



CAPE FEAR BOTANICAL GARDEN

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CAPE FEAR BOTANICAL GARDEN RECEIVES A SUMMERTIME KIDS GRANT FROM THE CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Fayetteville, NC – Cape Fear Botanical Garden is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$5,000 Summertime Kids grant from Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc. which will support camp activities and scholarships.

“Camp at the Garden includes hands-on environmental science activities, art projects, STEM learning, and opportunities for children to get outside and become excited about the natural world as they build friendships and enjoy a feeling of belonging. Summer camp is an experience every child deserves, but not every family can accommodate. Scholarship funds from the Cumberland Community Foundation are vital in bridging the gap” said Meg Suraci, Development Manager.

“This grant allows us to offer exceptional programming while creating lasting memories for our campers. We feel truly honored to mentor the children in our community and provide them with a fun-filled summer experience” says Valerie DeLeon, Lead Environmental Education Specialist.

Exciting and educational summer camp sessions include:

- **Let's Grow** (ages 4-6) - Little Sprouts campers will discover the joy of gardening through hands-on activities like planting seeds, watering, and harvesting vegetables.
- **Treasures of the Earth** (ages 5-8) - Young Explorers will study sparkling crystals, colorful rocks, and ancient fossils while uncovering the science of rocks by cracking open geodes, building bubbling volcanoes, and creating unique rock art.
- **Science of Food** (ages 9-13) Budding culinary scientists will discover how science relates to cooking! From baking reactions to the chemistry of fizzy sodas, campers will explore the physics and biology that transform simple ingredients into delicious creations.

- **STEM Leaders** (Ages 10-14) - Science, nature, and innovation come together as campers engage in advanced experiments and real-world problem-solving while breaking open geodes, dissecting owl pellets, and building clay circuits.

For more about the cultural and educational programs taking place at Cape Fear Botanical Garden, please visit capefearbg.org or call 9120.486.0221.

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About Cumberland Community Foundation: Cumberland Community Foundation is a charitable organization that helps thousands of donors make life better in our community. Since 1980, they have awarded over \$59 million in grants for programs that support the arts and cultural infrastructure, prepare children for success in school, develop community opportunities, improve the environment, help people meet their basic human needs, and enhance community prosperity.

About Cape Fear Botanical Garden: The mission of Cape Fear Botanical Garden is to transform people's relationship with plants and the natural world. We aim to be the region's premier destination for all people to connect with nature and expand their horizons through educational and cultural programs.