

Youth Groups Frequently Asked Questions

What types of programs do you offer?

School Programs: feature an interactive lesson, guided conservatory tour and a scavenger hunt. The program runs from 10:00am to noon and is offered on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Designed for grades K-6, our school programs supplement achievement towards the Oklahoma Academic Standards. Through the implementation of research-based methods and models, we strive to provide the most enriching experience possible. We can accommodate group sizes of 10 to 80 students.

Taste the Rainforest—An Exploration of Tropical Rainforests Through the Lens of Healthy Eating:

This school program is designed for kindergarten through 2nd graders. Students will identify six parts of a plant, investigate rainforest plants we eat, and explore healthy eating by brainstorming a breakfast meal during a conservatory hike.

Plant Problem Solvers—Using Nature's Example:

Students 1st through 3rd will explore human problems that have solutions mimicking how plants and animals use their external parts to grow, survive and reproduce. Students will learn seed dispersal techniques and explore how some animals work together in groups to survive.

Kaleidoscope Ecosystems—Exploring the Desert and the Rainforest:

This school program is designed for 3rd through 6th graders and is intended to empower students to discover more about the natural world by accomplishing the following learning objectives. Students will explore desert and rainforest ecosystems, recognize plants in the desert and rainforest that humans use as resources.

Looking at Leaves—Exploring Leaves with Art:

Students 3rd through 5th will learn how different leaf shapes, colors and textures help plants survive in different environments. Students will complete an art project using leaves as their inspiration. Students will identify leaf adaptations with a conservatory scavenger hunt. Note: this program is limited to 30 students.

Guided Tours: offers your group the opportunity to explore the conservatory with a knowledgeable guide. Tours last 30 minutes to an hour. We offer guided tours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A guided tour is a great choice for middle school and high school students however it can be booked for any grade level. We can accommodate group sizes of 10 to 40 students.



Self-Guided Tour: offers your group the opportunity to explore the conservatory at your own pace and time; you will not have a guide. You must book in advance and have a group of 10 or more to receive group rate admission.

Add scavenger hunt booklets to either tour. Scavenger hunt booklets are perfect for grades PK– 6th. What is the cost of a school program or tour of 10 or more students?

School programs group rate: \$7 per student (age 4-17)

For every 10 kids in your group, 2 accompanying adults are **free**. Additional adults are \$9.50 per person.

Guided tour group rate: \$6 per student (age 4-17)

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Self-guided tour group rate: \$4.00 + tax per student (age 4-17), \$9.50 + tax per adult

Scavenger hunt booklets: \$0.50 + tax per booklet

Where can our group eat lunch?

You are welcome to have lunch at our pavilion space near the Children's Garden. Food and drink are allowed anywhere on our <u>outdoor</u> grounds. Pick a shady spot and enjoy your meal! Make sure not to leave any waste behind. <u>Food and drink are not allowed inside the Crystal Bridge Conservatory.</u>

Where do we park?

A parking map and instructions are included in a email you will receive after booking your visit.

How do I book a school program, guided tour, or self-guided tour for my group?

- Fill out and submit a Group Visit Request Form at least 2 weeks before the date you would like to book. We cannot guarantee there will be an opening on your preferred date. Adding optional dates on your request form will expedite the booking processes.
- 2. Education staff will respond to your request with-in 3 business days to confirm a date and price.
- 3. Payment can be made by card ahead of time or with cash or check before you begin your program. Purchase orders accepted. Payment must be made in one sum transaction to cover the entire amount of the tour or field trip. If paying in cash the group leader should collect individual contribu-



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What is the cost of a group tour?

Guided tour group rate: 11.50 per adult, 9.00 per student (18 & up), 11.00 per senior

Self-guided tour group rate: 9.50 + tax per adult, 7.00 + tax per student (18 & up), 9.00 + tax per senior

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Myriad Botanical Gardens Field Trip Rules

To ensure an A+ field trip please go over the following rules and expectations with students before you arrive.

Please share this with parents and chaperones as well so everyone knows the Crystal Bridge Conservatory and Visitor Center expectations. Thank you!

Visitor Center Lobby

Your group will check in and may store their lunches in the lobby. You will also pass though here to get to the Crystal Bridge conservatory. Please use walking feet and keep voices low when you are in this space. Did you know the visitor center is an art gallery?! Please enjoy looking at the art but do not touch the art as artists have worked very hard on the works presented. There is a gift shop on site if you are interested in purchasing a souvenir!

Crystal Bridge Conservatory

Water bottles are encouraged in the conservatory, food and other beverages can be left in your lunch baskets in the lobby and are not allowed. The conservatory is home to tropical plants and mimics a rainforest climate; if you start to feel hot tell a parent or teacher and take a break in the lobby to cool down. We encourage walking shoes as there are three levels to explore. Stay on the path, use walking feet and be gentle around the plants. The conservatory is home to a parrot named Muffin! Please do not put your fingers in Muffin's habitat. Saying hello to Muffin is encouraged!

A note for teachers, parents and chaperones:

We encourage assigning groups of students to a chaperone before arriving; we suggest a 1 to 5 adult to child ratio as we offer one free adult per every five students in your group. **Children should be accompanied and safeguarded by their assigned adult at all times during your group's visit.**



