



Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens

www.cedarvalleyarboretum.org

The Arboretum provides a public green space to connect people with nature through summer education programs, volunteer opportunities, and gardens to enjoy. No sensory overload - just fresh air and natural beauty!

HOURS: Dawn to dusk daily, April through October.

ADMISSION: Free admission and parking.

MEMBERSHIP, EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & EVENT INFORMATION:

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Free Story Time

Wednesdays, June 6th through August 1st (except July 4th) starting at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us in the Children's Garden for a nature-inspired story and activities. As an added bonus, Jake the Snake is fed following story time! Pack a picnic lunch and stay after the program to enjoy the beauty of the gardens. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Will not be held if raining. No registration required.

14th Annual Fall Harvest Festival

Sunday, September 16th

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Fall Harvest Festival is the Arboretum's signature event, a family event for the Cedar Valley community and Northeast Iowa. The main attraction each year is the Scarecrow Contest, with unique scarecrows made in every shape and size by community businesses and individuals. Other events include a Prairie Village, open-air market, games and crafts for children of all ages, picnic food and day-long entertainment. Admission is \$5.00 per car.

To register online, please visit

www.cedarvalleyarboretum.org/education.asp

2012 Summer Youth Program

Super Sprouts for ages 18 to 36 months. 10:00 to 10:40 a.m. Parent/caregiver is required to stay with child during class. Registration is required at least 7 days prior to the event and payment is due at the time of registration. Fee is \$3 for members or \$5 for non-members per session.

May 8: Birds

May 22: Growing!

June 5: All Aboard

June 19: Splish Splash

Terrific Tadpoles for ages 3, 4 & 5. 9:00-10:00 a.m. Parents and children will explore the wonders of the gardens! We'll read stories, play games, use our imaginations and make crafts all related to our theme. Parent/caregiver is required to stay with child during class. Registration is required at least 7 days prior to the event and payment is due at the time of registration. Fee is \$5 for members or \$7 for non-members per session.

June 7: Wild Wind Blow in, and find out all the useful ways wind can work and how it can entertain us!

June 14: Fancy Flowers Young horticulturalists will have lots of fun exploring the shapes, colors, sizes, and smells of the flowers at the Arboretum.

June 21: Movement in Nature Join us in the garden for a moving experience. You'll jump, crawl, and flap your wings as we explore the many ways things move in the garden.

June 28: Wet All Over From mud puddles to bubbles, we will discover the many ways that water is used in the garden and on our earth.

July 12: Dig In Come play in the dirt and discover the many different kinds of soil.

July 19: Flyers, Feeders & Seeders This class is "for the birds!" We will take discovery adventure walk around the gardens, using binoculars to spot, observe, and identify birds!

Friendly Frogs for ages 6, 7 & 8. 10:30-11:30 a.m. We'll do experiments, hunt through the garden and get dirty while make amazing discoveries. Registration is required at least 7 days prior to the event and payment is due at the time of registration. Fee is \$5 for members or \$7 for non-members per session.

June 7: Hey, Bud! Did you know that plants have parts that work the same ways as some people parts? Come have fun learning about flowers and create your own picture using real flower parts.

June 14: Veggie Vehicles With some vegetables, we eat the flower, some the stem, and others, the root. Do you know what part of the plant you eat when you eat a vegetable? You'll have lots of fun as you explore vegetables and create your own vehicle out of veggies!

June 21: Take a Tree Walk Come learn all about trees! You will enjoy, appreciate, and gain knowledge of trees through hands-on exploring and a nature walk.

June 28: It Makes Scents Children will use their senses to explore a variety of herbs. We will explore the gardens to experience the textures, colors, scents and flavors of these diverse plants – and make our own tasty herbal treat, too!

July 12: Turn Over A New Leaf Young leaf detectives will take an investigative walk through the Arboretum to collect evidence... the different shapes, sizes and types of leaves found on native trees.

July 19: Prairie Grass: Iowa's Ocean Jump into the waves of Iowa's Ocean with us!