

## FAQS FOR SPRING 2025 HOME SCHOOL

### THE ART OF NATURE JOURNALING

#### ABOUT THIS CLASS

Nature journaling is collecting and recording your observations, questions, and connections in a journal, using words, pictures, and numbers. We will combine illustration skills with scientific observations of our surroundings.

You do not need to be a scientist, naturalist, or artist to begin this practice. This class is appropriate for any level of experience with nature journaling, from beginner to veteran **7 to 14 years old**.

#### WHAT TO WEAR/BRING TO CLASS

All nature journaling supplies including a tote bag are provided for use during class. Journals remain at the Houston Arboretum each week until the end of the current class session or may be taken home and brought back each week. All other supplies provided are the property of Houston Arboretum. Students are welcome to bring their own journals and supplies, as well.

Class will be held in various locations outdoors rain or shine. Please dress for the weather and use sunscreen, insect repellent, and sun hats as appropriate. Each student should bring a full water bottle for time on the trails during class. Wear closed-toed shoes and comfortable clothes.

Please bring:

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

*This is a one-hour class with no dedicated snack time or restroom break, so please ensure children have taken care of all needs before signing in.*

#### 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 ParkHouston app or at the parking kiosks.

## **DROP OFF AND CLASS INFO**

This class will be held 100% outside apart from brief **sign-in in the Grapevine Classroom** inside the Nature Center. Classes will be held inside only during severe weather.

**Class will begin promptly at 11am, departing for the trails by 11:05.** This class is only one hour so we will always get started promptly at 11 and **end at noon.** Please pick up your child promptly at noon, whether they will be attending afternoon home school classes or not.

For safety reasons, campers must be accompanied to check-in and be signed in and out by an adult. Students under the age of 18 are not allowed to enter the class alone.

## **MOSQUITOS**

We will provide insect repellent with 25% DEET as the active ingredient. You are welcome to bring your own repellent 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 Melissa Kyle at [mkyle@houstonarboretum.org](mailto:mkyle@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](mailto:cspade@houstonarboretum.org)

## 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](mailto:cspade@houstonarboretum.org)

## MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT NATURE JOURNALING FOR HOME SCHOOLERS?

Please email Melissa Kyle for more information, [mkyle@houstonarboretum.org](mailto:mkyle@houstonarboretum.org)