



Give your students the gift of nature!

Help your students unplug, breathe fresh air and connect with the outdoors!

Field trips at Tyler Arboretum provide students with more than just a fun day out of the classroom; we create inclusive learning experiences where students make meaningful connections with the natural world. During your field trip, we will explore nature in a safe setting with the expertise and guidance of trained educators who will help you and your students understand various ecosystems, habitats, plants and animals.

Along the way, we will fine tune our science skills by using observation to investigate the world around us. Students will make connections and create their own hypotheses about what they observe outdoors at Tyler and tie it back to what they are studying in the classroom. Our field trips reach all types of learners and often impact those students who struggle with traditional learning and help them realize that they too can excel in various subjects.

Sensory Eco-Explorations (All ages)

Main ideas: observation; ecosystems; seasons

Students will become scientists and use their senses to make observations about the natural world. We will look up-close at the tiniest parts of nature, feel new and different textures, listen for sounds and follow our noses as we explore meadows, ponds, forests and fields. This exploration around Tyler's property will help students make real world discoveries and memorable connections to nature.

Land of the Lenape (All ages)

Main ideas: Pennsylvania history; relationships with nature; observation

Immerse yourself in the life of the Lenape people who lived in our area 1,000 years ago. Visit a replica wigwam and see real artifacts that help us understand what cooking, cleaning and family life would have looked like in a traditional tribe. Play traditional Lenape games that help to teach skills of practice, observation and teamwork. Along the way, discover what the trees and woods meant to the Lenape people and what their lands would have looked like before colonization.

Habitat Adventures (Ages PreK – K)

Main ideas: habitats; life cycles; food chains

Tyler Arboretum has thriving, diverse habitats including ponds, meadows and forests where students will encounter live insects, frogs and birds. We will visit all of these places to see how they are different and the same and explore the unique features each animal home has to offer.

Seasonal Hike (Grades 1 – 5)

Main ideas: habitats; orienteering; stewardship

Tyler has 17 miles of hiking trails, so let's explore them together! Students will follow an educator on a hike while learning about native plants and animals that live along our trails. While walking, we will discuss how to read a map, how to leave the land as we found it and how to understand trail markers. Participants will walk away having learned more about our local landscapes and how to care for nature.



For details about School Field Trips, contact Joanne Landau: 610-566-9134, ext. 303. jlandau@tylerarboretum.org

Seasonal Programs

Homeschool
Groups Welcome!

October – November

Nature's Adaptations (Grades 1 – 5)

Main ideas: adaptations; seeds; habitats

Learn how native plants and animals have adapted to live in different habitats including meadows, woods and streams. See different species up-close to explore their interactions in the ecosystem and better understand how their adaptations help them survive. We will look closely at some unique plants and seeds to see how they have continued to exist throughout time.

January 15 – March 15

Maple Sugaring (All ages)

Main ideas: tree identification; making maple syrup; parts of a tree

Trees offer us great gifts, including maple syrup. Visit a sugar maple tree to see how syrup is made, from tapping to tasting. We will look closer to explore where sap comes from inside a tree and what other stories a tree can tell.

April – August

Water, Water Everywhere (Grades 1 – 5)

Main ideas: water cycle; ecosystems; watersheds

Understand the water cycle and watersheds by visiting streams and ponds. See how all water is connected by learning where it comes from and where it goes. Along the way, discover the tiniest macroinvertebrates and biggest frogs who make these waterways their home. Understand the role these wetlands play in the life of these creatures and in our lives as well.

Invertebrate Investigators (Grades 1 – 5)

Main ideas: ecosystems; life cycles; adaptations

Learn to love bugs of all shapes and sizes with this hands-on insect exploration. Together, we will understand the important role invertebrates play in the ecosystem and see the unique adaptations that help them survive in various habitats.



Why Tyler Arboretum?

Tyler Arboretum is a unique public garden that was once home to the Lenape people and that still contains many native plants and woodlands that existed here over 1,000 years ago. Since then, the property has grown to include many unique trees and plant species planted by the Painter brothers in the mid 1800s. In addition to these rare and antique trees, Tyler has 650 acres and 17 miles of hiking trails that take you through diverse terrains and ecosystems. Besides trees and forests, Tyler has ponds, streams and meadows to explore.

In addition to a mindfully designed, hands-on lesson, all trips include access to our picnic area and free time for you and your group to explore Tyler Arboretum on your own.

Options

Field trips available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Magnolia Package

Arrive at 9:45am
Program at 10am
Picnic area and free time
to explore after the program

Hemlock Package

Arrive at 10:15am
Picnic area and free time
to explore upon arrival
Program at noon

Prices

Price is per student and varies by season

PreK & Kindergarten

1 hour programs
1 adult per 6 children included for free
Fall: \$7 Spring: \$8
Winter: \$6 Summer: \$7

Grades 1 – 5

1.5 hour programs
1 adult per 7 children included for free
Fall: \$8 Spring: \$9
Winter: \$7 Summer: \$8

**Teachers and school staff (aides, nurses) are admitted free.
Extra adults over the allowance are admitted at the same price as students.**

Scholarships

Scholarships are provided on a first come, first served basis. All Title I schools are eligible for scholarships. If your school is not a Title I school but you still have a need, please submit a letter outlining your financial limitations. For more information on scholarships visit: www.tylerarboretum.org/school-programs.

Tyler Arboretum is centrally located in Delaware County, PA., 3.8 miles from downtown Media, and just minutes from all major highways.



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