

SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Day

Explore gardening through child-driven art projects and engaging science activities. Groups will rotate through outdoor activity stations designed to educate and entertain. Bring your friends, family and picnics (allowed in the Gardens during this special event only). Registration is encouraged but not required. This event is proudly sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens.

Location: Brookside Gardens

[Register on Active Montgomery | Activity: PBG0077](#)

Sep 19	Sat	10am to 2pm	All Ages	Free	PBG0077-300008
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Celebrate Halloween with botanical-themed fun for the whole family! Dress in your favorite costume, trick-or-treat at the indoor activity stations, participate in arts-and-crafts projects including pumpkin decorating, and conduct hands-on science investigations to learn about the fall season. Registration required for the participating child. One parent/caregiver must accompany each child for the duration of event but does not need to register. Maximum two adults per registered child.

Location: Brookside Gardens

[Register on Active Montgomery | Activity: PBG0165](#)

Oct 25	Sun	3 to 5pm	All Ages	\$20	PBG0165-300005
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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Pop-Up Exploration Cart: iNaturalist

Join us in cataloging the wide array of wild, living things that call Brookside Gardens home. Learn how to download and use the helpful iNaturalist identification app to photograph and log observations that will be utilized by both nature enthusiasts and professional scientists. Drop by the Exploration Cart next to the Children's Garden any time between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; no registration is required.

Location: Brookside Gardens

Sep 2 to 4	Wed to Fri	11am to 1pm	All Ages	Free
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Art Outside for Teens

A day off school is the perfect time to enjoy a full day of artistic fun both indoors and outside. Each session features varied media and activities, including nature photography, watercolor painting, and zine making. Bring a bag lunch and a refillable water bottle. Required sign-in forms will be emailed to guardians before the program begins. Enrollment closes last business day before program.

Location: Brookside Gardens

[Register on Active Montgomery | Activity: PBG0194](#)

Nov 2	Mon	9am to 3:30pm	Ages 11 to 14	\$45	1 class	PBG0194-300005
Nov 3	Tue	9am to 3:30pm	Ages 11 to 14	\$45	1 class	PBG0194-300006

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRESCHOOL

Yoga Sprouts

Bring your little ones to this fun yoga class with a nature theme and a view of the garden. Physical exercise and mindfulness will awaken your senses, boost your energy, and give you good garden vibes to start your day. Bring your own mat or borrow one of ours. Adults are free and must accompany children to the class but should not register. Classes will meet inside the Children's Classroom in the Visitor Center.

Location: Brookside Gardens

[Register on Active Montgomery](#) | [Activity: PBG0078](#)

Sep 5	Sat	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 9	\$7	1 class	PBG0078-300019
Sep 12	Sat	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 9	\$7	1 class	PBG0078-300020
Sep 26	Sat	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 9	\$7	1 class	PBG0078-300021
Oct 3	Sat	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 9	\$7	1 class	PBG0078-300022
Oct 10	Sat	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 9	\$7	1 class	PBG0078-300023
Oct 17	Sat	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 9	\$7	1 class	PBG0078-300024
Oct 24	Sat	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 9	\$7	1 class	PBG0078-300025
Nov 7	Sat	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 9	\$7	1 class	PBG0078-300026
Nov 14	Sat	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 9	\$7	1 class	PBG0078-300027

Storytime in the Garden

Join us for an interactive story time followed by an outdoor exploration or activity for children ages 3 to 7. This is an outdoor story time, weather permitting. Adults must accompany children. Meet in the Outdoor Classroom located in the Children's Garden area and dress for the weather.

Location: Brookside Gardens

[Register on Active Montgomery](#) | [Activity: PBG0111](#)

Sep 14	Mon	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 7	\$5	1 class	PBG0111-300017
Sep 21	Mon	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 7	\$5	1 class	PBG0111-300018
Sep 28	Mon	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 7	\$5	1 class	PBG0111-300019
Oct 5	Mon	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 7	\$5	1 class	PBG0111-300020
Oct 12	Mon	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 7	\$5	1 class	PBG0111-300021
Oct 19	Mon	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 7	\$5	1 class	PBG0111-300022
Nov 9	Mon	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 7	\$5	1 class	PBG0111-300023
Nov 16	Mon	10 to 10:45am	Ages 3 to 7	\$5	1 class	PBG0111-300024



YOUTH EDUCATION

Outdoor Guided Walk for Families

Enjoy a guided walk through the gardens designed for curious kids and their families. Led by a youth educator, each walk explores garden hotspots with interactive discussions about that day's topic. This series explores a different topic each day. Register for one or multiple. One parent/caregiver must accompany each child for the duration of the program but does not need to register. Maximum two adults per registered child. Meet at Visitor Center Entrance.

Location: Brookside Gardens

[Register on Active Montgomery | Activity: PBG0240](#)

Butterflies	Sep 13	Sun	10 to 11am	All Youth Ages with Adult	\$10	1 class	PBG0240-300001
Birds	Sep 26	Sat	10 to 11am	All Youth Ages with Adult	\$10	1 class	PBG0240-300002
Mushrooms	Oct 10	Sat	10 to 11am	All Youth Ages with Adult	\$10	1 class	PBG0240-300003
Gardening for Beginners	Oct 18	Sun	10 to 11am	All Youth Ages with Adult	\$10	1 class	PBG0240-300004
Trees	Nov 7	Sat	10 to 11am	All Youth Ages with Adult	\$10	1 class	PBG0240-300005

Homeschool: Garden Scientists

In this engaging homeschool program, we will explore the garden from the perspective of three different scientific disciplines to learn how plants, birds, and insects grow, adapt, and interact to support a thriving ecosystem. Activities in our outdoor "classroom" include guided observation, scientific inquiry, and journaling, and are designed with built-in choice and challenge so various ages can learn together with differentiated content. Register for one or multiple. One parent/caregiver must accompany each child for the duration of program but does not need to register. Maximum of three registered children with one parent/caregiver.

Location: Brookside Gardens

[Register on Active Montgomery | Activity: PBG0242](#)

Entomologists (Insect Science)	Sep 9	Wed	1 to 2:30pm	Ages 7 to 12	\$10	1 class	PBG0242-300001
Ornithologists (Bird Science)	Sep 16	Wed	1 to 2:30pm	Ages 7 to 12	\$10	1 class	PBG0242-300002
Botanists (Plant Science)	Sep 23	Wed	1 to 2:30pm	Ages 7 to 12	\$10	1 class	PBG0242-300003

Crafting Characters in Nature

Step into the magical world of nature crafts. In this hands-on workshop, we'll turn twigs, acorns, and pinecones into charming little forest creatures. Using natural treasures gathered on a garden walk, you will bring imaginative characters to life, complete with leaf outfits and acorn hats. This program blends creativity with a love for nature, helping kids practice using the outdoors as a source of inspiration.

Location: Brookside Gardens

[Register on Active Montgomery | Activity: PBG0241](#)

Oct 3	Sat	10 to 11am	Ages 7 to 12	\$7	1 class	PBG0241-300001
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