

4th—6th Grade



Plant Physio! (\$6-7)

Take a tour of our rainforest conservatory and Children's Garden to learn about plant adaptations and how plants function on a cellular and chemical level.

Rainforest Natural History and Conservation (\$6-7)

Learn about the rainforest and how it evolved over time with the climate it's in. How does this differ from Indiana's climate? What are some of the conservation issues facing rainforests? How does climate change contribute to rainforest change?



Indiana Natural History and Conservation (\$6-7)

Learn about Indiana's natural history over time and current environmental and conservation concerns. How can students have a significant voice on Indiana's environmental issues. Learn how we are interconnected with the rainforest and how advocating for rainforest conservation also supports Indiana conservation. For \$1 more make a rainforest plant cutting to take home.



Sustainability Possibilities (\$6-7)

Love nature? Want to see it protected for yourself and future generations? Learn simple ways we can help the environment and help our neighbors have the resources they need to survive. Making good environmental decisions doesn't always have to be for those who can afford to do so. Everyone can work towards sustainability.



Junior Entomologist (\$6)

What is entomology? The study of insects! What are arthropods? The larger group with which insects, spiders, worms and snails, for example, fit into. How do we classify "bugs"? How do we classify insects? What do their adaptations say about their environmental roles? Why is entomology research so important? How does that fit into environmental concerns and daily healthy living?



Junior Herpetologist (\$6)

What is herpetology? The study of reptiles and amphibians! Why are they often studied together? How are the groups different? How do we classify herps? What do their adaptations say about their environmental roles? Why is herpetology research so important? How does that fit into environmental concerns and daily healthy living?

The Evolution Revolution! (\$6-7)



The rainforest may wow us with striking flowers, unique smells and unusual tasting fruits, but it's not all just for show. Rainforest plants and animals have been evolving for thousands of years to fill a certain niche in their environment. All of their adaptations have purpose. Learn about evolution, why it's important and how it's still happening today!

Prehistoric Plants (\$6)



The Conservatory may look like a scene right out of Jurassic Park and to some extent it is. Some plants and animals have not changed much over the course of time. They have found a simple ecological role that just works! Learn about some of these ancient plant species and how they are an important part of the world today.



Tree Talk (\$6-7)

If you've been through elementary school in Indiana, you know about the tree leaf ID project everyone does. Here's your chance to learn from a park naturalist about Indiana's native trees in preparation for this project.

Rainforest Cultures (\$6)

We are interconnected to every biome in the world and its peoples. Learn about the different cultures and first nations of the rainforest and how the choices we make here in the US can have an impact on them. We will also learn how their ancestral knowledge is vital to the future of mankind.

Preschool



Rainforest Sensory Adventures (\$4-5)

Use your senses to explore our tropical conservatory. Then learn about one of our live animals through story and demonstration. If you wish to add a planting activity, it is \$1 more.

Outdoor Sensory Adventures (\$3-5)

Use your senses to explore our Children's Garden. Learn about local garden wildlife through a story and then have a chance to interact with the chickens. This program is all outdoors. The base price does not include Conservatory admission. That is an extra \$1. If you wish to add a planting activity, where a garden plant is started from seed, that is also an extra \$1.

More About Garfield Park

Garfield Park also has picnic shelters, playgrounds, an Arts Center and a Family Center if you'd like to spend more time exploring the park.

- Garfield Park Arts Center information: (317) 327-7135
- Burrello Family Center and shelter rental info: (317) 327-7220

Virtual Programs

Connect with our education staff for a virtual experience via the platform of your choice. Thirty-minute presentations are available on a variety of topics.

FIND YOUR ADVENTURE! FIELD TRIPS

at the Garfield Park Conservatory

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About Field Trips

The combination of our tropical Conservatory, classroom area, Children's Garden, and Sunken Garden allows us to offer unique learning experiences for visiting groups.

- Programs are available for all age groups and group sizes.
- Staff can customize program content and instruction to fit the topics and standards students are studying in the classroom.
- Programs can be done year-round. (Outdoor components are subject to weather conditions. Programs based on Indiana natural history are best done from April-October.)
- In addition to school groups, programs are also available for daycare, preschool, homeschool, scout, and church groups. Contact us for more options.

Field Trip Program Pricing

- Preschool Program (45 min - 1 hour): \$5 per student
- School-Age Program (1-2 hours): \$5-7 per student
- Add-on Planting or Art Activity: \$1 per student
- Adult Chaperones for all programs: \$4
(or current Conservatory admission fee)
- Teachers/staff: Free

**Prices may vary based on program needs. Length of field trip based on number of classes attending. A 1-2 class field trip generally lasts about an hour.*



Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

Discovering Rainforest Plants (\$6-7)



What makes rainforest plants unique is what helps them function in their environment. Tour the Conservatory and learn about rainforest plants up close. For \$1 more make a rainforest plant cutting to take home.



All About Bugs (\$6)

We may not always see them, but bugs are all around us and we couldn't live without them. Tour the Conservatory to learn about rainforest bugs. Meet a rainforest bug up-close and personal. Explore the Children's Garden in search of Indiana's bugs.



Reptiles and Amphibians (\$6)

Slimy and scaly, ectothermic and egg-laying, these cool animals are an important part of our environment. Take a tour of the Conservatory to learn about reptiles and amphibians that call the rainforest home. See live reptiles and amphibians up-close and personal.



Rainforest Sensory Adventures (\$6-7)

The rainforest is a delight for the senses, with giant leaves, colorful flowers, sweet fruits, and savory spices. Take a tour of the Conservatory using your senses as a guide. Then get up-close and personal with live rainforest reptiles and insects. For \$1 more make a rainforest plant cutting to take home.



Outdoor Sensory Adventures (\$5-7)

Using our senses is a great way to explore the environment around us and to become attuned to it. This program is all outdoors (conservatory admission can be included but is self-guided and not part of the allotted program time and is an extra \$1 per student). Students will explore the Children's Garden and Sunken Garden using their senses. For \$1 more start a native seed to take home. This program is seasonal and is best done from mid-April to mid-October.

Grow What You Eat (\$6-7)



A lot of our food grows in nature, and it takes time, it doesn't magically appear at the grocery store. Learn about vegetable gardening, and composting and raising chickens, all activities needed to help produce a lot of the food we eat. Have a chance to interact with the chickens. Help plant veggies in the Children's Garden or start your own vegetable seed to take home for \$1 more. Tour the Conservatory to learn about what foods we enjoy come from the rainforest and how they are grown. This program is seasonal and is best done from mid-May to mid-October.



Flower Fun (\$6-7)

Flowers are more than just a pretty face; they have lots of uses for people and wildlife. Explore the wild world of tropical flowers in the Conservatory and learn about their adaptations and uses. Visit the Children's Garden to learn about local and cultivated flowers and their importance. This program can include an art or planting activity for \$1 more. Students can either start a flower seed to take home or do a flower pounding or plant pressing activity. This program is seasonal and is best done from mid-May to September.



Pollinator-palooza (\$6-7)

From flower to food or seed. Learn about the animals that help us get there. Tour the Conservatory to learn about unique pollinators; some that aren't even insects. Explore the Children's Garden for Indiana native pollinators and learn about the process of pollination and what plants the pollinators love. Learn about why pollinators are important for food production. Then for a \$1 more you can start a pollinator plant seed to take home.



Have to Have a Habitat (\$6)

People and wildlife wouldn't be able to survive without four basic needs: food, water, shelter, and space. Tour the Conservatory to learn about the layers of the rainforest and the animals that live in them. Learn about what makes a rainforest habitat different than Indiana habitats. Explore the Children's Garden and learn about Indiana wildlife habitats. See a live animal and learn about how it's adapted to its habitat.