



SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

to Green Spring Gardens



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Programs are targeted to specific grades, but may be adapted depending on your needs.

Pre-K & Kindergarten programs: 10am-11:30am

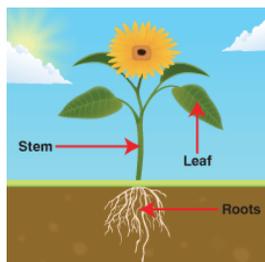
1st—5th grade programs: 10am—Noon.

Tuesdays-Fridays; \$7 Fairfax County, \$8 out-of-county.

Maximum of 85 students per day.

Fee applies to students and chaperones, and may be subsidized by 50% for Title I schools.

To register, fill in program request fields online. A confirmation will be emailed to you.



Preschool-K: Green and Growing Garden

September, October, April, May, and June 10am—11:30am

Discover the world of the garden. Learn about plants, explore seasonal patterns and investigate living and non-living things in the soil. Use your senses to explore our gardens.

Dig in the dirt and plant some seeds to take home, too.

(SOL: Science K.4, K.6, K.7, K.9)

Grade 1: Fantastic Flora and Fauna

September, October, April, May, and June

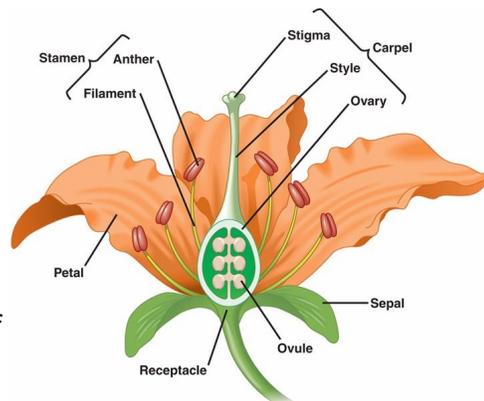
Share an American Indian tale in our story circle. Learn about edible and flowering plants by examining seasonal sunflowers and other plants. Visit some amazing plants in our gardens. Touch turtle shells and deer antlers as we look at animal characteristics in our interactive animal station. Explore trees and their seasonal changes in our woodland trail hike. (SOL: Science 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 1.8)

Grades 2 & 3: Metamorphosis & More

September, October, April, May, and June

Learn the life cycle of the frog as we explore its habitat and ecosystem. Follow butterfly caterpillars on their journey through metamorphosis and migration and discover insect survival adaptations. Examine the cycle of seed from flower to fruit in our botany lab.

(SOL: Science 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 3.4, 3.8)



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Grades 2 & 3: Soil Secrets

November, December, January, February, and March

Explore the secrets of soil, from erosion to weathering, bedrock to topsoil. Get the scoop on clay, silt sand and humus in our soil lab. Tour the park to see how water and weather shape the land. Journey through the water cycle and discover the connections between soil and water using our Enviroscape watershed model. (SOL Science 2.7, 2.8, 3.7, 3.9, 3.10)



Grade 3: Predator and Prey

September, October, November, December, January, February, and March

Producer or consumer, carnivore or herbivore— which are you? Discover how animals and plants adapt when survival is the name of the game. Explore the food web, search for wildlife and habitats outside, and discover one of the smallest predators in our Ladybug Lab! (SOL: Science 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8)



Grade 4: Peanuts, Popcorn, & Pipe Tobacco

September, October, and November

Visit Green Spring Gardens, the site of a former colonial tobacco plantation, to discover the four most important colonial cash crops — peanuts, tobacco, cotton and corn. Tour our gardens and visit our Historic House to learn the fascinating botany and origins of these plants. Discover how their cultivation changed the course of history here in Virginia and throughout the world.

(SOL: Science 4.4, 4.8; VS 1e, VS 2b, VS 2c, VS 3a, VS 4a)



Grade 4 & 5: Virginia Ecosystems: Plants, Animals, Water

October, November, December, January, February, and March

Explore Virginia's rich flora and fauna and the human impact on these ecosystems. Learn about the fascinating adaptations plants and animals have developed to survive. Take a close-up look at our watershed and test our water quality in our water analysis lab. Discover plant adaptations as we walk through our native plant trail. Learn about our local food web and the many cooperative relationships that plants and animals share. (SOL: Science 3.8, 3.10, 4.4, 4.5, 5.1, 5.5, 5.7)



Grade 5: Geo Trek

December, January, and February

Journey to the core of Earth, from rocks, quakes, and volcanoes to plate tectonics. Explore how rocks form through the rock cycle. Discover ways to identify rocks and minerals using a dichotomous key in our rock lab, and tour the park to see how nature and humans alter our land.

(SOL: Science 5.1, 5.7)

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<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/fieldtrips.htm>



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