



Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

Registration Information

Educator
Guide

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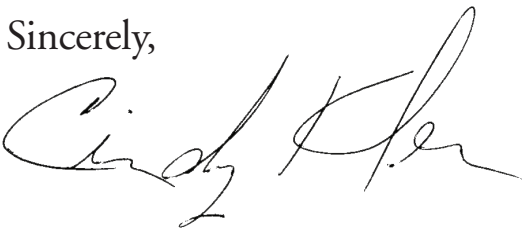


Dear Educator,

Thank you for considering Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden as a place for your class field trip. Our beautiful gardens and outdoor environment provide an ideal 'living laboratory' that excites, inspires and engages students to learn about plants, nature and the environment. Our education programs offer fun, hands-on and innovative teaching techniques that address curricular standards and instill in students a knowledge and appreciation for nature.

If I can be of any assistance in your planning, please contact me or our Reservation Coordinator at 704 829-1252 to register your class (please register early as program dates fill quickly). I look forward to seeing you and your students here at the Garden!

Sincerely,



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Frequently Asked Questions

In order to facilitate your program planning efforts, some of the most commonly asked questions and their answers are listed below:

Are the Guided Programs based on state curricular standards?

Yes! All Guided Programs support the National Science Standards and the North and South Carolina required curricular elements, as well as cross-disciplinary links to standards for Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies where appropriate.

What kind of activities will students do?

Each program includes a hands-on, standards-based lesson and a Garden-based exploration to reinforce the concepts learned. Elementary programs also include a take-home project, while secondary programs allow extra time for more in-depth activities and experiments.

Will we get to see the entire Garden during our program?

Because the programs are content-focused and activity-based, they do not incorporate a full tour of the Garden and fountain areas. If your schedule allows, you are welcome to stay longer for self-guided exploration or for lunch in the picnic area. There is no additional fee for extended visits to spend time in the Garden, *The Orchid Conservatory*, or *Willow Maze*.

How long do the programs last?

All K-12 programs are designed to be an hour and a half in length to allow ample time for learning and review, exploration and fun! Pre-K programs are slightly shorter at one hour.

What if I want a program listed for a different grade level?

While programs are designed with specific grades in mind, the hands-on nature of the programs provides for flexibility to suit a diverse range of learning styles and abilities. Please let us know if you are interested in a program for a grade other than the ones specified, or if you have students with special needs. In most cases, we can adapt it to suit your students' needs and are happy to do so.

Checklist for Great Learning Experiences

1) Choose a Program to Fit Your Needs

Need to meet a standard?

Have questions about program activities?

Call the Education Department at 704-829-1270 to discuss program content.

2) Make a Reservation

Online: Complete the registration form on page 4

By mail: Copy and complete the registration form and mail to:
Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

Attn: School Field Trips

6500 South New Hope Road
Belmont, NC 28012

By Fax: Fax completed registration forms to 704-829-1240

By phone: Call the Reservation Coordinator at 704-829-1252

Please note: Once a field trip date is selected, the date can be held for one month pending receipt of registration fees. If the registration is not paid after one month, the date may be released at the Garden's discretion. All fees must be paid in full at least two weeks prior to program.

3) Receive Your Confirmation Packet

Confirmation Packets including full directions, pre-visit activities and Chaperone Guides will be mailed to you after registration fees have been received.

Check your Confirmation Packet to verify the date your field trip is scheduled for and mark your calendar.

Recruit chaperones for your field trip and copy Chaperone Guides for each.

Chaperones are free up to a ratio of 1 adult:5 students, which we recommend; however, our minimum requirement is 1 adult:10 students. Additional adults beyond a 1:5 ratio may be charged a \$6 admission fee upon arrival at the Garden.

4) Schedule your buses for the field trip, if you have not already done so.

5) Get Ready for Your Field Trip

Conduct one or more pre-visit activities with your students to ensure a fluid learning experience at the Garden that is integrated with your classroom studies.

Tips for the day of Your Trip

- Please have your students wear name tags to the Garden.
- Let your students know to dress for active, outdoor exploration.
- Lunches—Outdoor picnic tables are available in the Pine Grove and by the *Willow Maze* on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Plans Change?

Call us ASAP at 704-829-1252 to let us know.

We regret that we cannot refund registration fees for cancellations less than 30 days in advance.

Directions



Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden is located just west of Charlotte, at the NC/SC state line, outside the town of Belmont. The Garden is easily accessible from Interstates 85 and 77. Directional signs are posted on Highways 85 and 279 in North Carolina and on Highways 77, 49 and 274 in South Carolina. For additional information concerning the Garden's location please call 704-825-4490 or review the directions on the website.



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www.DSBG.org

A Garden for all Seasons!

Registration Form



Contact information:

Field Trip Coordinator

Coordinator Phone Number

Coordinator Email Address

Teacher's Names

School

School Address

Address 2

City

State

Zip Code

School Phone Number

Program Information:

Program

Preferred Date

Back-Up Dates

(please list 2 possible options)

Requested Program Time

Grade Level

Number of Classes/Groups

Total Number of Students

Number of Chaperones

Bringing lunches to the Garden

Yes

No

Need to leave Garden by:

Please list needed departure time

Special Needs or

considerations, if any

Questions/Comments: