Create a memorable experience! Children explore The Arboretum grounds when they attend one or more of our seven weeks of camps. Journey through a variety of ecosystems, observe nature, create outdoor-inspired crafts, cultivate a sense of curiosity and adventure for the natural world while hiking or uncovering new and exciting plants and creatures. Camp activities are appropriate for ages 6 to 14. All campers must bring a lunch and water bottle and have completed one year of kindergarten. Early registration is encouraged and can be completed online at www.dawesarb.org or by calling 740.323.2355.

6 - 8-year-olds

**Camp Dawes**
June 16 – 20 or July 7 – 11, 2014
9am – 3pm | $135/$110 members

Young adventurers revel in a fun-filled week of outdoor exploration and learning. Observe animals in their natural habitat, discover the wonder of woodlands and wade through streams. Each day is a new adventure with science-based, educational activities and crafts to nurture creativity. Construct and add to a young naturalist field guide all week and then take it home to further inquire and record observations of your own natural surroundings. Growing a lifelong relationship with the earth is the heart of the Camp Dawes experience.

**Bugology**
June 23 – 27, 2014
9am – 3pm | $135/$110 members

This camp is for the bug lover! Learn how to identify insects and start an insect collection. Journey the grounds searching for signs of insects, habitats and observe the effect they have on our environment. Build a bug box, create tools to catch insects and get hands-on experience from a bug specialist!

**Garden Artists**
June 30 – July 3, 2014
9am – 3pm | $115/$90 members

This exciting art camp explores how the colors in nature can inspire your artwork! Create your own unique artwork to take home as well as work collaboratively to create a work of art that is displayed on The Arboretum grounds.

**Nature Sleuths**
July 14 – 18, 2014
9am – 3pm | $135/$110 members

Each day of camp will begin with a riddle that inspires the day’s investigations. Learn and use deductive reasoning skills to solve clues while discovering the unknowns of the natural world. Complete camp challenges, solve mysteries, play games, observe creatures, engage in hands-on activities and create crafts, all while fostering a love for nature.
Going Wild
July 21 – 25, 2014
9am – 3pm | $135/$110 members

We rely on our senses the most to explore the environment. Each day will be devoted to a new sense and discovering how mammals, insects and amphibians use their senses differently than humans. Delve into your theatrical side and become an animal to experience what it would be like as you interact with the natural world. Creative activities and games will help campers discover how animals adapt to survive in the wild.

9 - 11-year-olds
Wilderness Survival
June 9 – 13, 2014
9am – 3pm | $135/$110 members

Develop your wilderness survival skills with this extreme hands-on specialty camp! Discover the finer points of preparing for your next big outdoor adventure. Learn a variety of useful skills including orienteering, cordage making, creating stone tools, building natural shelters and harvesting wild edible plants. It’s a wonderful mix of wilderness survival training, science, nature and fun.

Camp Dawes
June 16 – 20 or July 7 –11, 2014
9am – 3pm | $135/$110 members

Children become adventurers who journey into a world of tall trees, wetlands and prairies. Expand their understanding of the natural world through exhilarating hikes, outdoor-inspired crafts and scientific experiments. Campers will enrich their understanding of our first settlers by learning about Native American Culture and visiting our Indian Mounds.

Construct and add to a young naturalist field guide all week and then take it home to further inquire and record your observations of your natural surroundings. Enjoy five days of fun while forming bonds with nature and new friends. A truly memorable summer experience is created.
9 - 11-year-olds continued...

**Adventure Quest**
June 23 – 27, 2014
9am – 3pm | $135/$110 members

Explore nature, the environment and science throughout The Arboretum grounds during this adventure-filled week of camp. This step-up from Camp Dawes provides thought-provoking activities while exploring plants, the wetlands, watershed and soil. Each day participate in science-based activities that stimulate and enrich your awareness of conservation. Cultivate a sense of adventure and learn new concepts to understanding the connection we have to the world around us.

**Art in the Arb**
June 30 – July 3, 2014
9am – 3pm | $115/$90 members

With the outdoors as inspiration, campers learn to create art from nature using found objects, natural materials and traditional media. Each day explores different techniques such as sketching, watercolor painting, photography and sculpture. At the end of the week, campers show off their unique masterpieces at an Art in the Arb reception!

**Eco Experimenters**
July 14 – 18, 2014
9am – 3pm | $135/$110 members

The perfect camp for the scientist in us all! Campers will conduct experiments each day to discover our natural surroundings. Instructors will discuss and explore through hands-on experiments how and why animals, insects and plants function the way they do. At the end of camp, take home your experiments and watch them progress over time.

11 - 14-year-olds

**Plants vs. Zombies**
July 21 – 25, 2014
9am – 3pm | $135/$110 members

What if zombies took over The Arboretum? Who would save us? The plants! A combination of gardening and survival skills, this camp explores the amazing power of plants—cool adaptations, delicious nutritional value and green technologies. Critical thinking and creative skills will be used to develop a garden space and play the game in real life where plants win and zombies lose!