

Summer Camp in the Gardens offers children a unique outdoor experience. We offer a variety of themed, handson activities tailored to a specific age camper. We make sure the activities are developmentally appropriate, educationally relevant and most importantly fun! At the Gardens campers will be able to learn about relevant environmental subjects through hands on activities, work together with their peers, and spend time outdoors!

All of our camps are half day, 8am-12pm, and run Monday through Friday (unless otherwise noted). Campers should register for the camps associated with the grades they will enter in Fall 2019.

Summer Camp in the Gardens is sponsored, in part, by CellCom

Pre K-1st Grade Campers

Bug Olympics

Can you hop like a grasshopper, march like an ant, or build a web like a spider? Learn about all the amazing abilities bugs have while testing your skills. Dates: June 17-21 | Fee: \$120 (\$100 for Members)

Water World

Get your hands wet to find out what calls the pond home at the Gardens. Use magnifying glasses and nets to see plants and critters up close. Dates: July 8-12 | Fee: \$120 (\$100 for Members)

Secret Gardens: Fairies and Gnomes

Work as a group to build fairy and gnome worlds. Campers will create woodland creatures and their homes in the least explored parts of the Gardens. Dates: July 29-August 2 | Fee: \$120 (\$100 for Members)

2nd-4th Grade Campers

Garden Picasso

Sculpt a tree, paint the pond with watercolors, sketch a flower, and hone your nature art skills! Using our artistic eye, campers will explore the Gardens as they create a variety of art pieces.

Dates: June 10-14 | Fee: \$120 (\$100 for Members)

CSI: Critter Scene Investigation

Every day will start with a critter mystery that will be studied and solved! After solving all the critter mysteries, the new "CSI" Agents will receive their official badge the last day of camp.

Dates: June 24-28 | Fee: \$120 (\$100 for Members)

Pollen Nation

What do birds, insects and bats all have in common? They are pollinators! Campers will discover the world of flowers, the critters that pollinate them and design and plant a small pollinator garden.

Dates: July 22-26 | Fee: \$120 (\$100 for Members)

5th-6th Grade Campers

Building With Nature

Explore the different ways animals build, and try it out yourself. We'll learn about different wild construction projects, and see what we can make with the natural materials at the Gardens.

Dates: July 15-19 | Fee: \$120 (\$100 for Gardens Members)

Nature Diva

Start the day with yoga, then learn how to make your own natural soaps, bug repellent, scrubs, and teas. Use natural ingredients, including some we'll collect from the Gardens. Dates: July 1-3 | Fee: \$75 (\$60 for Gardens Members)

Children and Family Programs

Birthday Parties in the Gardens

From May-August we offer themed birthday parties. Each 2-hour party provides a one-hour program and one hour for birthday festivities for 15 children.

Tots in the Gardens

Your 3-5 year old tot can join us for an adventure with nature! Each session includes hands-on nature activities combined with a snack and craft. June —August every Tuesday at 10am. Off season 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month.

Garden Exploration Open House

Use the Gardens' supplies to create your own nature adventure in the Gardens. Borrow books, magnifying glasses, nets, and other supplies to explore what interests you and your family. **Sundays, 1-4pm June-July**

Weekend Wonders Family Program

Play, learn, and explore as a family in the Gardens. Explore a new topic including gardening, wildlife, bugs, birds, native plants, and more. Meet at the kitchen pavilion at 2pm on the **2nd Sunday of each month, August 2019-May 2020.**

Family Pizza Night in the Gardens

Make pizza as a family from ingredients in the kitchen garden. Roll out your dough, add the sauce, choose the toppings, and bake your pizza in the brick oven. **July 28th @ 2pm**

Shakespeare in the Gardens

August 1, 2nd & 3rd evening showings at 5:30pm

This condensed version of Shakespeare's comedy featuring fairies & more is a wonderful introduction for children to classic literature as it brings them into a world of mischief, magic & love. There will be a variety of magical themed children activities before and after the showing. August 3rd @ 12:30pm

These programs are supported, in part, by Mid WI Foundation Legacy Fund and Murco Foundation Fund, funds of Community Foundation of North Central WI.

For reservations, tickets and pricing for all programs go to monkgardens.org.



Before Camp Care

Need to drop off your camper a bit earlier to get to work on time? Before camp care begins at 7:15, and campers will be supervised by our summer camp staff. Before camp care is an additional fee of \$30 per week.

Scholarships

We want to make camp affordable for YOU! Apply for a scholarship today! We offer 25-90% off camp fees for qualified individuals thanks to our generous donors. To apply visit monkgardens.org to download an application. Thank you to WoodTrust Bell Foundation for funding our scholarships in 2019.

How to Register

Register and pay online through Eventbrite at: https://www.monkgardens.org/summer-school-break-camps or download the camp registration form, fill out and mail in with a check to Monk Botanical Gardens Summer Camp 518 S. 7th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401.

For camp specific questions, contact:

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