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where to find us

calendar 2010
children's programs

month	dates	program
JANUARY	16	Owl Prowl
FEBRUARY	19	Living Winter Ends
	26	Allan Gardens Ends
MARCH	15 to 19	March Break Camp
	17 to 21	Canada Blooms FREE
APRIL	17	Earth Day Celebrations FREE
	20	School Programs Begin
MAY		School Programs
	29 & 30	Doors Open Toronto FREE
JUNE	11	School Programs End
	28 to 2	Green Adventure
JULY	5 to 9	Garden Camp
	12 to 16	Animal Camp
	19 to 23	Bug Camp
	26 to 30	Art Camp
AUGUST	3 to 6	Leadership Camp
	9 to 13	Cooking Camp
	16 to 20	Adventure Camp
	23 to 27	Exploration Camp
SEPTEMBER	21	School Programs Resume
	25	Harvest Day FREE
OCTOBER	23	Halloween Howl
	26	Allan Gardens Resumes
	29	School Programs End
NOVEMBER	16	Living Winter Resumes
JANUARY 2011	15	Owl Prowl
MONDAY PROGRAMS	10 a.m.	TBG Sprouts Club
	11 a.m.	Story time in the Weston Family Library FREE

general information

toronto botanical garden

Designed to educate and inspire, the TBG has 12 award-winning gardens with over 80,000 bulbs, plants and trees that thrive in Toronto.

Take part in interactive, year-round programs for all ages on sustainable and edible gardening. The TBG also offers special programs and events, educational activities and inspiring facilities for private functions

tbg children's programs

Since 1998, TBG has offered a variety of programs designed to stimulate children's curiosity about nature and gardening through hands-on experiences. The Teaching Garden incorporates demonstration plots and an organic vegetable garden sown and harvested by children. Produce from the gardens is donated to the North York Harvest Food Bank. The James Boyd Children's Centre provides an exciting indoor learning space and a thrilling collection of living plants and animals, specimens and models.

get a family membership and save!

Family memberships are required to receive member's rates for children's registrations. Yearly family memberships are \$55. Purchase a two-year membership for \$99 and save 10 per cent!

membership benefits

- Reduced rates on camps, special events, children's birthday parties and adult programs
- Free admission to Edwards Lectures featuring acclaimed gardening experts
- Exclusive borrowing privileges from the Weston Family Library
- Save 10 per cent when shopping or dining at TBG
- Free subscription to *Trellis* and Adult Program Guide
- Reciprocal memberships to botanical gardens throughout North America

BECOME A MEMBER BY CALLING 416-397-1341

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birthday parties

DOORS OPEN TORONTO
Is a picture worth a thousand words? Find out as we explore the art and science of photography at the TBG. Saturday, May 29 & Sunday, May 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE, no registration required.

HARVEST DAY
It's fall at its finest! Join us in the Teaching Garden as we make fall crafts, meet the worms, have a sip of cider and harvest the garden for the food bank. Saturday, September 25, noon to 4 p.m. FREE, no registration required.

HALLOWEEN HOWL
Try out your Halloween costume during an afternoon of spooky scavenger hunts, tantalizing treats and a light-hearted look at Halloween's creepy critters. Adult accompaniment and registration required. [TIGEOHAL] Saturday, October 23, 1 to 3 p.m. Public \$10 / Members \$7 per child



family events and programs

REGISTRATION
Please call 416-397-1341 to register

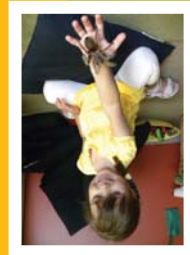
- Programs take place in the bright and beautiful James Boyd Children's Centre although outdoor components are incorporated whenever possible. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather.
- For the safety of all our guests, we ask that any food or snacks brought to the Children's Centre be nut-free.

TBG SPROUTS CLUB (ages 6 to 36 months)
Looking for engaging programs to entertain and enrich your young child? Bring your baby or toddler and learn easy ways to introduce your child to nature. Get outside and have a great time together, Mondays, 10 a.m. [TIGEOESC01] February 1 to March 8 [TIGEOESC02] March 22 to April 26 [TIGEOESC03] May 3 to June 7 [TIGEOESC04] September 7 to October 4 [TIGEOESC05] October 18 to November 15 \$45 Members / \$55 Public

STORY TIME
Weekly nature stories and activities for children aged 6 to 36 months in the Weston Family Library. Mondays, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Year-round. Subject to change, please call ahead. FREE, no registration required.

OWL PROWL
What could be cooler than a winter's evening stroll through an owl's forest home? [TIGEOOP] Saturday, January 16, 6-8 p.m. Public \$10 / Members \$7 per child Saturday, January 15, 6-8 p.m. FREE, no registration required.

EARTH DAY
Kick off TBG's Edible Summer on Earth Day! Connect with nature on a wild-edibles family walk through the gardens and create your own foodie fun in the children's centre. Saturday, April 17, 12 noon to 4 p.m. FREE, no registration required.



TO BOOK A PARTY
To book a TBG birthday party, or for a full list of party options and pricing visit torontobotanicalgarden.ca/children/birthdays.htm, or call 416-397-1380. e-mail birthdayparty@torontobotanicalgarden.ca

ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS INCLUDE:
• Meet the Animals
• A Garden Party
• Outstanding Hikes
• And a variety of Nature Crafts

Amazing animals, ecological entertainment and unique natural experiences are just some of the things you'll discover at these nature-themed birthday parties. Our bright and spacious children's centre is fully equipped with toys, games, live creatures and more to make your child's party truly memorable.



nature camps

MARCH BREAK

March 15 through March 19

Interactive, educational and engaging activities in The James Boyd Children's Centre and TBG grounds. March Break Camps are open to children aged 6 to 10 years.

Creativity Camp

[TG10M01] Get the creative juices flowing as we draw, paint, act, play music and explore animation in this inspiring day of discovery. Perfect for creative cats everywhere!
Monday, March 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Public \$65 / Members \$55

Plant Camp

[TG10M02] Examine some of the coolest plants from around the world! Campers will learn why our carnivorous plants eat meat, examine soil and visit our wiggly, squiggly worms!
Tuesday, March 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Public \$65 / Members \$55

Food Camp

[TG10M03] Do you like food? We like food too! Help us create menus, cook, eat and even make food art! Satisfy your mind and your tummy during this delicious nut-free camp!
Wednesday, March 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Public \$65 / Members \$55

Creature Camp

[TG10M04] The perfect camp for the animal lover! Through games and activities children will learn about how our favourite animals move, hunt, hide and protect themselves. Campers make animal crafts, examine x-rays and meet a few crawly creatures!
Thursday, March 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Public \$65 / Members \$55

3-D Camp

[TG10M05] Discover a whole new side of 3-D art! Make your own clay, multimedia and even plush creatures. Learn the importance of caring for the environment by creating an imaginary landscape for your amazing animal creations.
Friday, March 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Public \$65 / Members \$55

REGISTER EARLY, AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR MARCH BREAK

ART LOVERS PACKAGE! Register for Monday, Wednesday and Friday and SAVE!

[TG10MAL] Public \$170 / Members \$150

Nature Lovers Package! Register for Tuesday and Thursday and SAVE!

[TG10NAL] Public \$110 / Members \$90

Register for the **FULL WEEK and SAVE!**

[TG10MFW] Public \$300 / Members \$250



SUMMER CAMPS

Join us for a full week of summer fun! Programs are held primarily outdoors, but campers will also have an opportunity to explore the artifacts in The James Boyd Children's Centre. Be sure to send campers with water, sunscreen, a hat, nut-free snacks and clothing appropriate for the weather of the day.

PROGRAMS FOR 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS (with parent/guardian)

Animal Camp

[TG10SAC] If your little one is curious about creatures, this camp is for you! Learn which animals live in and around the TBG, find out what they eat, create cool animal crafts, sing fun songs and help our animal friends by planting in the garden!
July 12 to 16, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Public \$125 / Members \$100

Exploration Camp

[TG10SEC] There is so much to discover in the Teaching Garden! Use your senses to explore the hidden world of the garden through games, crafts, hunts and stories. There's something new to discover every day!
August 23 to 27, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Public \$125 / Members \$100

PROGRAMS FOR 5- AND 6-YEAR-OLDS

Garden Camp

[TG10SGC] It's time to get growing! The garden becomes our playground as we plant and tend vegetables in our organic garden, learn how all creatures play important roles in nature and celebrate with a harvest party. Games, projects, crafts and more!
July 5 to 9, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Public \$175 / Members \$150

Bug Camp

[TG10SBC] Do you dream of dragonflies? Are you beguiled by butterflies? Together we'll get to know our bugs from Arthropod to Zoraptera. We'll hunt creepy crawlies, befriend the bugs and create cool critter crafts!
July 19 to 23, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Public \$175 / Members \$150

Adventure Camp

[TG10SADV] There are so many adventures to have at the TBG! We'll become explorers to find our way through the woods, pirates to discover the mysteries of the creeks and time travellers to discover the ancient past. A new discovery each day!
August 16 to 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Public \$175 / Members \$150



PROGRAMS FOR 7- AND 8-YEAR-OLDS

Art Camp

[TG10SART] Love art? Love to be outside? This camp is for you! We will explore painting, drawing, print-making, 3-D art and more. Let nature inspire your budding artists!
July 26 to 30, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Public \$175 / Members \$150

Cooking Camp

[TG10SCC] Calling all foodies and kids who love cooking! Spend five mornings in the garden growing and picking fresh ingredients to create simple and delicious treats. Learn the real meaning of "locavore"! All creations will be nut-free.
August 9 to 13, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Public \$175 / Members \$150

PROGRAM FOR 9-TO 11-YEAR-OLDS

Leadership Camp

[TG10SLC] For budding leaders, this camp introduces group challenges and team-building to help campers develop a deeper awareness of themselves, each other and the natural world through drama, games, activities and sharing.
August 3 to 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Public \$250 / Members \$225



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Public \$250 / Members \$225

REGISTRATION

TBG camps are held in the James Boyd Children's Centre and outdoors in the Teaching Garden. Please call 416-397-1341 to register.

sponsored programs

SUMMER OUTREACH CAMPS

FOR PRIORITY HIGH-NEEDS STUDENTS

Our supported summer camp programs are offered free of charge to children attending daycare centres from priority high-needs schools in Toronto.

GREEN ADVENTURE

The TBG offers free full-day programs, transportation and healthy lunches and snacks to 6- to 12-year-olds in the first week of July for a maximum of 35 participants and a minimum of 20. For more information or to book a group, call 416-397-1288.

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TBG offers Leadership Camp scholarships to students from priority neighbourhoods in August. For more information or to donate and help a deserving child to come to camp, please contact 416-397-1355.

WINTER OUTREACH PROGRAMS

FOR PRIORITY HIGH-NEEDS SCHOOLS

Our winter school programs are offered free of charge to students from grades three and four students in priority high-needs schools in Toronto.

ALLAN GARDENS

In partnership with 

Free programs and transportation for grade three students at Allan Gardens Children's Conservatory from November to March. Curriculum-linked soil and plant programs highlight immersion and hands-on learning in the greenhouse by:

- Planting seeds and cuttings to take home
- Meeting vermicomposting worms
- Touring the lush greenhouses
- Exploring soil and plant relationships

For more information or to register for a program, call 416-397-1288 or e-mail allangardens@torontobotanicalgarden.ca

LIVING WINTER

Generously support by 

Free one-day program, transportation and snacks to grade four students from November to February at The James Boyd Children's Centre and the surrounding grounds. Curriculum-linked habitat programs highlighting immersion and hands-on learning by:

- Exploring outdoor winter habitats
- Hand feeding chickadees
- Learning about owls and dissecting owl pellets
- Examining pelts, skulls and animal tracks

For more information or to register for a program, call 416-540-7138 or e-mail livingwinter@torontobotanicalgarden.ca

THANK YOU

Beach Garden & Horticultural Society, Canada Blooms, CHLOE, Kamik, The Ontario Trillium Foundation, TD Friends of the Environment and many individuals. We are also grateful to all the volunteers who assist in running programs and maintaining the Teaching Garden. Your support allows us to educate over 6,000 children and their families about important environmental issues facing our community.

ATTENTION TEACHERS!

New in 2010! Be sure to check the TBG Web site for curriculum connections, pre- and post-visit activities and self-guided tour maps and suggested activities. All TBG school programs are designed to support and enhance the Ontario Ministry of Education's Science and Technology Curriculum.

KG: Munchkins in the Garden OUTDOORS

[TG10STMG] Children will use their five senses to explore seasonal changes and find patterns in the natural world. They will learn about cycles in nature by planting bulbs in the fall and seeds in the spring and will discover how our red wiggler worms create soil. *Patterns, Cycles, and Natural Occurrences*

KG: Season Reason INDOORS

[TG10SJSR] Students will learn about the different seasons by exploring what plants and animals do during fall, winter, spring and summer. Students will plant a seed to take back to school with them where they can watch it grow! *Patterns, Cycles, and Natural Occurrences*

GRADE 1: Eyes on Life OUTDOORS

[TG10STEL] Do plants and people need the same things? Through hands-on activities in the garden, students will compare the needs of plants and animals. Children will play games to learn how the behaviours of plants and animals change with the seasons. *Characteristics and Needs of Living Things Daily and Seasonal Cycles*

GRADE 1: Seed Needs INDOORS

[TG10SJSN] Learn about the needs of plants and animals through stories, games and activities! Students meet our

red wiggler worms, examine living plants and animals and plant their own "living necklace" to take back to school!

Characteristics and Needs of Living Things Daily and Seasonal Cycles

GRADE 2: Garden Dwellers OUTDOORS

[TG10STGD] What animals make the Teaching Garden their home? Through animal games, scavenger hunts and hands-on activities, students will discover the wide range of creatures that live here and learn how they meet their needs all year long. *Growth and Changes in Animals*

GRADE 2: Amazing Animals INDOORS

[TG10SJAA] Do all animals have bones? How does a bug see the world? What is metamorphosis? Children will be able to answer these questions and more once they explore our collection of animals and insects. *Growth and Changes in Animals*

GRADE 3 Soil: That's Not Dirt! OUTDOORS

[TG10STND] Soil is so much more than dirt! Through hands-on activities students will become soil detectives and explore the formation and components of the organic and inorganic parts of soil. They will also meet the friendly decomposers that work in the garden. *Soils in the Environment*

school programs



GRADE 3 Soil: From the Ground on Down INDOORS

[TG10SJFG] Look down. Look way down! There's a world of life below our feet. Children will get up close and personal with decomposers who make soil and will examine the rocks and minerals that are the foundation of the inorganic parts of soil. *Soils in the Environment*

GRADE 3 Plants: Growing Green OUTDOORS

[TG10STGG] Plants come in all shapes and sizes! Hands-on activities will help children understand the importance of all plants, from the tallest trees to the smallest sprouts. Students will learn the patterns we share with plants and help plant in the garden. *Growth and Changes in Plants*

GRADE 3 Plants: Plant Pandemonium INDOORS

[TG10SJPP] Children will explore how seeds travel, get a close-up look at a flower and meet our insect-

eating plants. Students will learn the basic patterns that plants share and how all life relies on these green beings. *Growth and Changes in Plants*

GRADE 4: Where the Wild Things Roam OUTDOORS

[TG10STWW] Hands-on activities introduce students to the busy community of birds, insects, plants and animals that live in the Teaching Garden. Students will discover the connections between living things and how they respond to seasonal changes. *Habitats and Communities*

GRADE 4: Who Needs Habitat? INDOORS

[TG10SJWH] Students are introduced to habitat concepts through interactive stations that help them explore the fascinating world of producers, consumers and decomposers. Dissect an owl pellet, meet the mealworms and watch the worms at work. *Habitats and Communities*

REGISTRATION

School Programs are offered from Tuesday through Friday between April 20 and June 11 and between September 21 and October 29. They are held outdoors in the TBG's Teaching Garden or indoors in The James Boyd Children's Centre. Please call 416-397-1355 to register.

- \$7 registration fee per student per program
- Sessions take place between 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Maximum of 30 students per program
- No charge for each adult supervisor for every five students
- ALL Teaching Garden programs include outdoor components; please ensure students are properly dressed for the weather
- Any snacks brought to these programs must be nut-free.

Outdoor programs will be moved inside in the event of severe or dangerous weather

