



CAPE FEAR BOTANICAL GARDEN

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CAPE FEAR BOTANICAL GARDEN ANNOUNCES PONDAMANIA

Fayetteville, NC - On Saturday, June 6th, children are invited to bring their enthusiasm and sense of adventure to Cape Fear Botanical Garden for Pondamania - a day of creativity, discovery, movement, and hands-on fun with activities from 9 AM – 3 PM.

Pondamania is an interactive celebration of art and nature, encouraging children to explore, create, build, and play. Themed activity zones will highlight the beauty and diversity of North Carolina, from the coast to the Sandhills to the mountains. Families can move from one region to the next and engage in intergenerational hands-on activities, artistic experiences, and playful exploration designed especially for kids. Children are encouraged to come dressed to play outdoors, touch, create, explore, and see the world a little differently!

Inspired by the books *Anywhere Artist* and *Nature Is an Artist*, this event will embolden both children and adults to see creativity everywhere — in textures, colors, patterns, movement, sunlight, water, plants, and the natural world.

Activities include art stations, beach-inspired playtime, pond dipping and nature discovery, farm animals, story time, movement to music, interactive photo spots, and guest partners from the Aurora Fossil Museum.

Special event admission applies and tickets are available at the door:

Children 12 & Under: FREE // Garden Members: \$5 + tax // General Admission: \$17 + tax //

Military (with ID): \$16 + tax // Adults 65 & Older: \$16 + tax

Pondamania is funded in part by the MacMillan Family Fund of Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc., and sponsored by Fayetteville PWC, Cape Fear Valley Health System, Fayetteville Academy, and the Arts Council of Fayetteville Cumberland County.

For additional information, please contact Jessica Barnes, Events Manager:

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Cape Fear Botanical Garden (CFBG) is a living laboratory with a mission to transform people's relationships with plants and the natural world. The Garden offers programs of exceptional quality and serves as the premier destination for people of all ages, abilities, and ethnicities to connect through art, culture, education, history, and nature. CFBG's diverse education and art programs are rooted in the natural environment, presenting the botanical garden as living art and inspiring creativity, lifelong learning, tourism, and economic development. Cape Fear Botanical Garden is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Fayetteville, NC.