

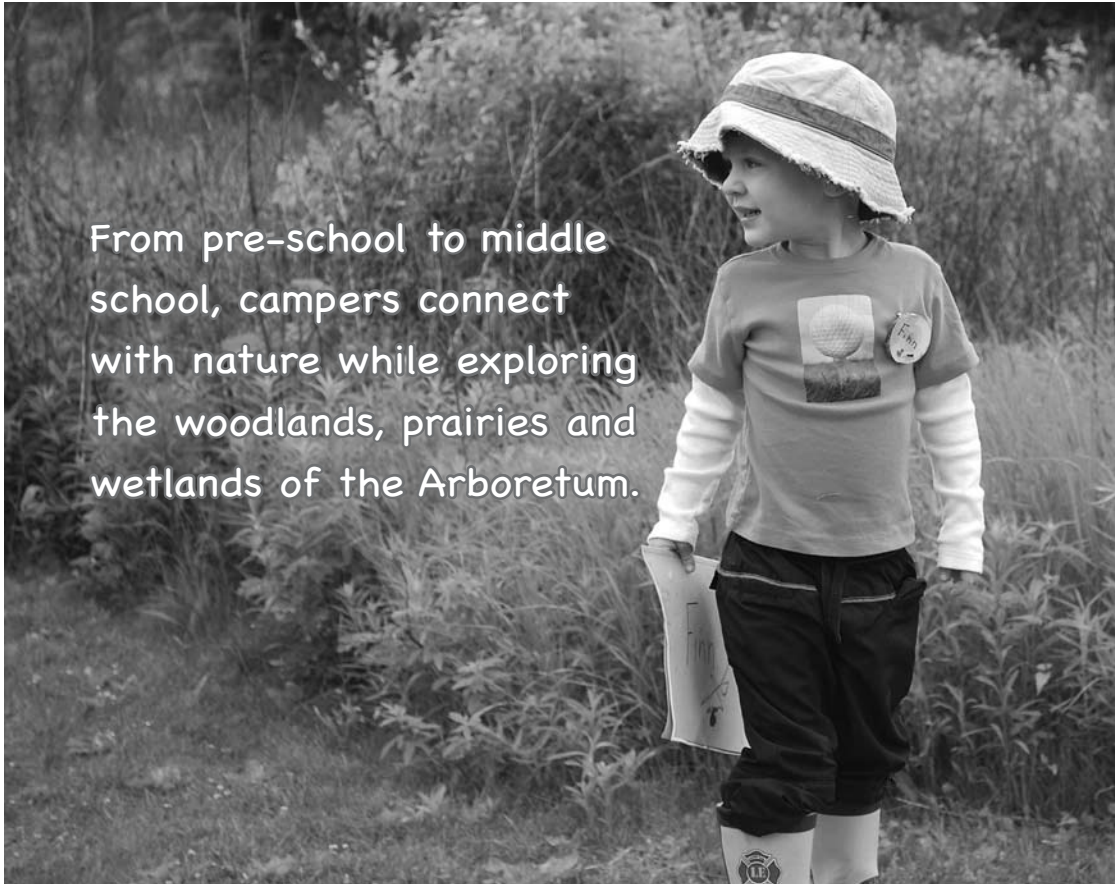
Earth Focus Day Camp 2010



Explore, discover and
connect with the
natural world



About Earth Focus Day Camp



From pre-school to middle school, campers connect with nature while exploring the woodlands, prairies and wetlands of the Arboretum.

About our Camp

Now in its 19th season, Earth Focus Day Camp continues to create outstanding nature programs for children ages 3-14. With many different ecosystems including the oldest restored tall grass prairie in the world, the UW-Madison Arboretum provides hands-on experience with native Wisconsin plants, animals and habitats. The research and restoration taking place here teaches children that they can be a positive influence on their world.

Earth Focus Day Camp (EFDC) consists of three programs: Learning Together, Explorers and Eco-Trekkers. The goals of EFDC are to develop an understanding of how the natural world works, to foster an appreciation for nature, and to nurture the sense of awe and wonder for the natural world as we explore the habitats, plants, and animals of the Arboretum. Sessions will explore the past, present, and future in age-appropriate activities.

Camp activities include outdoor discovery hikes and observations, hands-on science experimentations, and nature free play. If you have been to camp in past years look for new and exciting experiences. Campers are encouraged to ask questions, play, share, create, discover, construct and cooperate with each other.

Campers must come prepared to spend time outdoors. They must have long pants, hats, socks and closed-toe shoes.

Mid-morning snacks are provided. We ask that campers do not bring food unless there are special dietary concerns.

Sessions

Learning Together

- *For children age 3 through kindergarten.*
- *Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Limit two age-appropriate children per adult.*
- *Sessions meet Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.*

At Learning Together the child and adult will explore nature around them through journaling, songs, stories, hikes, games and activities. Each session will have different activities focusing on the topic.

- Session 1: June 15** “Secrets in the Soil”
- Session 2: June 29** “Songs in the Trees”
- Session 3: July 6** “Oh! Deer Tracks”
- Session 4: July 20** “Lurkey Turkeys”
- Session 5: July 27** “Laughing Lady Bugs”

Explorers

- *For children entering grades 1 through 5.
Children will be divided into groups according to age.*
- *Sessions meet Monday through Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. – noon*

Session 1: June 21-25: “People of the Arboretum” We’ll explore the effigy mounds, the wetlands that attracted the fur traders, the marks that the early settlers left, and the habitats that are now present as we look at the history of the land through the eyes of the people.

Session 2: July 12-16: “Art and Science in Nature” We’ll take a close look at the plants and animals of the Arboretum as we explore the tiny details and the larger landscapes. We’ll paint, draw, write and create to show what we have learned about nature around us.

Session 3: August 2-6: “Hike and Play” For those who love to hike and explore and would love plenty of free play in our camp woods then this is the week for you. We’ll do some science experiments to help you discover why nature is the way it is.

Session 4: August 9-13: “Hike and Play” See information under session 3. Children can sign up for both sessions 3 and 4 if they wish; the weeks will be similar but not the same.

Eco-Trekkers

- *For children entering grades 6 -8*
- *Each session meets Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon*

For thousands of years, people have learned about the natural world using direct observation. Eco-Trekkers will be introduced to the skills that make a good naturalist. We will practice taking care of the land.

Session 1: June 21-25: “People of the Arboretum” See Explorers session 1. You will take your explorations a little more in depth.

Session 2: August 9-13: “Thinking like a Scientist” Become a junior scientist as we explore ways that a scientist makes observations, sets up experiments and draws conclusions. We’ll hike to different habitats of the Arboretum to do this.



Registration (use one form per child)

Learning Together – Children age 3 through entering kindergarten
 Tuesday mornings - 9:30 - 11:30 • Limit 2 children per adult • Enrolled children only

- Session LT 1 - June 15 \$____ \$25 (\$20 for members of Friends)
 - Session LT 2 - June 29 \$____ \$25 (\$20 for members of Friends)
 - Session LT 3 - July 6 \$____ \$25 (\$20 for members of Friends)
 - Session LT4 - July 20 \$____ \$25 (\$20 for members of Friends)
 - Session LT5 - July 27 \$____ \$25 (\$20 for members of Friends)
- \$____ Total

To Register Your Child

Select the program that is appropriate to your child's age or grade level and complete the registration form included in this brochure. Please use one registration form per child. You may photocopy this form, pick up additional forms at the Arboretum, print forms from our website: uwarboretum.org/education/efdc - (or type EFDC in search box), or phone us and we will mail additional forms to you.

Confirmations and detailed camp information will be mailed out upon receipt of fees (beginning April 15).

Refunds will be given if we have a two week notice (Two weeks prior to the first day of session.)

Registration deadline: Two weeks before camp session begins or until session fills. Please call for availability if registering late.

Funding: We are supported in part by the Valerie Kerschensteiner Fund. Some scholarships are available.

Members of the Friends of the Arboretum receive discounts on Earth Focus Day Camp sessions, Arboretum classes, bookstore purchases and more. For information on joining Friends of the Arboretum call 608-263-7760 or go to: www.uwarboretum.org/foa

Questions? Send an e-mail to: mitchell5@wisc.edu or call 608-265-5872.

Explorers – Children entering grades 1 through 5

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon Monday through Friday

- Session E1 - June 21-25 \$____ \$145 (\$135 for members of Friends)
 - Session E2 - July 12-16 \$____ \$145 (\$135 for members of Friends)
 - Session E3 - August 2-6 \$____ \$145 (\$135 for members of Friends)
 - Session E4 - August 9-13 \$____ \$145 (\$135 for members of Friends)
- \$____ Total

Eco-Trekkers – Children entering grades 6 through 8

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon Monday through Friday

- Session ET1 - June 21-25 \$____ \$145 (\$135 for members of Friends)
 - Session ET2 - August 9-13 \$____ \$145 (\$135 for members of Friends)
- \$____ Total



Child's name _____
One child per form - please print clearly

Male Female Birth date _____ Grade in fall _____

Your name _____ Relationship to child _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work/cell) _____

• Note child's name and session # on check and make checks payable to UW-Madison Arboretum and mail to: Earth Focus Day Camp, UW-Madison Arboretum, 1207 Seminole Hwy., Madison, WI 53711

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