



BAYARD CUTTING
ARBORETUM

Welcome to the BCA Education Program!

We are so excited to have you with us! As we gradually open back up, our educators 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 this growing season right before their very eyes!

The Summer classes will be divided into two 4-week sessions; one in July and one in August. The class topics are as follows, but are subject to change based on the weather/ growing season: 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.

There is a choice of two 60-minute time blocks; Wednesday at 10:30-11:30AM or 3:00-4:00PM. Please indicate which session you wish your child to attend on the attached forms.

It is important that your child comes to every class prepared and dressed appropriately in order to participate fully 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 observing demonstrations or planting in the garden. Mask breaks will be taken periodically.)

-Shoes or boots that can get muddy and wet. Closed-toed shoes are a **MUST** while participating in activities with the chickens, for example.

-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, to be returned to the teacher at the end of each

session. If you would like to use the barn/farm parking lot, it is much closer to our outdoor classroom but, please be aware that space is very limited.

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! We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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