



School Group Programming

PROGRAMS BY GRADE LEVEL

** = self-led program (i.e. teacher leads)*

Pre-K & Kindergarten

- Woodland Critters
- Storytime with Cedar
- The Living Food Chain
- Birds of Prey Program
- Butterfly Center*
- MEGABUGS! Exhibit*

1st Grade

- Woodland Critters
- Storytime with Cedar
- Geology Program
- The Living Food Chain
- Plant Parts and You
- Birds of Prey Program
- Butterfly Center*
- Pioneer Log Cabin*
- MEGABUGS! Exhibit*

2nd Grade

- Woodland Critters
- Storytime with Cedar
- Geology Program
- The Living Food Chain
- Plant Parts and You
- Bird Sleuth
- Owl Pellets



- MEGABUGS! Exhibit*
- It's a Bug's Life
- Birds of Prey Program
- Butterfly Center*
- Pioneer Log Cabin*

3rd Grade

- Woodland Critters
- Storytime with Cedar
- Geology Program
- The Living Food Chain
- Plant Parts and You
- Bird Sleuth
- Geology Program
- It's a Bug's Life
- Birds of Prey Program
- MEGABUGS! Exhibit*
- Butterfly Center*
- Pioneer Log Cabin*
- Habitats of GA Trail Walk*

4th Grade

- The Living Food Chain
- Owl Pellets
- It's a Bug's Life
- Birds of Prey Program
- MEGABUGS! Exhibit*
- Butterfly Center*
- Pioneer Log Cabin*
- Habitats of GA Trail Walk*

5th Grade

- Bird Sleuth
- The Living Food Chain
- Owl Pellets



- It's a Bug's Life
- Birds of Prey Program
- Geology Program
- Plant Parts and You
- Butterfly Center*
- MEGABUGS! Exhibit*
- Pioneer Log Cabin*
- Habitats of GA Trail Walk*
- Callaway Brothers Azalea Bowl*

6th Grade

- Owl Pellets
- Birds of Prey Program
- Geology Program
- Birds of Prey Program
- Butterfly Center*
- MEGABUGS! Exhibit*
- Pioneer Log Cabin*
- Habitats of GA Trail Walk*
- Callaway Brothers Azalea Bowl*

7th Grade

- Bird Sleuth
- The Living Food Chain
- Owl Pellets
- Woodland Critters
- Plant Parts & You
- It's a Bug's Life
- Birds of Prey Program
- Butterfly Center*
- MEGABUGS! Exhibit*
- Pioneer Log Cabin*
- Habitats of GA Trail Walk*



8th Grade & up

- Bird Sleuth
- Owl Pellets
- Birds of Prey Program
- Butterfly Center*
- MEGABUGS! Exhibit*
- Pioneer Log Cabin*
- Habitats of GA Trail Walk*

Program Descriptions

MEGABUGS! Exhibit (NEW!)

Come learn about insects and their vital role to the environment as you walk through the life-like MEGABUGS! Exhibit. You will get to see the body parts of an insect and see the Western honey bee, Lady Beetle, Dung Beetle, Fire Millipede and other arthropods throughout the Exhibit.

- *Maximum group size:* 100
- *Cost:* **None**
- *GSE:* SEN1. a, d., SEN2. d., SEN3. a, b., SEN5. c.

It's a Bug's Life (New!)

Learn about the wonderful creepy crawlies help keep our world free from pests. Students will play bug-related games, discuss what makes an insect and insect, and even meet live insects at the end of the program! Each group will also get a tour through the MEGABUGS! Exhibit by a real entomologist and learn what makes an insect an insect!

- *Maximum group size:* 50
- *Cost:* **\$100**

GSE: S2L1; S3L1 c; S5L1 a; S7L1

Birds of Prey Program



Join us for Georgia's only daily, free-flighted birds of prey program! Learn about the unique role these feathered creatures play in the environment as they zoom over your head. Hawks, owls, falcons, and even vultures will demonstrate natural behaviors and adaptations while our experienced trainers educate you about these amazing raptors!

- *Maximum group size: 125*
- *Cost: None*

GSE: S3L1 b & c, S4L1 b, c & d; S5L1 a; S5L2; S5L4; S7L4 a, c; S7L5 b

[Bird Sleuth 101](#)

Gain a new appreciation for our local songbirds, waterfowl, woodpeckers, and even birds of prey. Through the use of taxidermy specimens, biofacts, and other hands-on tools, students will receive a brief introduction on how to use binoculars and ways to identify common birds. The program will wrap up with one of our experienced educators leading a short walk where we put our live bird-watching skills to the test!

- *Maximum group size: 30*
- *Cost: \$85*
- *Binoculars will be provided.*

GSE: SKL2 c; S2L1 c; S3L1 b & c; S5L1 a; S5L2; S7L1

[Callaway Brothers Azalea Bowl Trail Walk \(Blooms in March & early April\)](#)

Stroll among 40 acres of native woodlands. Cultivated azaleas bloom in early Spring. Asphalt surface trails allow easy access to the Mirror Pond and connect to the Ida Cason Callaway Memorial Chapel.

- *Maximum group size: 175*
- *Cost: None*

GSE: S5L1 b; S7L1

[Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center](#)

Over 1000 tropical butterflies call this tropical conservatory "home." The indoor rainforest habitat and adjacent 3-acre outdoor butterfly garden provide a walk-



through classroom atmosphere where students can learn about the butterfly life cycle and how these winged wonders interact with their environment.

- *Maximum group size:* 100
- *Cost:* **None**

GSE: S2L1; S3L1 c; S5L1 a; S7L1

Ida Cason Callaway Memorial Chapel

This small, beautiful Chapel overlooks Lake Ida. Its peaceful setting, Moeller pipe organ, and gorgeous stained-glass windows provide a sense of serenity away from the busy bustle of the Gardens.

- *Maximum group size:* 60
- *Cost:* **None**

GSE: None

Living Food Chain

Reptiles, raptors, and mammals, oh my! Students have an opportunity to meet the living parts of the food chain; learn what characteristics these animals share; and discover how energy flows through an ecosystem. Our educational mammal and reptile are available for the students to touch at the end of the program!

- *Maximum group size:* 100
- *Cost:* **\$125**

GSE: SKL1; SKL2 a & b; S1L1; S2L1 a & c, d; S3L1 b & c; S4L1; S5L1 a & b; S5L4; S7L1; S7L4 a, c

Owl Pellets: The Science Behind Them

Discover what's on the menu for our nighttime predators during this hands-on dissection activity! Students become nature detectives as they work individually or in teams to identify the bones of owl prey items. If they're lucky, they may be able to piece together a whole skeleton!

- *Maximum group size:* 60
- *Cost:* **\$100, plus \$3.60/pellet**

GSE: S2L1; S4L1 a & b; S5L2; S7L4 a



Pioneer Log Cabin

Built in the mid-1800s, this cabin constructed of Longleaf Pine provides students with a peek into the past. Pioneer-era artifacts, a kitchen garden, and the covered well are just a few of the educational opportunities this historical site has to offer.

- *Maximum group size: 30*
- *Cost: None*

GSE: None

Plant Parts and You!

Join us on a fun-filled exploration of some of the foods we eat, beginning in the garden and ending on the dinner table. Discover how important plants are to us and what parts of the plant produce our favorite foods. Students will review the basic parts of a plant parts and the plant life cycle.

- *Maximum group size: 40*
- *Cost: \$55*

GSE: S1L1; S2L1; S5L1 b; S7L1

Skins, Scales, and Turtle Shells **(New!)**

There is great diversity in the Animal Kingdom. Through the use of pelts, taxidermy specimens, and skeletons explore the things that distinguish one critter from another. Do they fly, swim, walk, or hop? Is their body covered with fur, scales...or something else? How do they regulate their body temperature? Learn the answers to all of these questions in this 30-minute program. You might even meet a live critter at the end!

- *Maximum group size: 75*
- *Cost: \$75*

GSE: SKL2; S3L1; S5L1; S7L1

Storytime with Cedar

Listen to a story regaling the antics of an owl with our mascot, Cedar the Owl. After this interactive reading session, participants will have their photo taken with our friendly owl mascot!



- *Maximum group size: 50*
- *Cost: \$55*

GSE: CCKRL4; CCKRL7; CC2RL5

Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center

This LEED-certified building provides educational and art displays across its 35,000 sq.-foot expanse. Explore the Discovery Room in the Education Wing with its mounted animal specimens and interpretive displays. For those interested in art, the Exhibit Hall displays the works of famous nature artist, Athos Menaboni. Live turtles and fish can be observed from the Discovery Bridge, and the pollinator garden is abuzz with insects in the Spring and Summer.

- *Maximum group size: 175*
- *Cost: None*

GSE: S2E3; S3L2 b

Woodland Critters

Get to meet three woodland critter that live in the forests of the Southeast. A rabbit, a turtle, and a raptor all make a guest appearance during this interactive program.

- *Maximum group size: 60*
- *Cost: \$125*

GSE: SKL2 a; S2L1 a; S3L1 b & c; S5L1 a; S5L2; S7L1

Additional Information

We offer a diverse selection of programs! Some programs are self-led and other programs are facilitated by one of our Education Experts (i.e. Guided Programs). Your group is able to create a schedule with a combination of both self-led and Guided Programs.

Pricing information

- \$9.00/student regardless of age
- One adult (teacher, chaperone, or parent) gets in free for every 8 students
- Additional adults are \$10.00 each.
- Guided programs carry an additional fee.



- Groups scheduled through the Education Department will receive priority at the various facilities.
- Tax-exempt form must be submitted with your payment the day of the event or prior to your field trip date.
- In order to prevent last minute field trip cancellations, we require participating schools to mail in a deposit as part of registering for a field trip. **Schools are required to mail a check/provide credit card booking deposit of \$50 at the time of registration, which will be applied toward the full cost of the field trip.**
- Check and credit card are the only accepted forms of payment and will be collected.

Group Guidelines

Class size

- Groups that number more than program's 'Maximum Group Size' must be split up.

Age

- Students in grades 9th – 12th may be grouped together for a Guided Program.
- Students younger than 9th grade must be within 2 consecutive grade levels in order to attend a Guided Program unless it is a homeschool or scout group.

Booking information

Application

- All field trips are booked through our online application:
<https://www.callawaygardens.com/plan-your-educational-visit/>
- Reservations are taken on a first come-first serve basis. Book early to ensure your chosen date.
- Once the application has been received, a confirmation packet will be sent out via email within 72 hours.
- Please direct any questions to education@callawaygardens.com or Bethany Harris @ 706-663-5145



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- A school's field trip will not be confirmed until their deposit has been received in the form of check made out to "Callaway Gardens Education Department" mailed to: Callaway Gardens Education Department, 100 Meadowview Lane, Pine Mountain, GA 31822.
- If you wish to pay by credit card for your field trip/booking deposit, the credit card authorization form should be completed.

Cancellation Policy

- If a school must cancel a scheduled field trip, the school must contact Bethany Harris, the Director of Education (education@callawaygardens.com) immediately.
- If the school cancels the field trip before two weeks prior to the scheduled date of the trip, the \$50 deposit will be returned in full.
- If the school cancels the field trip during the two weeks prior to the scheduled date, the deposit will not be returned. Schools that cancel field trips during two weeks prior to their scheduled date will not be eligible for rescheduling their field trip.

Payment Information

- Accepted forms of payment: Check and Credit Card
- The remaining balance (i.e. amount left after the deposit is applied) is to be paid on the day of the program at the Gate Booth.
- The following items **MUST** be included with payment for admission into the Gardens:
 - Invoice
 - Tax-exempt letter (if a school group)
 - Form of payment

[Partners in Education](#)



As a Partner in Education with the Harris County School District, Callaway Gardens generously offers Harris County Schools one free Self-guided field trip per class each school year. Items of note:

- To use this great benefit, *free trips must be booked using our online application.*
- Students and teachers are admitted free of charge (limit 1 adult per 8 students).
- Additional adult chaperones receive the discounted admission price of \$10 plus tax per person.