

FAQS FOR 2023 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

For safety reasons, students must be accompanied to check-in and be signed in by an adult. Children are not allowed to enter the property alone. There will be signs directing you to the sign-in which will be set up by the outside entrances to each classroom.

There will be four separate classrooms and separate sign-in sheets for each age group: 5-6's, 7-8's, 9-10's and 11-12'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.

Class will begin promptly at 1pm on Mondays. 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/about-us/health-and-safety/>

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)

This is a two-hour class and there is no dedicated snack time so please make sure children have had lunch before class and are ready to learn.

MOSQUITOS

We will provide insect repellent with 25% DEET as the active ingredient. You are welcome to bring 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.

ALLERGIES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please note that you have filled out our Emergency Contact and Medical Information form during registration. 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 cspade@houstonarboretum.org