

FAQS FOR 2022 HOMESCHOOL CLASSES

PARKING

Houston Arboretum & Nature Center – 610 Entrance
120 W Loop N Freeway, Houston, TX 77024

Parking is free for members when you enter the parking code given with your membership into the ParkMobile/ParkHouston app or at the parking kiosks.

DROP OFF AND CLASS INFO

Follow the signs to the back of the Nature Center Building where the sign-in sheets will be located. Class will begin promptly at 1pm on Mondays. There will be three separate classrooms and separate sign-in sheets for each age group: 5-6's, 7-8's, and 9-12's. Each class will have its own teacher and once signed in, parents are free to go. Parents and siblings are not allowed to join the class. Please allow plenty of time for parking and the short walk to the building.

COVID QUESTIONS

Masks are optional when inside the Nature Center and outdoors. We will continue to keep a close eye on the CDC's guidelines regarding safe COVID policies. The link to our health and safety policy has a more in-depth look at our policies regarding COVID.

<https://houstonarboretum.org/health-safety-updates/>

WHAT TO BRING

Wear closed-toed shoes and comfortable play clothes that can get dirty during craft activities and outdoor hikes. Some activities may have specific needs, those will be emailed to you before your class/program.

Please bring:

- Refillable water bottle
- Sun/Rain protection (e.g. sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, rain jacket)

MOSQUITOS

We provide insect repellent with 25% DEET as the active ingredient. You are welcome to send your own repellent with your child but please note that the Centers for Disease Control does not recommend Citronella or other botanical repellents except for those containing oil of lemon eucalyptus. We have copied the information provided by the CDC below.

“Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents with one of the active ingredients below. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.”

- DEET
- Picaridin (known as KBR 3023 and icaridin outside the US)
- IR3535
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE)
- Para-menthane-diol (PMD)
- 2-undecanone Find the right insect repellent for you by using [EPA's search tool](#).

ALLERGIES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please ensure that you have filled out our Emergency Contact and Medical Information form. If you have forgotten anything or wish to add information, please contact Justin Clay at Jclay@houstonarboretum.org **The Houston Arboretum does not administer medications.**

HEAT SAFETY

Naturalists and all teaching staff are informed of heat safety and how to identify any signs of distress. We will take frequent breaks, stick to mostly shaded areas when possible, and monitor conditions throughout the class.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND BLOG

Photos are sometimes taken during our classes. Occasionally, photos are used by local TV stations, newspapers, and magazines. Photos are also used on the Houston Arboretum's social media pages. If you would not like your child photographed or videoed, please inform Christina Spade, our Registrar, at cspade@houstonarboretum.org

For each class, students in the class and on the waitlist will be sent a link to our homeschool blog. Blog posts will recap the lesson, provide supplemental material for the students to use at home, and feature activities and work done by students.

<https://houarbhomeschool.wordpress.com/>

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

All sales are considered final. For questions about registrations, cancellations, refunds, and waitlists, please refer to our [cancellation policy](#) or contact Christina Spade at

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