2018 Summer Camp

Six weeks of summer camps for ages 5-10. Select from our themed weeks below. Campers will be divided into groups each week based on age. Five-year-olds will enjoy similar activities, and leave after lunch each day. Online registration begins at noon on Monday, March 19.

Campers are limited to four weeks of camp.

Campers are responsible for bringing snack, lunch, a change of clothes and water bottles each day.

Campers will not be officially registered until payment is made in full and medical/photo release forms are turned into the SBG education staff.

Refunds will only be given one full month prior to start of camp week.

Full Day Camp ages 6-10
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Fee: $225

Half Day Camp for 5 year olds:
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fee: $150

New This Year: Early Drop-off and Late Pick-up Options. We will be offering a trial run on early drop-off and late pick-up care this summer during camp weeks. Early drop-off times will begin at 8 a.m., and late pick-up times will run until 5 p.m. Late pick-up times are not available for campers in the Half Day camps.

Fee for Early Drop-off OR Late Pick-up (One selection): $40 Fee for Early Drop-off AND Late Pick-up (Both Selections): $75

June 11-15: Bee Smart, Eat Smart! The Bee Smart, Eat Smart camp will introduce kids to various cooking techniques as well as nutrition and gardening topics. This camp is a fun way to teach kids about the connection between nature and the foods we eat. Kids will have the opportunity to try a variety of different fruits and vegetables. Camp will end with a Chef Day finale, in which kids will work under the close supervision of camp counselors to create two healthy kid-friendly recipes.

June 18-22: Georgia’s Critters Learn to bound like a deer, sneak like a fox, and build a home like a beaver! Georgia is full of all sorts of neat creatures that we can learn from. From turtles to snakes, mayflies to owls, we will meet a variety of creatures that call Georgia ‘home’ and learn what they need to survive in their habitats. Come to this week of camp and leave a Georgia animal expert!

June 25-29: WWF Adventure Relay Woodland Warrior Fun Adventure Relay is sure to be an exhilarating week for all. Team work and team spirit abound as campers work together to complete challenges by utilizing outdoor skills they have learned and developed throughout the week. This is a fast-paced, high-energy camp filled with hiking, animal/plant identification, water exploration, storytelling, team building games and wilderness survival skills.

July 9-13: Forest Explorers and Early Civilizations Come learn about the Native Americans and early farmers that lived on this land before the garden existed. Try your hand at some of the practices they may have used for farming, social gatherings and survival. We build forts, discover hidden trails, hide, tell stories, and have a whole lot of fun during this week of exploration!

July 16-20: Water World Want to meet creatures that breathe through their skin, have their stomachs on their feet and can change colors? Come explore the wacky world of water! Catch salamanders and crayfish in our stream, play water games that leave you soaked, and learn what you can do to keep our water clean. This week of camp is sure to cool you down and excite your imagination!

July 23-27: Nature Explorers Come join us for a week of nature exploration. Campers will participate in a variety of exciting games and activities that teach about the natural world! From learning about animals, art, gardening and taking a hike along our stream in the woods, this camp has something to interest your budding naturalist.

*** Elements of art and theatre are incorporated into each week of camp.

Exploring Environmental Sciences at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia

Ages 11-14
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Do you enjoy the outdoors and learning about nature? In this camp, you will investigate different fields of study of environmental sciences. You’ll work side-by-side with professionals in a variety of environmental fields like herpetology, horticulture, conservation, botany, aquatic ecology and many more. Through experiential learning and talking to our experts, you will gain invaluable insights into careers in these fields. We will spend each day exploring the State Botanical Garden grounds and learning about the diverse ecosystems found in this part of the Georgia Piedmont. We will get our hands dirty planting native species. We will get wet in the Middle Oconee River with aquatic sampling. And most importantly we will have tons of fun!

Registration is available at www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/youth/summer-academy

Summer Camp Junior Counselor Positions

The State Botanical Garden offers volunteer camp counselor positions to high school students. These positions provide teens ages 14-up with the opportunities to build confidence, serve as role models for younger children, learn new skills and even get volunteer hours. There will be a mandatory orientation June 7 and June 25 from 4-7 p.m. To apply to be a State Botanical Garden Summer Camp Junior counselor, please contact Berkeley Boone at (706) 583-0894 or bwboone@uga.edu

Sweet Pea Club CAMP

This camp is specially planned for young nature lovers and their parent or grandparent helper, offering a marvelous introduction to the natural world. Each day focuses on a different topic, such as “A Visit with Old Man Spruce Tree” or “Adventures with Oli the Earthworm.” Programs involve puppet shows, storytelling, outdoor games, nature crafts and garden explorations. This camp provides a great way to spend time outside this summer with your child. Pre-registration required.

Summer Academy with the Georgia Center, June 4-8
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