



BAYARD CUTTING
ARBORETUM
Summer 2021

Welcome to the BCA Education Program:

We are so excited to have you with us! We are thrilled to have a new space designated for safe and fun learning opportunities. Our outdoor classroom is inside the gates of the CSA Farm so students will be able to observe and participate in the growing season right before their very eyes!

Summer class topics are as follows: Mud Shakes, Bees and Butterflies, Worms and Composting, Teatime with the Chickens, “Eggsellent” Chickens, Love you from my Head To-Ma-Toes, Vegetable Scavenger Hunt, and Crosscut Snacks / Shapes in the Garden. These topics are subject to change based on the weather/growing season. Please visit our website for specific dates. Elementary classes are on **Wednesdays at 10:30-11:30AM or 3:00-4:00PM**. Preschool classes are on **Fridays from 10:30-11:30AM**.

It is important that your child comes to every class prepared and dressed appropriately in order to fully participate in each lesson. This means that each child should have:

-A bottle of water with their name on it

-A face mask (Students may not be able to keep a social distance while inside the barn (due to weather), observing demonstrations, or planting in the garden. It is recommended by the CDC that masks be worn when students are inside or gathered close together. If you choose to have your child in a mask, we will take mask and water breaks periodically.)

-Shoes or boots that can get muddy and wet - Closed-toed shoes are necessary for your child’s safety while participating in most farm activities. Students will not be allowed to participate in some activities if they are not wearing the proper attire.

-Long pants and sleeves - Even though the weather may be hot, long pants protect against things like ticks, and light colored, long sleeved shirts protect against the sun and mosquitoes. It is suggested that parents/guardians bring a change of clothes for your children for the car ride home.

-A hat/sunscreen/bug spray ALREADY APPLIED before class begins - Our educators will not be able to help with sunscreen or bug spray.

Please arrive early to allow adequate time to park and walk to the farm. You will receive a parking pass for the main parking lot. If you would like to use the barn/farm parking lot, it is much closer to our outdoor classroom, but, space is very limited. Visit the Arboretum website for a map of the park if this is your first time with us. **Note:** pedestrians and service vehicles are often hidden behind trees and bends in the road. **Please be careful and drive slowly once inside the gates.**

Students will be able to touch, taste, and smell various produce and plants on our farm. We will provide proper hand washing stations before class begins, before the children handle/eat anything, and before leaving the farm. All supplies used will be washed and sanitized before each class.

Thank you so much for choosing us to help foster a love of hands-on, environmental education for your child! The BCA staff and I look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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