



CAPE FEAR BOTANICAL GARDEN

536 N. Eastern Blvd. Fayetteville, NC 28301

Summer Camps 2026

CFBG summer camps instill a love for nature with Garden explorations, hands-on science experiments and nature art projects. The Garden has programs for children ages 4-12.

Garden members may register early starting on March 2
Registration opens to the public March 5
Register at capefearbg.org/camps26



Sprouts (Ages 4-6)

Art from the Earth

May 26-May 29 (4 days)
1:30-5:30pm

Get messy, get creative, and get inspired by nature! Art from the Earth turns the outdoors into your canvas. From painting with natural pigments to sculpting with clay and leaves, campers explore the beauty of the natural world through hands-on creations.

Fur, Feathers & Fins

June 8-June 11 (4 days)
1:30-5:30p

Animals come in many kinds! In Fur, Feathers & Fins, campers learn about animal groups like mammals, birds, and fish. We'll explore how animals move, where they live, and what makes each kind unique through fun activities and outdoor discovery.

Secret Life of Seeds

June 29-July 2 (4 days)
8:30am-12:30pm

Tiny seeds, big adventures! In Secret Life of Seeds, campers discover how seeds travel, grow, and turn into plants through hands-on activities. They'll explore plant life cycles, help care for the garden, and uncover the hidden world beneath their feet.

Explorers (Ages 6-8)

River Rangers

June 15-June 19 (5 days)
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

River Rangers invites campers to splash into freshwater science! Campers will dip nets into ponds to find wiggly water creatures, test the water, and learn how to keep rivers and streams clean and healthy.



Ancient Life

July 13-July 17 (5 days)
1:30-5:30pm

Step back in time to explore the natural world of long ago! In Ancient Life, campers will discover fossils, rocks, and sparkling gems while learning about ancient plants and animals. Through hands-on activities, campers uncover clues about Earth's past and how it has changed over time.



Storm Chasers

August 3-August 7 (5 days)
1:30-5:30pm

Get ready to chase clouds, catch the wind, and make it rain—without getting wet! Storm Chasers turns kids into young meteorologists through exciting experiments and outdoor exploration.



Trailblazers (Ages 8-10)

Eco Art Lab

June 22-June 26 (5 days)
8:30am-12:30pm

Where creativity meets conservation! Eco Art Lab is a hands-on building and investigation camp where campers design, test, and create using natural and reused materials while learning how thoughtful choices help protect the environment.

Nature Quest

July 20-July 24 (5 days)
8:30am-12:30pm

In Nature Quest, campers take on scavenger hunts and cooperative challenges as they explore a variety of outdoor habitats. This active week blends environmental discovery, problem-solving, and teamwork in a fun, hands-on way.

Weird & Wonderful Plants

August 10-August 14 (5 days)
1:30pm-5:30pm

Discover the quirks of the plant world! In Weird & Wonderful Plants, campers learn how unique plant structures and adaptations help plants survive in different environments. Through observation and hands-on exploration, campers uncover the fascinating strategies plants use to thrive.

Stewards (Ages 10-12)

Nature's Allies

July 6-July 10 (5 days)
1:30-5:30pm

Team up with nature to uncover how species work together to survive! Nature's Allies explores ecosystems, symbiosis, and real-world conservation through hands-on activities, games, and simple projects that show how plants and animals depend on one another.



Wild in North Carolina

July 27-July 31 (5 days)
8:30am-12:30pm

Explore the incredible diversity of plants, animals, and habitats in your own backyard! Wild in NC combines outdoor investigation, ecological discovery, and hands-on activities to help campers understand local ecosystems and the ways people can protect them.



Galactic Gardeners

August 17-August 21 (5 days)
8:30am-12:30pm

Blast off with Galactic Gardeners, where the worlds of plants and space collide! Campers will conduct experiments, observe plant growth, and explore astronomy concepts, discovering how life on Earth is connected to the wider universe.



Day Camps

Nature Play Lab (Ages 6-8)

June 1; 9am – 3pm

Meet nature's engineers! Animal Architects explores how animals build homes and shelters to stay safe, raise young, and survive in their environments. Campers will investigate real habitats, study building techniques, and try their own nature-inspired construction projects.

Animal Architects (Ages 8-10)

June 2; 9am – 3pm

Meet nature's engineers! Animal Architects explores how animals build homes and shelters to stay safe, raise young, and survive in their environments. Campers will investigate real habitats, study building techniques, and try their own nature-inspired construction projects.

Lost in the Garden (Ages 10-12)

June 4; 9am – 3pm

Adventure awaits! Lost in the Garden invites campers to a thrilling outdoor adventure. They'll track and identify plants and animals, practice wayfinding, and try simple survival skills - all while discovering nature's secrets.

2026 Camp Pricing

Multi-day camps: \$200 per child
(Garden Members: \$165)

Day Camps: \$90 per child
(Garden Members: \$70)

Not a Member? Become One
capefearbg.org/memberships/

(Household level or higher required to be eligible for camp discount.)

Scholarships

Scholarships may be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for campers who qualify.

We provide scholarships for:

- Low-income Families
- Children with Special Needs
- Children in Foster Care

Please email education@capefearbg.org with Summer Camp Scholarship in your subject line to receive information on how to apply.

What to Wear?

- Please wear clothes for exploring outside and getting messy with science and art!
- Close-toed shoes like sneakers or hiking boots are required.

What to Bring?

- Please bring a packed lunch for 9 am - 3 pm camps.
- The Garden provides a snack for all camps. Feel free to pack your camper extra snacks, if you'd like.
- A reusable water bottle is provided for multi-day camps. Please bring your own water bottle for day camps.



Thanks to Cumberland Community Foundation for their financial support of CFBG Camps since 1990.

Add On a Camp Tshirt when you register! Pick from four awesome designs all with the CFBG logo on the sleeve.

