



Homeschooler Days

Bartram's Garden 2010 Calendar

Bring your child for an engaging morning of hands-on learning at the Garden! Lessons are targeted for children ages 5-13. Programs run every second Wednesday of the month, starting at 10am and ending at noon. \$10 per student, additional siblings \$8, or free with member program pass. Memberships start at \$35, join online or on program day! Space is limited, so we require reservations at 215-729-5281 x110 or rlvine@bartramsgarden.org. Upon reservation, a pre-learning packet will be sent to families to help you prepare for your visit.

January 13 Birds of Prey

Learn about the awesome raptor, its morphology, habitats, and food. Armed with tweezers, magnifying lenses, and charts, dissect your own owl pellet to discover what a raptor eats for breakfast!

February 10 Butter Churning

Bake corn bread and hand-churn butter just as they did in the 1700s. Learn about the essential role John Bartram's wife, Ann, played in the family dairy production and visit her colonial kitchen.

March 10 Art of Nature

Dabble in the art of botanical illustration, a favorite pastime of William Bartram. Use watercolor pencils to create a botanical masterpiece to take home, learn about the exciting travels of young Billy Bartram, and see some of his famous nature paintings.



April 14 Nests & Eggs

Learn all about bird development and habitat by exploring the structure of eggs and nests, searching the garden for signs of bird life, and building your own nest to take home.

May 12 Curious Herbs

See, taste, touch and smell the many herbs and plants in the Bartram kitchen garden. Discover how plants can be used for aromatherapy, seasoning, and medicine, and make an herbal tea and a "headache pillow" to take home.

June 9 Carnivorous Plants

Watch the Venus Flytrap eat an insect alive and discover why it has evolved such a unique strategy for survival.

July 14 Carr's Ice Cream

Hand-crank your own ice cream and enjoy this delicious treat, just as visitors did in the early 1800s when Bartram's Garden was known as a pleasure garden.

August 11 Schuylkill Study

Gather around our unique watershed model to discover how all kinds of things can end up in the water supply. Then head to the Schuylkill River to test for common pollutants and determine the river's health.

September 8 Invertebrates

Did you know that 97% of all the animals on earth are invertebrates? Get your hands dirty as you discover the earthworms, spiders, insects, and other invertebrates that live in the garden's diverse habitats. Create a field guide to record your up-close observations of these fascinating animals.



October 13 Cider Pressing

Find out why John Bartram carved mysterious deep circles into a large riverbank boulder. Hint – it involves apples! Use a small press to make and taste your own cider.

November 10 Seed Collectors

Explore America's oldest living botanic garden in search of the fascinating packages trees create for their seeds – acorns, nuts, pods, and more. Through dissection, drawing, and observation, learn more about the anatomy of a seed and the many ways it can travel.

December 8 Winter Botany

Search for the garden's hidden beauty in winter, learning to identify trees without their leaves, and investigating the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. Make winter crafts to keep or give as gifts.