

Can't come to us?

Book an outreach program and let the education staff come to you!

Rainforest Adaptations

K-5th grades 45 minutes
Staff will use live plants and animals to teach about life in the rainforest and how organisms are adapted to survive. Program content will be adjusted to fit the grade level of the students.

\$60 for first program
\$40 for each additional program

40 students maximum per program

Teacher or assistant must be present during program.
Programs outside of Marion County may be subject to additional travel fees.

Call (317)327-7580 or email gpcons@indy.gov for more information or to schedule a program.



The Garfield Park Conservatory and Gardens is located on the near south side of Indianapolis in the 2400 block of South Shelby Street.



Recognized as one of Indiana's most significant works of landscape architecture, the Sunken Garden can serve as a place for students to relax, tour, or enjoy lunch.

Garfield Park also has shelters, playgrounds, Arts Center and Family Center if you'd like to spend more of your day in the park.

Family Center and shelter rental information: (317) 327-7220

Arts Center information:
(317) 327-7135

Find Your Adventure!



School Programs at Garfield Park Conservatory and Gardens



Educational and fun field trip and outreach programs for students of all ages!

Garfield Park Conservatory
and Sunken Garden
2505 Conservatory Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46203
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www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org

Field Trip Programs Offered

Our tropical Conservatory, classroom area, Children's Garden, and Sunken Garden allow us to offer unique learning experiences for visiting groups.

- Programs are based on academic standards.
- Staff can customize instruction to fit the topics and standards students are studying in the classroom.
- All programs can be done year-round.
- In addition to school groups, programs are also available for daycare, preschool, homeschool, scout, and church groups.
- Contact us for specific list of programs designed for summer groups.

Contact us to set up a field trip today!
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Field Trip Programs

Sensory Adventures Preschool-1st grade

Students will enjoy a story and animal show and tell. They will also explore the rainforest environment using their senses. A planting activity can be added for an additional \$1 per child.

What's Bugging You? K-5th

Students will investigate the rainforest, urban forest, and/or garden (weather-permitting) to discover the insects that live there. We will discuss the physical characteristics, life cycles, and more.

Reptiles and Amphibians K-5th

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

Wonder of Plants K-2nd

Students will explore the basics of plants, as well as some of the unique adaptations in the rainforest. This program can also focus on gardening, during Mar-Oct.

Trees of Indiana 1st-5th

This program highlights species diversity, fun folklore, uses of trees past and present, and a variety of ways to identify trees.

Habitat Hunt 1st-2nd

Students will visit a rainforest and urban forest habitat. Students will compare the areas, and see that each habitat fulfills the needs of living things.

Rainforest Explorers 2nd-3rd

Students can explore the rainforest through a Conservatory tour, group activity and/or animal encounter. Comparisons will be made between the rainforest and where we live.

Let's Go Green 2nd-4th

This program focuses on conservation and what we can do to help preserve our rainforests and the world around us.

Eat or Be Eaten 3rd-4th

Learn about the roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers found in the garden and the rainforest.

Prehistoric Plants 3rd-5th

Students will explore the Conservatory as paleontologists and learn what plants were around when dinosaurs roamed the earth.



An Assortment of Plants 3rd-5th

Students will use their detective skills to identify plant groups and what makes them different.

Rainforest Ecology 4th-5th

Plants and animals are well suited to live in a particular area. Students will explore adaptations found in the rainforest ecosystem.

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!

Program Pricing Information:

Preschool Program (45 minutes):

Students: \$3

Adults: 1 free adult per 5 students, all other adults must pay

Conservatory admission

School-Age Program (1-1.5 hours):

\$5 per student

Adults: 1 free adult per 10 students, all other adults must pay

Conservatory admission

Add-on Planting Activity:

\$1 per student