

Find Your Adventure: Field Trips at the Garfield Park Conservatory

Garfield Park Conservatory and Sunken Garden

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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.)
- 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 minutes):

\$4 per student

School-Age Program (1-1.5 hours):

\$5 per student

Add-on Planting Activity:

\$1 per student

Adult Chaperones for all programs:

\$2-4, depending on current Conservatory admission fee

Teachers/staff:

Free

Prices may vary based on program needs.

Program Options

Rainforest Programs (the most popular!):

Sensory Adventures - Preschool-Kindergarten

Students will enjoy a story and animal show and tell. They will also explore the rainforest environment using their senses.

Rainforest Explorers - 1st grade and up

Students can explore the rainforest and what lives there through a Conservatory visit, group activity and/or animal encounter. Comparisons will be made between the rainforest and where we live. Program content will vary depending on age-level and classroom needs. Staff can help you curate the best program for your group.

Animal and Insect Programs:

Bugs – Kindergarten and up

Students will investigate the rainforest and/or garden (weather-permitting) to discover the bugs that live there. We will discuss insect physical characteristics, life cycles, and more. Ask us about our Monarch Butterfly program.

Reptiles and Amphibians – Kindergarten and up

Students will learn the difference between reptiles and amphibians through live animals and props.

Plant Programs:

Plants – Kindergarten and up

Students will explore the basics of plants, as well as some of the unique adaptations in the rainforest. Program content will vary depending on age-level and classroom needs. This program includes a planting activity.

Trees – 3rd grade and up

In this program, students will have the opportunity to learn about local Indiana trees living in Garfield Park. The group will also have the chance to see the Conservatory's rainforest trees. Differences and similarities will be discussed.

Other program options:

Education staff can adjust any program to help meet your needs. Other topics that can be discussed include habitats, food web, conservation, and gardening.

Middle School and High School:

Program content and instructional level can be customized to complement what students are studying in their classroom. Some interesting topics include plant and animal adaptations, medicinal plants, natural cycles, and more.

More About Garfield Park

Garfield Park also has picnic shelters, playground, Arts Center and 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 information: (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. Contact staff for more details and pricing.

Outreach Options

Though a field trip is the best way to experience all we have to offer, groups unable to travel can inquire about booking an outreach program. Outreach programs allow our education staff to bring a piece of the rainforest to you! Contact staff today for availability and pricing. Programs outside of Marion County may be subject to additional travel fees.