cultures from across the globe. Learn how plants survive in the desert and thrive in the rainforest. Create a mini-zen garden, make Mexican bark rubbings, and try snacks from different countries.



### Naturally Creative

July 31st-August 4th

8:30am – 12:30 pm

Budding artists will have the opportunity to use a variety of natural materials and art mediums, learn about the elements of art, and become inspired by the beauty of the Garden. Campers will use leaves and rocks to construct art, make a nature journal, paint rocks, and create bookmarks with dried leaves and flowers.

## Adventurers Camps (Ages 8-12)

### Eureka! Science Discoveries Session A

June 26th - 30th

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

### Eureka! Science Discoveries Session B

August 7th - 11th

1:30-5:30pm

Junior scientists will conduct experiments, investigations, and engineering projects that help them learn critical thinking skills, problem solving, and the joy of scientific discovery. Explore the science of electricity with squishy circuits, create a chemical reaction that launches a mini-rocket, and engineer a parachute to protect an egg.



## Botany Lab

July 24th-28th

8:30am – 12:30 p.m.

Campers become botanists for a week as they learn about bristle cone pines that are thousands of years old, pitcher plants that can eat frogs, water lilies large enough to support a child, and trees that can walk. Dissect flowers, create fern prints, plant several types of seeds, and use a tag game to model the way trees can talk to each other.



## Eco-Explorers

August 21st - 25th

8:30 am – 12:30pm

Campers explore the science of ecology with activities that include creating an ecosystem in a jar, meeting live reptiles, dissecting owl pellets, and catching tadpoles in the pond.

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## Summer Naturalist Camp (Ages 11-15)

July 5th-7th

9am – 3pm

This three day camp hits all the highlights for our oldest campers. This camp includes classic CFBG camp activities like pond dipping, a photo scavenger hunt, tie dye, and a campfire plus new science experiments and a terrarium project.



## Day Camps

### Day Camp: Garden Explorers (Ages 5-8)

June 21st 9am – 3pm

Campers will enjoy exploring outdoors and learn about garden plants and animals. Camp activities include making hiking sticks, a photo scavenger hunt, and learning about animal tracks.

### Day Camp: Animal Art (Ages 6-10)

June 22nd 9am – 3pm

Be inspired by the beauty and personality of animals to create amazing art projects including creations made with natural materials and painted ceramic animals.

### Day Camp: Inside-Out Nature (Ages 8-12)

August 15th 9am – 3pm

Did you ever wonder how a bat can fly or why fish can breathe underwater? In this one day camp, we'll explore what's inside plants and animals. Activities include assembling model animals with plastic skeletons, cutting open a pitcher plant, looking at animal x-rays, and creating a model of the lungs.

### Day Camp: Underwater Mysteries (Ages 6-10)

August 16th 9am – 3pm

In this camp, explore life underwater from the Garden pond to the wide ocean. Campers will use nets to look for critters in the pond, create a jellyfish craft, and dig for shark's teeth.

### Day Camp: Peculiar Plants (Ages 11-15)

August 18th 9am – 3pm

The Garden is full of amazing and peculiar plants with incredible histories. In this one day camp, campers will explore the science of botany, build a model of a plant cell, discover rare plants in the Garden, create a flower press to take home, and build a working lemon clock.

## What to Wear?

- Please wear clothes for exploring outside and getting messy with science and art!
- Close-toed shoes like sneakers or hiking boots are required.

## What to Bring?

- Please bring a packed lunch for 9 am - 3 pm camps.
- The Garden provides a snack for all camps. Feel free to pack your camper extra snacks, if you'd like.
- A reusable water bottle is provided for week long camps.. Please bring your own water bottle for one day camps.

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## Camp Pricing

All week-long and multi-day camps (Sprouts, Explorers, Adventurers, Creators, and Summer Naturalist Camp) are \$100 regular price and \$80 for Garden members.

Day Camps are \$40 regular price and \$30 for Garden members.

**Not a Member? Become One at**  
[capefearbg.org/memberships/](http://capefearbg.org/memberships/)

## Scholarships

Scholarships may be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for campers who qualify. We provide scholarships for:

- Low-income Families
- Children with Special Needs
- Children in Foster Care

Please contact [bgoldentyer@capefearbg.org](mailto:bgoldentyer@capefearbg.org) or call 910-486-0221 x 43 to inquire about scholarships.



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## Help Send a Child to Camp!

We depend on donations to provide scholarships for campers who might not otherwise be able to attend camp.

- \$40 sends a child to a day camp.
- \$100 sends a child to a week-long camp.
- Any amount supports our camp scholarship fund!

Please fill out a donation form at:  
<https://form.jotform.com/22066557828597>  
2 or call 910-486-0221 x 36

## Healthy, Fresh Snacks Commitment



This year, the Garden has committed to providing healthy, fresh snacks for campers. Nothing connects us to plants like eating them!

Each day of camp you can expect your camper will receive:

- A fresh fruit or vegetable
- Plus varied whole grains, low fat dairy, or nutritious protein options

***Thanks to Cumberland Community Foundation for their financial support since 1990.***

**Plus check out our cool camp shirts!** Pick from four awesome designs all with the CFBG logo on the sleeve.



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