



Education Department
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2019-20 School Year

Flamingo Gardens Field Trips for Students

This school year we will focus on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

**Our experienced staff puts the "adventure" in learning
about the flora and fauna of South Florida!**

General information

Flamingo Gardens offers students a unique opportunity to learn about the Everglades, the environment and local history by exploring our Everglades Sanctuary which includes animals, birds of prey, and a free flight aviary, our arboretum, wetlands and historical Wray House.

All of our programs meet CPALMS standards for your grade.

In order to provide an informative and fun experience, an educational guide is assigned to each group. We generally work with small groups of 15-30 students to make sure that students can see and hear as much as possible.

Please note, our booking procedures have changed; **We require a 20% deposit or Purchase Order to finalize your reservation.** Please review the updated information prior to booking your class trip.

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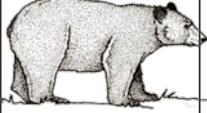
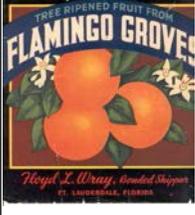
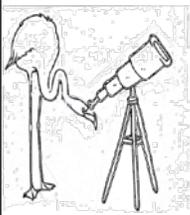
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We are continuously updating and expanding our program options. Check out all the ways we can tailor a fun and educational field trip with a dedicated educational guide.

Contact the Education Department for reservations and information: (954) 473-2955, x115 or education@flamingogardens.org. Visit www.flamingogardens.org for additional information on Flamingo Gardens.

Program title	Program content	Choose one of the following options	Intended audience	Fee (per student)
The following program is 1.5 hours in length				
Garden Adventure 	Introduce your students to the unique flora and fauna of South Florida. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting our furry (Florida panthers, bobcats, river otters and black bear) and scaly (alligators, turtles and snakes) neighbors. • A narrated tram ride through native hardwood hammocks and wetlands areas introducing the students to several habitats found in South Florida and the plant life that inhabits them. Teacher/student packet with pre/post-activities.	Puppet Show Story Time Birds of Prey Story Walk Garden Expedition Aviary Pollinators	all ages	\$8.00 (15 student minimum)
The following programs are 2 hours in length				
Adaptation Artistry 	Students are introduced to physical and behavioral adaptations in birds. Using a “learn by seeing and doing” approach. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion/demonstration featuring a variety of feathers, wings, beaks, feet and talons. • Hands-on experiments to determine the best beak type and associated bird for various food sources. • Observation & documentation of various birds of prey, their beaks, wings, feet and talon types. Observation & documentation of various water and wading birds during a visit to our free-flight aviary. *Add a narrated tram ride through our mitigated wetlands and native hammock habitats for an additional \$1.00 per student (30 minutes.) Teacher/student packet with pre/post-activities	N/A	4- 8 grade	\$11.00 (30 student minimum) Maximum of 4 groups /100 student
Florida History 	Florida history comes alive at Flamingo Gardens! Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A look at how our pioneers lived with a tour of the historic Wray home (built in 1933). • A visit to the native animals of Florida, featuring Florida’s state animal, state reptile, state bird and state butterfly. • A narrated tram ride through several habitats found in South Florida and the role they play in life and the history of our area. • A discussion of Native American Indigenous People in Florida’s history. Students will observe Native American artifacts donated by members of the Seminole Tribe. Teacher/student packet with pre/post-activities.	N/A	3rd grade & up	\$10.00 (15 student minimum) Maximum of 4 groups /100 students
Gardens & Galaxies brought to you by Flamingo Gardens and Buehler Planetarium. 	Can’t decide? Do two field trips in one with the Gardens and Galaxies program we offer in partnership with the Buehler Planetarium. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buehler Planetarium: choose from a variety of programs introducing students to our solar system and the mysteries of outer space. • A short bus trip to Flamingo Gardens • Touring Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary, students encounter a panther, bobcats, alligators, black bear, river otters and other animals that share our home in South Florida. • A narrated tram ride through wetlands, native hardwood hammocks and a mock rainforest gives an overview of the history of Flamingo Gardens and our area, as well as an introduction to our plant life and the benefits they provide us. Reserved seating area at Flamingo Gardens to enjoy your lunch	To reserve your space/time and select your show, call Susan Barnett at Buehler Planetarium (954)201-6681	all ages	\$10.00 (40 student minimum)
Kid Explorers Scavenger Hunt 	Kid Explorers Scavenger Hunt guides students in discovering the flora and fauna of south Florida while enjoying the fun of a scavenger hunt. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions and a list/pictures of items to find • A visit to our Arboretum, Birds of Prey and Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary • A narrated tram ride through native hammock habitats and a mitigated wetland. Teacher/student packet with pre/post-activities.	N/A	elementary	\$10.00 (15 student minimum)

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 <p>Green Machine</p>	<p>An introduction to the wonderful plants and trees of Florida. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation & demonstration of plants, their importance and uses. Basic parts of a plant and their functions. Students will each plant a small plant to take home. • OR observation/discussion of seeds, and seed dispersal. Students plant a seed to take home. Note: This option is recommended for 3rd and 4th graders. • A narrated tram tour where students observe a variety of trees and plants and gain an appreciation for their uses and of all they provide for us. • A guided tour of our Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary, where students will see panthers, bobcats, alligators, river otters, flamingos, a black bear and more! <p>Teacher/student packet with pre/post-activities.</p>	Puppet Show Story Time Birds of Prey Story Walk Garden Expedition Aviary Pollinators	Pre-K to 4th grade	\$11.00 (15 student minimum)
 <p>S.O.S. Save Our Swamps (Wetlands)</p>	<p>This program focuses on the importance of South Florida wetlands conservation. Home to the Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary and mitigated wetlands, Flamingo Gardens is the perfect place to expand your student's knowledge in this area. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A visit to our free flight aviary where students observe native water and wading birds up close. Five types of wetland habitats are represented in the aviary, home to over 40 species of birds. • A visit to the Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary where students will see alligators, river otters, bobcats, Florida Panthers, turtles and more. • A narrated tram ride takes students to and from the wetland area. • A stop at the wetlands walkway where students explore the mitigated wetland while learning about the importance of wetlands, the challenges they currently face and ways to preserve our local wetlands and the environment. <p>Teacher/student packet with pre/post-activities.</p>	N/A	4 th grade to High School	\$12.00 (30 student minimum) Maximum of 4 groups /100 students
 <p>Virtual Scavenger Hunt</p>	<p>Virtual Scavenger Hunt allows students to discover the flora and fauna of south Florida while enjoying the fun of a scavenger hunt. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions and a list of items to find, photograph and document, using forms included in the class packet. • Students photograph items and record on forms included in your packet. Students must have their own cameras/phones • A visit to our free-flight aviary, birds of prey center and our Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary • A narrated tram ride through native hammock habitats and a mitigated wetland. <p>Teacher/student packet with pre/post-activities.</p>	N/A	Middle and High School students	\$10.00 (15 student minimum)
 <p>Wildlife Encounter</p>	<p>Panthers and gators and snakes- Oh my! Flamingo Gardens is also home to beautiful birds, playful river otters, proud peacocks and more. Meet them all on the Wildlife Encounter. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flamingo Gardens bird of prey center featuring eagles, owls, hawks, falcons and vultures. • A tour of our free-flight aviary, home to over 40 species of water and wading birds in five natural habitats. • A tour of our Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary, home to panthers, flamingos, bobcats, alligators, river otters, turtles, tortoises and Josh the bear. • A tram ride through wetlands and native hammock areas, where wildlife is frequently sighted. <p>Teacher/student packet with pre/post-activities.</p>	N/A	all ages	\$10.00 (15 student minimum)
<p>Wildlife Show</p>	<p>Enhance your trip with a live animal presentation by Flamingo Gardens. Animal care specialists present 3 animals from our collection. (May be added to any program)</p>	N/A	all ages	\$2.00 (30 student minimum)

Educational Program Option Descriptions	programs	grades
Aviary: An up-close look at over forty species of water and wading birds as students walk through the Flamingo Gardens free-flight aviary.	GA, GM	all ages
Birds of Prey: Flamingo Gardens is a great place to discover raptors with five types of owls, six species of hawks and two species of falcons, vultures and eagles.	GA, GM	All ages
Garden Expedition: Students explore the gardens and collect designated items (leaves, seeds and/or flowers). Items collected may be used for future classroom art or sorting activities	GA, GM	PreK-4th grade
Pollinator: (butterflies) Program 1: I Spy a Butterfly -Children work in small teams. Each team is provided a laminated card showing their designated butterflies' life cycle and host plant. They will find the host plant in our butterfly garden and look for any evidence of pollinators. Discoveries, such as eggs, caterpillars, butterflies, leaves eaten by caterpillars, etc., are listed and pictured on the back of the card so the children can check off the items discovered	GA, GM	Pre-K through 2nd grade
Program 2: Butterfly Hunt -A "Citizen Science" opportunity for students as they learn the how and why of counting butterflies and recording their findings while participating in a Flamingo Gardens butterfly hunt.	GA, GM	3rd - 5 th grades
Puppet Show: Sammy the Squirrel enlists the help of Oaky Dokey, the oak tree, to explain photosynthesis in a fun show.	GA, GM	PRE-K to 1st grade
Story time/Children's Garden: children will enjoy a short children's story with a reduce/reuse/recycle theme in our Children's Garden Story time area. Led by their guide, the children explore the tactile children's garden with numerous plants to smell and touch.	GA, GM	PreK-1st grade
Story Walk: children will participate in a walk through the garden with stops along the way for reading. The walk and story end at the subject of the book (bear, panther, owl, etc.) GA, GM PreK-1st grade	GA, GM	PreK-1st grade
*Wildlife show: Enhance your trip with a live animal presentation by Flamingo Gardens. Animal care specialists present 3 animals from our collection. *\$2.00 per person/min 30 students	All programs	All ages

GA-Garden Adventure, GM-Green Machine

NEW Booking policies & procedures

Please have the following information ready when calling to make your Field Trip reservation:

- Program and option.
- Select at least three possible field trip dates.
 - Verify your dates with school administration and transportation.
- Determine the number of classes, students and estimated chaperones.
 - *Reservation Minimum: 15 students* per group for most programs. If your group is 15 or less, you will still be responsible for payment for 15 students. *Note: some programs have a higher minimum.*

MAKING YOUR RESERVATION:

- Call Flamingo Gardens at 954.473.2955 x115 /or email education@FlamingoGardens.org to check date availability and make your reservation.
- We will need the following information:
 - Grade level, class/student count
 - School name, address, email, phone & fax number
 - Bookkeeper & contact teacher's name, phone number & email address
 - Whether your group will be eating lunch on premises.
- Flamingo Gardens is happy to provide accommodations for children with special needs; let us know at the time of reservation (wheelchairs, additional chaperones, etc.)

- A non-refundable & non-transferable 20% deposit or a Purchase Order for the full amount of the field trip is due within 14 business days of reserving your program.
- Flamingo Gardens *membership benefits are not applicable on group reservations*

Flamingo Gardens is an approved site for Supplemental Arts and Sciences Program Funds. Check with your principal or bookkeeper for details.

Chaperones

- A chaperone is any teacher or adult (18 years or older) accompanying the group.
- Assign chaperones a specific group of children. Adult chaperones MUST always stay with their group to ensure the safety of the children and completion of the program.
 - Remind the chaperones that they are present to assist teachers in maintaining order and keeping students together.
- Inadequately supervised groups or groups causing disturbances will be asked to leave without a refund.
- We allow 2 chaperones per class/group (grades 1-12) at no charge. All chaperones that fall within this ratio are not charged admission. Any additional adults over the grade ratio will be charged at a reduced education rate of \$15.00.
- Schools/organizations are responsible for collecting money from chaperones to pay in one transaction. Individual payments not accepted.
- Flamingo Gardens *membership benefits are not*

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NEW Booking policies & procedures cont.

RESERVATION CONFIRMATION - Look for your Program Confirmation from Flamingo Gardens within 5 days of making reservation.

- Fax/email signed confirmation/invoice letter. Fax # 954.473.1738 or scan and email to education@FlamingoGardens.org
- Tip: Call 954.473.2955 x115 if you do not receive your confirmation/invoice letter within three days of making your reservation.

Payment, Cancellation & Refund Procedures/Policies

- 20% Deposit or a Purchase Order is required within 14 days of making reservation
 - DEPOSIT - Pay 20% non-refundable deposit within 14 days of making reservation with check, credit card or money order.
 - Your deposit is non-refundable so plan your trip carefully. If you fail to pay your deposit by the deadline, your reservation is subject to cancellation.
- Purchase orders are accepted in lieu of 20% deposit. A fully executed PO is due within 14 days of making a reservation.
- **FINAL HEADCOUNT - 10 days before visit, call Flamingo Gardens at 954.473.2955 x115 to give the final headcount.**
- **FINAL PAYMENT - Mail check for final payment so Flamingo Gardens receives it 3 days prior to visit. Notate invoice number on check. Purchase orders are accepted.**
- If paying by credit card, call Flamingo Gardens to provide credit card account information 3 days prior to visit.
- If final payment is not made by the deadline, your reservation is subject to cancellation and you will forfeit your deposit.

Payment Methods: cash, checks, money orders or credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.) Purchase orders are accepted. Make your check out to Flamingo Gardens. Mail to Flamingo Gardens/Education, 3750 Flamingo Rd, Davie 33330

Rescheduling Fee: If you need to reschedule your visit date, you will be charged a \$25 rescheduling fee.

Please note that rescheduling cannot be guaranteed due to limited availability.

Cancellation and Refunds:

- If you cancel your reservation within 14 days of booking your visit, there will be no penalty.
- If you cancel your reservation 15 days or more after booking your visit, you will forfeit your 20% non-refundable deposit.
- If you cancel less than 7 days before your scheduled visit, no refund will be issued.
- no-show -no refunds

Food/lunches:

Bringing Lunches: Groups are welcome to bring their lunches. Eating areas must be reserved in advance. We allow 30 minutes for lunch

- Pack all lunches in closed coolers, zipped cooler bags (best options) or boxes/bags.
- You and your staff/chaperones are responsible for getting lunches off the buses and moving them to the storage area.
- If students are carrying their individual lunches, we will provide carts.
- Due to limited facilities, we suggest bringing sanitizer/wipes to expedite pre-lunch hand washing.
- Picnic areas are limited in space and time, so reserve early.

Ordering lunches from Flamingo Cafe: 7 days before visit, email lunch order to education@flamingogardens.org.

Do not bring food/snacks to be eaten while on the program tour. This creates a problem with the wild birds that inhabit Flamingo Gardens.

Lunches may be eaten upon arrival or at the end of your tour, (not in the middle of your program tour.) These arrangements must be made upon booking your program date/choice. If your class has an earlier lunch at school, you may want to consider scheduling lunch upon arrival.

No matter where your school/group is assigned to eat lunch, it is important that students cleanup after they eat lunch. Straw wrappers, plastic wrappers, etc. are hazardous to the birds and wildlife living at Flamingo Gardens.

Reduce/reuse/recycle at lunch as well! Bins will be provided for students to sort their lunch leftovers. We ask that all students do this for the animals, the environment and the future!

The Day of Your Visit

Day of trip: Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to program start time to allow enough time to off-load students and lunches.

- If your transportation is running late, CALL 954.473.2955 x115. We will try to accommodate your lateness, if possible.

Staffing: We assign an educational guide to each group. We work with groups of 15-30 students to make sure that students can see, hear and learn as much as possible.

Resources: We have prepared a packet for each of our program options. It includes vocabulary, suggested reading, writing/conversation prompts, citizen science ideas, etc. We will email this to you, for you to share with your fellow teachers after we have received your confirmation.

Where to go:

- **School buses** arrive at Flamingo Gardens Main Entrance. Flamingo Gardens guides (look for the blue shirts) will greet you and direct you to the appropriate area for the students to disembark.
- Bus Drivers can enter Flamingo Gardens at no charge.
- **Cars and vans** proceed to the general parking area.

- A Flamingo Gardens Guide will meet your group at the bus. All students/school personal will remain in the off-loading area, until the lunches and children are completely unloaded. Flamingo Gardens guides will direct you to the appropriate area.

NEW Booking policies & procedures cont.

- Check-In: Give a count of students and chaperones per class/group.
- No refunds will be given for no-shows.
- School is responsible for paying for the number of attendees booked as of ten (10) days prior to visit.
- In the event of a remaining balance, you may pay via check, money order or a credit card, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Purchase orders are accepted for BCPS.

Suggested Dress: To help your students be prepared for a comfortable trip, we suggest: Closed-toe, comfortable walking shoes (lots of walking), shirts

with sleeves, brimmed hat, appropriate dress for the expected weather.

- Students should come prepared with sunscreen, insect repellent and water to drink.

Last Thoughts for a good experience:

- Give your students a snack prior to leaving school, as lunchtime at Flamingo Gardens is usually later than at your school site.
- Share the day's program information with your fellow teachers, so they will know what to expect.
- Forward the resource packet to your fellow teachers in advance of the scheduled trip. This will enable them to prepare their students for their experience.



Thank you for your continued support!

