

# SUMMER CAMPS

AT THE GARDEN

2025



**Cape Fear Botanical Garden Summer Camps** instill a love for nature with Garden explorations, hands-on science, and nature art projects. **The Garden has camps for children and teens ages 4-14.**



## KEY DATES:

- **Registration Opens for CFBG Members**  
March 3, 2025
- **Registration Opens to All**  
March 10, 2025
- **Camp Dates**  
June-August 2025



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# MULTI-DAY CAMPS



## Sprouts (Ages 4-6)

**Let's Grow | May 27-30 | 9 AM – 12 PM**

Young explorers will discover the joy of gardening through hands-on activities like planting seeds, watering, and harvesting vegetables. Get messy, have fun, and learn what it takes to help plants grow!

**Animal Buddies | July 21-24 | 2 – 5 PM**

Calling all animal lovers! This playful camp introduces kids to a variety of furry, scaly, and feathery friends through hands-on activities, games, and garden explorations. Learn about habitats, behaviors, and how we can help protect our animal friends.



## Explorers (Ages 5-8)

**Budding Builders | June 9-13 | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Become a young architect and explore the world of construction, design, and engineering! Build everything from castles to bridges and even nature-inspired animal homes. Creativity meets science in this exciting hands-on camp!

**World of Bugs | June 23-27 | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Step into the fascinating world of insects! From butterflies to beetles, campers will learn about all kinds of bugs through games, crafts, outdoor adventures, and even live bug encounters. Discover why these tiny creatures are so important to nature!



**Amazing Places | July 21-25 | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Embark on an adventure around the world! From the tallest mountains to the deepest oceans, campers will explore different cultures, animals, and landmarks through hands-on activities, crafts, and exciting Garden explorations.

**Treasures of the Earth | August 18-22 | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Dig deep into Earth's hidden wonders! Explore sparkling crystals, colorful rocks, and ancient fossils while uncovering the science behind them. Campers will crack open geodes, build bubbling volcanoes, and create unique rock art!

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## Creators (Ages 6-10)

### Wild at Art | July 7-11 | 1:30 – 5:30 PM

Unleash your creativity in this nature-inspired art camp! Use leaves, sticks, and rocks to create beautiful works of art while exploring painting, sculpting, and mixed-media projects. Let nature spark your imagination!

### Critter Creations | July 28-August 1 | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Turn your favorite animals into works of art! From clay sculptures to colorful paintings and suncatchers, this camp blends creativity with a love for all things furry, scaly, and feathery. Get crafty and bring your critter creations to life!



## Adventurers (Ages 8-12)

### Mad Science Inventors | June 23-27 | 1:30 – 5:30 PM

Dive into a world of wacky experiments and hands-on science challenges! Campers will engineer solar-powered bugs, create blacklight chemistry reactions, and even build hovercrafts. Outdoor adventures and nature experiments make this camp extra exciting!

### Earth-topia | July 7-11 | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Step into the future and imagine an earth-friendly world! Design sci-fi eco-cities, explore renewable energy, build working water filters, and grow food using hydroponics. Hands-on experiments and teamwork will bring big ideas to life!



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## Culinary Connections (Ages 9-13)

**Science of Food | July 14-18 | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Uncover the fascinating science behind cooking! From baking reactions to the chemistry of fizzing sodas, campers will explore the physics and biology that transform simple ingredients into delicious creations. Hands-on experiments and tasty treats included!

**Snack Attack: Straight from the Garden |  
August 4-8 | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Harvest, chop, and create fresh, garden-inspired snacks! Using ingredients grown in the Garden, campers will make tasty, healthy recipes while learning about farm-to-table food. Hands-on cooking fun with a delicious reward!



## Leaders (Ages 10-14)

**STEM Lab | August 4-8 | 1:30 – 5:30 PM**

Take science to the next level with advanced experiments and real-world problem-solving! Break open geodes, dissect owl pellets, build clay circuits, mix up slime, and even meet live animals. Science, nature, and innovation come together in this exciting camp!



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# SINGLE-DAY CAMPS



## **To the Moon | Ages 5-8 | June 2 | 9 AM – 3 PM**

Blast off on an intergalactic adventure! Young space explorers will create rockets, navigate constellations, and discover the wonders of the solar system through hands-on activities, games, and crafts.

## **Carnivorous Plants | Ages 8-12 | June 3 | 9 AM – 3 PM**

Step into the wild world of plants that eat bugs! Learn about Venus flytraps, pitcher plants, and sundews while conducting cool science experiments. Each camper will take home their very own Venus flytrap!

## **Creatures of the Creek | Ages 6-10 | June 4 | 9 AM – 3 PM**

Explore the creek and uncover the amazing creatures that call it home! From frogs to fish and tiny crawdads, campers will use nets, hike to the river, and learn about aquatic ecosystems through hands-on discoveries.

## **Secret World of Plants | Ages 6-10 | July 1 | 9 AM – 3 PM**

Unlock the hidden secrets of plants! Learn about fascinating plant adaptations, discover how trees communicate, and explore how plants play a role in nature's balance through interactive activities and experiments.

## **Mysteries and Mazes | Ages 8-12 | July 2 | 9 AM – 3 PM**

Solve puzzles, unravel mysteries, and navigate through thrilling scavenger hunts! This camp is perfect for problem-solvers and puzzle-lovers who enjoy cracking codes, brain teasers, and exciting challenges.



## **Pirate Adventure | Ages 5-8 | August 12 | 9 AM – 3 PM**

Ahoy, mateys! Set sail on a swashbuckling adventure filled with treasure hunts, pirate crafts, and sea-worthy storytelling. Create your own pirate ship and follow the map to hidden treasures!

## **Tooth and Claw | Ages 8-12 | August 13 | 9 AM – 3 PM**

Step into the world of nature's fiercest predators! Campers will explore sharp teeth, powerful claws, and the incredible adaptations that make these animals the rulers of the food chain.

## **Serious Sidekicks | Ages 6-10 | August 14 | 9 AM – 3 PM**

Even heroes need sidekicks! Campers will explore nature's teamwork through fun games, hands-on activities, and garden explorations that highlight the amazing partnerships found in the wild.



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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION



## CFBG Camp Pricing 2025

### **Sprouts, Explorers, Adventurers, Creators & Leaders Multi-Day Camps**

\$150 per camp for CFBG Members\*

\$185 per camp for Non-Members

### **Culinary Connections Camps**

\$200 per camp for CFBG Members\*

\$225 per camp for Non-Members

### **Single-Day Camps**

\$60 per camp for CFBG Members\*

\$80 per camp for Non-Members

\*To receive the member discount, parents and guardians registering the camper must be an active Garden Member at time of registration and throughout the entire camp season.

Become a Member at  
[capefearbg.org/memberships](https://capefearbg.org/memberships)

**Preregistration is Required: [capefearbg.org/camps2025](https://capefearbg.org/camps2025)**

## Add a Tshirt

Purchase of a Tshirt is optional and can be added on only at the time of your registration. Order by April 21. \$14 each

### **Snakezzz**



### **Science!**



### **Solar System Glo**



### **Dino Heads/Tails**



## Scholarships

Scholarships for financial aid are available as funds last.

For scholarship information, contact Education Manager Barbara Goldentyer; [bgoldentyer@capefearbg.org](mailto:bgoldentyer@capefearbg.org).

## Donate to the Scholarship Fund

CFBG depends on donations to provide scholarships for campers that might not otherwise be able to enjoy a camp experience.

Donate at [https://bit.ly/cfbg\\_camp\\_gift](https://bit.ly/cfbg_camp_gift)



# OUR CAMP TEAM



Our **CFBG Summer Camp Team** is a group of **skilled, experienced, and passionate educators** dedicated to making learning fun and hands-on. They create a **safe, engaging, and unforgettable** summer adventure for every camper!



## **Barbara Goldentyer, Education Manager**

Barbara has been with the Cape Fear Botanical Garden for 5 years. She has Master's degrees in Environmental Studies and Sociology. She has been a camp instructor since she started volunteering with a summer STEM program in high school. Barbara is proud to be a Certified NC Environmental Educator. Her favorite pastimes are science fiction, puzzles, and anything outdoors. As a child, Barbara collected over 400 plastic model animals!

## **Valerie DeLeon, Education Specialist**

Valerie has been at CFBG since June 2024 after moving from Colorado. She is a Certified Interpretive Guide and experienced environmental educator with a knack for connecting people to wildlife and wild places. With a Master's degree in Biology and five years of summer camp experience, Valerie is eager to guide campers on outdoor adventures and engage them in hands-on learning while fostering an environment of independence and inclusion. She grew up in Virginia, can play the ukulele, and has a blue-tongued skink named Melvin.



## **Mary Comacho, Education Specialist**

Mary brings many years of teaching experience with expertise in creating fun and engaging lessons. Her mission is to ignite in children and in adults of all ages reflective curiosity while interacting with plant and animal life. She is currently experimenting with different composting methods and is working on keeping her new seedlings alive while also finishing her Master's in Arts degree in Teaching.

## **Wendy Marshburn, Education Specialist**

Wendy has always enjoyed nature whether it was a hike in the mountains or a stroll down the beach finding beautiful shells. Wendy taught school for 14 years before joining the Cape Fear Botanical Garden team as an Environmental Education Specialist in August 2024. She enjoys helping students grow in their knowledge of nature through hands-on camp experiences.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



**If you have questions that you do not see answered here, please contact our Education Team at [bgoldentyer@capefearbg.org](mailto:bgoldentyer@capefearbg.org) or 910-486-0221.**

***Q: What level of Membership qualifies for the discount?***

A: Membership discount applies at Household Membership level, to include children. To receive the member discount, parents and guardians registering the camper must be a current Garden member at time of registration and throughout the entire camp season.

***Q. What should my child wear to camp?***

A. Campers should wear clothes for exploring outside and experimenting with science and art. We love it when campers get dirty in the Garden! Close-toed shoes such as sneakers or hiking boots are required for all our camps.

***Q: What should my camper bring to camp?***

A: For those camps that run 9am-3pm, your child should bring a packed lunch from home and a water bottle. The Garden will provide a snack for all camps, and you are welcome to send additional snack options for your child. A typical snack be apple slices and goldfish crackers or baby carrots and pretzel sticks. If your child is enrolled in a week-long camp, a reusable water bottle will be provided.

***Q: Is there a wait list if a camp is full?***

A: Yes! CFBG camps fill up quickly. If you are interested in a camp that is full, please contact Barbara Goldentyer: [bgoldentyer@capefearbg.org](mailto:bgoldentyer@capefearbg.org) to be placed on a waitlist.

***Q: What happens during inclement weather?***

A: As long as the Garden doesn't close due to the weather, the camps will be held indoors.

***Q: Can I see pictures of camp?***

A: Yes! New this year we will have a class photo portal through Class Dojo. If you allow photo permission, for your camper, you will be sent a link to login to the Class Dojo where you will have access to camp photos.

***Q: Is my child allowed to participate in a camp outside of their designated age range?***

A: Camp staff consider age exemptions on a case-by-case basis for campers with-in one year of the camp age range. Age exemptions are only considered after the registration period for Members has ended.

***Q: Can my camper bring a cellphone?***

A: While campers are permitted to bring cellphones for emergencies, we strongly encourage them to enjoy nature and fully engage in the camp experiences. Therefore, campers will be kindly asked to stow away their phones during camp activities. CFBG cannot be held responsible for any personal technology devices brought to our camp from home.

***Q: What is your refund policy?***

A: CFBG provides a 90% refund of paid registration fees if requested up to 8 weeks prior to the start of the camp. A 50% registration refund is available for requests made up to 4 weeks before the camp start date. Refunds will not be issued within 4 weeks of the camp start date.

***Q: How do you handle Allergies and Dietary Restrictions?***

A: At the Garden, we strive to accommodate allergies and dietary restrictions to ensure the health and safety of all campers. However, in some cases, it may be recommended that campers bring snacks from home. For our Culinary Connections camps, please reach out to us before registering to discuss any specific dietary needs. We are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for all campers.