

# WE CAN

## *Wonder Gardens Education Programs*

Through **w**onder, **e**xploration, **c**onservation, and **a**ppreciation, we can help protect our **n**atural environment.



### EDUCATION PROGRAM GUIDE & FEES

For more information on WE CAN:

Email [education@wondergardens.org](mailto:education@wondergardens.org)

or call 239-992-2591 x 201

The Wonder Gardens inspires conservation and resiliency by providing transformative experiences of wonder in the natural world, via meaningful educational programs for people of all ages and by meeting the highest standards of care for our resident animals.





## HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF THIS GUIDE:

Whether you choose a self-guided experience or connect with one of our trained interpreters and facilitators, a visit to Wonder Gardens provides experiential learning opportunities that connect children to the wonder of nature, support inquiry-led exploration, and inspire conservation action.

- The programs for elementary classes below highlight the CPALMS Big Ideas in Life Science for grades K-5 and connect to Florida's Resiliency Toolkit and Character Education goals.
- The program for preschool connects to the Florida Early Learning and Development standards.
- Programs may be customized to your group's interests and educational goals.
- All in-person programs include group admission to the park.
- We admit one free chaperone per 10 children in grades K+ or per 6 preschoolers; additional guests pay adult group admission (\$10).
- All programs must be booked at least two weeks prior to your desired date.
- A deposit of \$50 saves the date for your guided experience, custom experience, or outreach program. This deposit will be applied to the final cost and is refundable with 3-day notice of cancellation.
- To book a program email [education@wondergardens.org](mailto:education@wondergardens.org) with your classroom information, selected program, and three possible dates. We will reply with confirmation information.

## Group Admission Rates

Minimum size for group rates is 10 people.

Children ages 3-12: \$6

Adult rate age 13+: \$10

Elders and Military: \$8

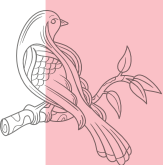
Adults in ratio with children, and Members: Free

## WAYS TO LEARN:

### SELF-GUIDED EXPERIENCE

Plan your own WONDER-filled experience or ask for one of our free digital resources to lead your group on an adventure.

**FEE: GROUP ADMISSION**



### GUIDED EXPERIENCE

Our trained and knowledgeable guides will facilitate your group experience, beginning with a WONDER-filled connection, exploring the gardens through an inquiry-based lens, and culminating with reflection and call for conservation-action.

Time: 1-1.5 hours  
**FEE:**  
**GROUP ADMISSION +**  
**\$50 FOR UP TO 25**  
**\$100 FOR 25-50**

### OUTREACH

Have the WONDER of the gardens come to you. We'll translate our guided experience to your class. Educators will bring biofacts, visuals, and/or activities. Live animal interactions subject to program availability and additional fee.

**FEE: \$100+**

### CUSTOM EXPERIENCE

Are you interested in creating a custom experience for your group? Contact us for co-development opportunities. Go deeper! A 4-part visit allows your group to really delve into your topic and make an impact.

**FEE: VARIES**

# Guided Experiences

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## WE CAN be:



### SENSE-Sational Zoologists Recommended for Grades K-1

This guided sensory walk through Wonder Gardens gives participants the opportunity to see like a bee, smell like a snake, feel like an alligator, hear like a hawk, and perceive our bodies like fish as we use all of our senses to observe and describe the animals and plants in our environment. When we change our point of view, we can better empathize with other living things, tune in to our own needs, appreciate diversity, and understand interdependence.

SC.K.L.14.1; SC.K.L.14.3; SC.1.L.14.1; SC.1.L.17.1

Resiliency skills: Empathy, Respect, Physical Activity

### WONDERful World Champions Recommended for Grades 4-5

How have the plants and animals at Wonder Gardens adapted to their native environments and to human impact? We'll map the journey of some of our resident species and individuals as we explore impacts and interventions, including migration, zoological care, horticultural care, responsible decision-making, and conservation.

SC.4.L.16.2; SC.4.L.16.3; SC.4.17.4; SC.5.L.14.2;  
SC.5.L.15.1; SC.5.L.17.1

Resiliency skills: Empathy, Responsibility,  
Overcoming Adversity

### BUDDING Naturalists Recommended for ages 3-5

We like to move it-move it with young children at Wonder Gardens! This guided experience focuses on connecting preschoolers with our plants and resident animals through mimicry and movement as we explore how birds dance, turtles retreat, flowers bend, and flamingoes balance. When young children mirror nature, they learn more about themselves, their wellness needs, and their planet partners.

VIII.C.1.; I.B.a.1.a, b; II.A.1; III.A.1&2; III.C.4;  
III.D.4; VI.B.1.a&b; VII.B.1,2,3;

### Nature InvestiGATORS: Recommended for Grades 2-3

Parrot or parakeet? Turtle or tortoise? Alligator or Crocodile? Fern or tree? Students will dive deep into the life cycles and physical characteristics of some of the local and global plants and animals that call Wonder Gardens home. By comparing, contrasting, and classifying, we'll explore how to meet the basic needs of these diverse species while they are in human care and in their native environments. By getting to know our animals and plants more in-depth as individuals, we'll uncover how to help them thrive.

SC.2.L.16.1; SC.2.L.17.1; SC.2.L.17.2;  
SC.3.L.15.1; SC.3.L.15.2

Resiliency skills: Empathy, Responsibility,  
Overcoming Adversity



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