

WYLDE CENTER

Book a **Field Trip** 2024-2025



Wylde Center field trips are led by trained, enthusiastic environmental educators in our public gardens to connect our youth to nature. Field trip programming can be adapted to students' grade levels and to meet the Georgia Standards of Excellence.

Review the program offerings available for your field trip:

Gardens, Farms, and Chickens In this introduction to sustainable urban gardening and farming, students will learn about gardening basics through planting seeds in one of our garden beds. Students will learn about the features of our gardens like compost bins, rainwater collection, community garden beds, and even get the opportunity to meet our chickens.

Sustainability & Conservation in the Garden Experience some of the ways Wylde Center promotes sustainability, and find out why conserving natural resources like water and soil directly impacts our personal health. Topics covered: erosion, soil health, soil composition, composting, water conservation.

Decomposition in the Compost Bin Explore the process of decomposition as we make our way through the various types of decomposition taking place in the garden, including the compost pile! Students will learn what goes into the compost bin, how it breaks down, and its value to the garden. Younger students will explore the anatomy, importance, and delight of worms and other critters in the garden. Older students will observe sustainable farming techniques that use beneficial microorganisms, cover crops, and compost to build soil health.

Botanical Art Use art expression to document observations and connect more deeply to the garden. The activities and prompts will vary based on age but include drawing what you see, reflection, narrative writing, poetry, scientific drawings, and leaf rubbings.

Five Senses Exploration Students will engage their senses every step of the way - smelling herbs, feeling fuzzy or smooth leaves, listening to birds and other wildlife, tasting garden produce and using their sense of sight to make observations. This lesson is appropriate for students of all ages to practice mindfulness in the garden.

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Seed Scientists This program provides an up-close look at the life cycle of plants in the garden. Students will use their “seed scientist” gear and observation sheets to learn more about a plant through its seeds. They will see plants at every stage of their life cycle and use movement and play to get to know the phases of the life cycle.

Stream Study Put on a pair of our rubber boots and explore our stream at Hawk Hollow Garden. See examples of erosion, weathering, and natural floodplains, and observe how these affect stream health and the ability of the stream to support life. Hawk Hollow also offers examples of the water cycle in action and allows students to follow the journey of a drop of rainwater.

Habitats & Ecosystems Students will tour one of our green spaces to discover the interconnectedness of all living things and the important role of each plant, animal, insect, and decomposer in our environment. Students will learn about the features that make up a suitable habitat and interact with the plants and animals unique to each.

Herbalism & Wellness in the Garden Get to know the edible plants growing in your lawn, between sidewalk cracks, and garden. Students will taste a variety of herbal teas, learn about the botany of different medicinal herbs, and practice identification. This lesson is intended to introduce students to the nutritional and medicinal components of plants and ways they can be used and consumed.

Bees & Pollination: Bees and pollinators are vital members of our ecosystem. Students will leave this field trip with a deeper understanding of what pollinators (specifically honey bees) do to ensure the success of their community. Students will end their day tasting the hard work of our local honey bees... honey!

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