

2017 KIDS' STUFF ... at the Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

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KIDS, GROW YOUR OWN SALAD IN A POT Saturday, February 25, 3 to 4 pm

Nueces Master Gardener Emeritus Helen Orsak leads a kids' interactive workshop on nutrition, and how to grow their own salad garden in a five-gallon bucket, which each participant will get to take home and nurture. Class fee \$3 plus general admission. Members FREE! Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



SPRING BREAK SCIENCE SATURDAY Saturday, March 11, 10 to 11 am; & 3 to 4 pm.

Staff Education Coordinator and former middle school science teacher Brenda Ermis shows kids grades K-8 some spring break science with Flora, Fauna, and Fun among the trails, wetlands and exhibits.

KIDS DISCOVER REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS OF SOUTH TEXAS Saturday, March 18, 10 to 11 am; & 3-4 pm.

Texas Master Naturalist Chad Huckabee teaches kids from three to 93 about habits and habitats of frogs, toads, iguanas, turtles, tortoises, lizards, snakes and other creatures, ones you may—or may NOT—want to have as pets! Great spring break activity. Class fee included in general admission. Members FREE! Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



NATURE CSI Saturday, July 22, 10 am-noon.

Participants, ages eight to 13, investigate "Nature Crime Scenes" with Field Biologist/Youth Education Coordinator Brenda Ermis, learning investigative techniques to explore the science of nature.

KIDS BASIC BIRDING CAMP

Wednesday-Friday, July 5-7, 9 am-1 pm

AGES 8-13

Campers learn basic bird identification techniques and bird biology using fun games and challenges, with entertaining birder, author and naturalist Gene Blacklock, and other guest speakers, including Purple Martin expert Louise Chambers, who lets campers observe baby Martins in nest.

\$80 members; \$95 non-members.

PREPAID REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Income-based SCHOLARSHIPS
available for all Summer Camps.



YOUTH NATURE+PHOTOGRAPHY CAMPS

AGES 11-14 : Monday-Friday, June 5-9, 9 am to noon

AGES 14-18 : Monday-Friday, July 10-14, 9 am to noon

AGES 11-18 : Monday-Friday, July 31-Aug 4, 9 am to noon

\$125 members, \$135 non-members.

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WILDLIFE IN FOCUS Educator **Susan Chilcoat**, and Botanical Gardens Youth Education Coordinator/Field Biologist **Brenda Ermis** merge both science and nature to see the biology of potential photography subjects, then get hands-on camera experience learning differences between a good and great photograph. Possible photo categories include Animal Habitats, Camouflaged Organisms, Nature "Crime" Scenes, Native and Non-Native Reptiles and Birds. **Study Tool:** WILDLIFE IN FOCUS 2015 photo winners on display along Brennecke Nature Trail, with metadata. (*Bringing own cameras or quality cell phones is encouraged; a limited number of cameras will be available for temporary use.*)

KIDS NATURE CAMPS

Monday-Friday, 8:45 am to noon

Tuition: \$80 members, \$95 non-members.

REGISTRATION MUST BE PREPAID!

AGES 5-7

June 12-16 Birds & Reptiles

June 19-23 Butterflies & Insects

June 26-30 Nature Rangers

AGES 8-12

July 10-14 Birds & Reptiles

July 17-21 Butterflies & Insects

July 24-28 Nature Rangers

Kids Summer Nature
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The Botanical Gardens encompasses a unique mix of flower gardens/floral exhibits and plant collections; plus vast acreage of native habitat and natural wetlands, which children love to learn about and explore. This summer, let the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center gift your child with a visual love of nature; understanding of our natural resources; conservation of our fragile environment; plus positive insights into stewardship of native habitats, bird and wildlife, and natural wetlands of this unique South Texas ecosystem. All sessions include adult instructors, door and outdoor studies and activities and take-home nature-related craft projects. Each day, campers will need sunscreen, hat, sunglasses and insect repellent. Camp sessions are taught by former Middle-School and High School teacher **Sandy Anderson**, with adult volunteers helping. 2017 is her fourth camp year at the Botanical Gardens.