2016 SUMMER FUN — DAY CAMPS for kids ages 3 to 13

Leadership Development program for ages 13 to 17 — Register online: www.rbg.ca/camps

Space is limited — register soon!
Royal Botanical Gardens’ Discovery Day Camps are about fun, education and respect set in one of the most biologically diverse natural areas in Canada. We provide hands-on environmental education programs that suit the ages, needs and interests of our participants. These award-winning programs feature hikes, canoeing in Cootes Paradise, games, crafts, activities and daily explorations of ecologically significant nature sanctuaries covering over 1,000 hectares of wetlands, fields and forests. Our goal is to help your child develop a lifelong connection with the natural world that sustains our lives.

CAMP MISSION AND VALUES: Royal Botanical Gardens’ Discovery Camps strive to promote healthy environmental attitudes and lifestyles through safe, respectful, fun and diverse outdoor learning experiences.

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* Four-day camp week
Camps at the Nature Interpretive Centre

4- and 5-year-olds

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Making Sense of Nature  
**Focus: The Natural World**; includes canoeing and craft activities.  
Cootes Paradise Marsh is the perfect place to have an adventure! Use your deer ears and hawk eyes to explore the woods and wetlands in search of native wildlife.

Creature Craze  
**Focus: Animals**; includes canoeing and craft activities.  
Have you ever fed a chickadee, investigated a muskrat’s home, or spotted a camouflaged stick bug? Explore the places that local creatures of all sizes live, and maybe even become an animal!

Going Buggy  
**Focus: Insects and small wildlife**; includes canoeing and craft activities.  
Get face to face with worms, insects, spiders, and all kind of crawly things! Learn about the amazing things these tiny animals do to survive and how they help us in our own lives.

6- and 7-year-olds

Programs are appropriate to the age and stage of children in that age group.

Forest Patrol  
**Focus: The Natural World**; includes canoeing and craft activities.  
Every trail has a new discovery just waiting for you at the Arboretum. Come learn about the animals and plants of this amazing nature sanctuary through exploration and fun activities!

Animal Wonders  
**Focus: Animals**; includes canoeing and craft activities.  
Discover the animal friends living under our feet, in the trees, under rocks, and in the garden! Spot birds with binoculars and get close to some incredible animal neighbours.

Pollinators and Decomposers  
**Focus: Pollinators and decomposers**; includes canoeing and craft activities.  
There’s a lot of buzz about this camp. Think: where would we be without bees to pollinate flowers, or ants and worms to break apart dead things? Come get caught up in a web of fun!
Camps at the Nature Interpretive Centre

8- and 9-year-olds

Programs are appropriate to the age and stage of children in that age group.

Living in the Wild

Focus: Outdoor skills; includes canoeing and craft activities.

Weeks 1, 4, and 7

Build a connection to the natural world by learning how to survive in it. Learn how to avoid natural hazards, build a shelter, tie knots (cooler than you think!) and more.

Ecosystem All-Stars

Focus: Biodiversity; includes canoeing and craft activities.

Weeks 2, 5 and 8

Our natural lands are home to hundreds of plants, animals, and fish. Become an ecologist as you explore how living things depend on each other to survive. Maybe even learn some survival tips for yourself while you’re at it!

Water Powered

Focus: Weather and water; includes canoeing and craft activities.

Weeks 3, 6 and 9

Did you know that seventy-five percent of our bodies are composed of water? Or that water plays a key part in determining the weather? Learn all about the incredible power of water through experiments, games, and hikes. Come prepared to get wet!

10- to 13-year-olds

Programs are appropriate to the age and stage of children in that age group.

Trailblazers

Focus: Outdoor skills; includes canoeing, craft activities, and special activities during the overnight. Learn about the strategies animals use to adapt and survive in the wild. Build a storm-ready shelter, identify helpful and harmful plants, cook outdoors, survive, and thrive!

The Living Laboratory

Focus: Natural sciences; includes canoeing and craft activities.

Weeks 2, 5 and 8

From microbes under a microscope to trees that are older than Canada, you’ll learn about some amazing feats of nature. Through experiments and activities, explore the science behind our natural world.

Venture Quest

Focus: Outdoor adventure; includes canoeing and craft activities.

Weeks 3, 6 and 9

Ready for a challenge? This camp offers all-day hikes, extended canoe outings on Cootes Paradise, and team-building initiatives that prepare you to explore anywhere. This camp includes hikes up to 8 km long and up to 3-hour canoe excursions; participants should be physically capable to take part in such activities.
Overnight Camp-Out for 8- to 9- and 10- to 13-year-olds

On Thursday nights, anyone in the age 8-9 and 10-13 camps can take part in an overnight experience. This is a great opportunity to explore the forest at night and experience a camp-out in a safe and fun atmosphere. Overnight accommodation is in waterproof, nylon tents. Leaders are in adjacent tents and campers are supervised at all times. Participants sleep indoors in the event of inclement weather or extreme heat. Participants receive a packing list and scheduling information upon arrival at camp.

- The overnight program for 8- to 9-year-old campers is an additional $40 (you may register for this on your application form or while at camp).
- The overnight program fee is included in the 10- to 13-year-old camp registration and is non-refundable.
- The overnight fee includes healthy meals and snacks for the evening and the following day.
- 8- to 9-year-old campers who do not register for the overnight need to bring a healthy and nut-safe lunch and snacks for the Friday.
- 10- to 13-year-old campers who do not sleep over will have healthy meals and snacks provided for the Friday.

Speak with your leaders while at camp for any additional information.

Camps at RBG Centre

Half-day programs for 3- and 4-year-olds

These daily, 2.5-hour programs (9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.) introduce young children to the wonders of the outdoors and allow them to experience many different aspects of our day camp programs. These programs take place at RBG Centre in Room 3 and make use of the natural and garden areas located nearby. Each week holds new and different activities. Two full-day programs are also available for 4 year-old children. All participants must be toilet trained.

Nature Explorers

Discover caterpillars and butterflies hiding in the garden, hand-feed chickadees and chipmunks while on our nature trails, search for reptiles and birds, view the world through a bug’s eyes and visit the homes of all sorts of animals. Get your hands dirty as we search out crazy creatures, find playful plants and discover life in the great outdoors. Play, explore, craft and ramble along all while being amazed by the creativity and wonder of Mother Nature.

Family Day for Half-Day Camps

Camp is a new experience for our youngest visitors, and we understand that some children may not feel comfortable their first day. If your child is registered in our camp for 3- and 4-year-olds, be sure to join us on Monday* for family day. As a parent or caregiver, you are invited to join us for the program so that you and your family can see what camp is all about, discover the wonders of nature and ease any worries.

*This event takes place Tuesday, August 2 following the civic holiday.
Camps at RBG Centre

Programs are created age and stage appropriately for children within the listed age group. Programs that include canoeing are indicated.

4- to 6-year-olds

Hands-on Nature
Focus: The Natural World; includes craft activities.
Hendrie Park is filled with amazing things to discover. Meet the birds, mammals, and insects of the forest and stream face-to-face, and learn about their lives through hands-on fun.

Burst into Bloom
Focus: Plant Power; includes craft activities.
Come visit the garden, get your hands dirty, and learn all about our leafy friends! Learn which ones to eat by planting and tasting, and which ones are best for our animal neighbours.

Enchanted Gardens
Focus: Fairy Tales and Fantasy; includes craft activities.
In the old tales, gnomes, fairies, and trolls lived under plants and in the woods. See if you can spot them as you listen to stories, explore and play games in this fantasy-themed week.

7- to 9-year-olds

Valley Adventures
Focus: The Natural World; includes canoeing and craft activities.
Become an outdoor expert through hikes, explorations, and games. Hendrie Valley and Grindstone Creek provide a fantastic place to learn about local fish and wildlife and what we can do to protect them.

Summertime Storytelling
Focus: Storytelling; includes canoeing and craft activities.
Come listen to some fantastic tales about the outdoors, then create your own. Learn the art of storytelling, create a storyboard, and develop your own nature-inspired skit or story.

Naturally Inspired
Focus: Arts and Crafts; includes craft activities and a sharing exhibit on the Friday.
Be inspired by the natural world! Using cameras, watercolours, materials found on hikes, and imaginations, create works of art that reflect the forests, wetlands, and creatures of Hendrie Valley.
Leadership Development

These fun and educational programs are designed to develop leadership and life skills. Through hands-on cooperative activities, participants explore and learn about teamwork, problem solving, communication and leadership. Develop skills that will help you in every aspect of life and have a great time being part of a dynamic team. Learn more about yourself and others while gaining valuable work experience and becoming more skilled at working with children in an educational environment.

Leader in Training

13- to 15-year-olds

Develop leadership, communication, self-confidence and group management skills through training sessions, hands-on activities and workshops led by our Leadership Development Team. Learn how to successfully lead games and crafts, capture the attention of campers and find out how to make learning fun through motivation and co-operation.

Fee: $300 (Members 8% off)
• Leader in Training programs are based at the Nature Interpretive Centre
• Maximum 15 participants per session
• Register early to avoid disappointment

Please indicate the choice of sessions on the attached camp Health and Registration form. Volunteer hours are not given for this position.

• Session 1: July 4–July 15
• Session 2: July 18–29
• Session 3: August 2–12
• Session 4: August 15–26
Junior Staff

14-year-olds +

Have the fun of summer camp but reap the benefits of being a leader! Work with an enthusiastic staff team who share a common interest and learn more about the environment, camping and working with children. Junior staff learn to care for children in an educational setting through training, job shadowing and supported leadership activities. Junior staff have the opportunity to lead games, crafts, create and brainstorm activities and facilitate camp programs. Acceptance into this program is based on leadership experience, teamwork and flexibility as well as a sense of initiative and a willingness to learn new skills. Participants receive an honourarium for their time. Participants are required to make a minimum five-week commitment.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNIOR STAFF

• 14 years of age or older
• Leadership experience (i.e. babysitting, Scout/Guide helper, sports captain, previous Royal Botanical Gardens leadership training)
• Teamwork skills and flexibility; self-initiative and willingness to learn
• Minimum commitment of five weeks
• Preference given to those who have outdoor experience, canoe skills, experience working with children in an organized environment, a demonstrated interest in outdoor education/environmental science, pure science or teaching or those who have participated in a previous leadership training at Royal Botanical Gardens.

TRAINING

All participants in our Junior Staff program must participate in a weekend training session in June. The following specialized training course is suggested for all Junior Staff:

• CANOEING CERTIFICATION: If you are interested in assisting with canoe instruction, you must have an acceptable canoeing certification. Certification may be offered at Royal Botanical Gardens in the spring and there is a participant fee.

HOW TO APPLY

Download and fill out the Junior Staff Questionnaire found at www.rbg.ca/camps. Send the completed questionnaire, a résumé and a letter outlining your interest in the program and the weeks of your availability by April 29, 2016. Interviews for qualified candidates begin in early May and continue until positions have been filled.

By mail: Camp Director, Royal Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 399, Hamilton, ON L8N 3H8
Hand deliver to: Nature Interpretive Centre/Arboretum, 20A Old Guelph Road, Dundas, ON L9H 5Y5
Fax: Attention Camp Director, 905-527-5752
Email: camps@rbg.ca
CAMP REGISTRATION

HOW TO REGISTER
Advanced registration is required. Participants may register online, in person or by mail. Phoned or faxed registrations are not accepted.

Online: www.rbg.ca/camps

By mail or in-person: Please fill out the registration and health form in full and mail or deliver to: Discovery Camps Summer 2016, Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington, ON L7T 4H4. Registrations are accepted on a first-come basis. Registrations are not accepted if they are missing any required information. You must include a working email address as you will receive a confirmation email outlining more detailed information about camp, including what to bring. Please read this confirmation email with your family so that everyone has an understanding of camp needs.

For more information: 905-527-7962; 905-527-1158 or 1-800-694-4769, ext. 270.
Email: camps@rbg.ca

LOCATIONS
Camp programs are based at one of two locations

Nature Interpretive Centre in the Arboretum, 20A Old Guelph Road, Dundas
  • Discovery Camps for 4- to 13-year-olds
  • Leadership Development Programs

RBG Centre, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington
  • Half-day programs for 3- and 4-year-olds
  • 4- to 6-year-old camps: Hands on Nature, Burst into Bloom, Enchanted Gardens,
  • 7- to 9-year-old camps: Valley Adventures, Summertime Storytelling, Naturally Inspired

TIMES
All full-day camp programs run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop off begins at 8:30 a.m., pick up ends at 4:30 p.m. Half-day programs for 3- and 4-year-olds run Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Drop off begins at 9 a.m., pick up ends at 12:30 p.m.

EXTENDED CARE
Extended care is available from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for full-day camps at a cost of $5 per day per child. Extended care is not available for half-day camps. Extended care takes place at your camp location. Please register in advance for extended care.

FEES*
HALF-DAY PROGRAMS for 3- and 4-year-olds
  5-day camps: $110 (Members 8% off)
  4-day camps: $90 (Members 8% off)

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  5-day camps: $240 (Members 8% off)
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  5-day camps: $280 (Members 8% off)
  4-day camps: $235 (Members 8% off)

EXTENDED CARE: $5 per day

LEADER IN TRAINING
(includes one overnight camp-out)
$300 per two-week session (Members 8% off)

Additional T-Shirt/Hat: $10
(1st T-shirt or hat is included with registration)

* Dual and dual-plus members are eligible for the member discount

Please ensure you know your camp name and at which location your camp takes place.
CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Royal Botanical Gardens reserves the right to cancel any camp program if the minimum number of participants is not reached. If RBG cancels a camp, registrants are fully refunded. Refunds are not issued for inclement weather. The Friday prior to the registered camp week is the cut-off date for camp refund consideration.

- More than 10 business days before the start of the registered camp week: Full refund
- Within 10 business days before the start of the registered camp week: Refund subject to a service fee (Full-day camp: $75, Half-day camp: $25)
- Changes to camp preference or date can be made prior to the start of the registered camp week, and are subject to availability.

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

- The fastest and easiest way to register is to do so online at www.rbg.ca
- Full payment MUST accompany completed registration form
- Payments may be made by VISA, Mastercard, cheque or cash
- All NSF payments will be retried once by RBG and are subject to a $35 administration fee.
- Incomplete registration forms ARE NOT PROCESSED and are returned—please ensure all fields are filled out accurately.

NOTES TO MEMBERS ONLY:

Our online registration system requires up to 24 business hours to merge membership accounts with newly-created online accounts. You will receive an email once your accounts are merged and membership benefits active (check your SPAM folder). If this is your first time using RBG’s ticketing site, and you choose to continue with your purchase, you forfeit the membership discount associated with this purchase only.

WHILE AT CAMP

RBG CAMP LEADERS

Camps are led by mature, experienced and passionate leaders who have a personal interest in ensuring that your child’s experience is one that will be cherished and remembered for many years. Our leaders are enthusiastic, carefully screened high school, college and university students or graduates. Many leaders and support staff have been with us for several years. These individuals provide a safe and enjoyable environment in which your child can learn, play and have fun. Camp leaders are assisted by supervisors, support staff, junior staff and leaders in training from our Leadership Development Program, resulting in an average leader to camper ratio of 1:8. All of our staff members undergo intensive training that focuses on safety, healthy child development, environmental appreciation/education and program management. All leaders are certified in First Aid and canoeing. All staff members over the age of 18 are screened using local police criminal record checks.

CANOEING

Camps that take place at the Nature Interpretive Centre participate in daily canoe programs. Certain programs at RBG Centre participate in canoe programs up to twice per week. Half-day programs do not participate in canoeing. We own a fleet of canoes that can accommodate over 30 people on the water at any one time. Experienced canoeing specialists lead canoe programs which stress comfort on the water, fun and skill-building. All canoe instructors are certified by the Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association. Canoeing takes place on Cootes Paradise Marsh, a shallow wetland which is located a short walk from the Nature Interpretive Centre. All canoeing equipment, including personal flotation devices and paddles, is provided.

Royal Botanical Gardens’ Discovery Camps promote active participation in all activities; however no camper is pressured to participate in any activity they are not comfortable with. If you do not wish your child to participate in canoeing please notify your child’s leaders and the camp coordinator.

SHUTTLE BUS

Discovery Camps employs a school bus for its use in order to fully explore and enjoy the multiple
gardens and naturalized areas that we offer. Camp programs may utilize this service in order to explore other areas of our property. This is a valuable service that adds to the camp experience. Speak with your camp leaders if you wish to find out when your child’s camp group will be riding the bus. The bus is driven by a certified, licensed contract driver. Half-day camps for children 3- and 4-year-olds do not make use of the bus.

**DRESS UP DAYS**

Dress-up day takes place every week. Join in on the fun and dress up to match the theme!

- Wednesday, July 6 – Canada Day
- Wednesday, July 13 – Hero Day
- Wednesday, July 20 – Sail the Seven Seas Day
- Wednesday, July 27 – Outer Space Day
- Thursday, August 4 – Sports Day
- Wednesday, August 10 – Once Upon a Time Day
- Wednesday, August 17 – Wild West Day
- Wednesday, August 24 – Animal Day
- Wednesday, August 31 – Tie Dye Day

**WHAT TO BRING**

Campers need the following items to be prepared for all activities:

- With all the fun we have, camp can be very messy. Please wear appropriate clothing (play clothes). It is recommended to bring an extra change of clothes in a backpack.
- An indoor pair of shoes for those extra mucky days.
- Wear a hat for sun protection.
- Lightweight long pants are a great way to protect against mosquitoes and other bothersome creatures.
- For safety reasons close-toed shoes (runners or croc-type clogs) should be worn, not sandals.
- To protect yourself from the elements, please arrive pre-screened with sun lotion and bug repellent and bring some along for reapplication at midday.

RBG is not responsible for any items your child loses at camp. **Please label all of your child’s belongings with their first and last name and leave all valuables at home.** Campers are asked not to bring items of any significant value. RBG does not provide refunds for damaged or lost belongings. Please do not bring electronic devices to camp.

**HELP SEND A CHILD TO CAMP**

Please consider increasing your camp registration fee with a charitable gift to Green Angels. Your generous donation provides children and families in financial need the opportunity to explore, learn and let their imagination grow in a safe environment – the natural world of Royal Botanical Gardens. Following your online registration you are prompted to top-up your fee with a charitable gift. Please give generously and be a Green Angel to a child in need today.

Royal Botanical Gardens has partnered with Mabel’s Labels (a local company that provides personalized labels for the stuff kids lose) to raise funds to help families in financial need in sending children to camp in 2016. Please help out and visit www.rbgdycamps.mabelslabels.com.

**FOOD**

Every camper needs to bring a healthy and **nut-safe** lunch and snack for morning and afternoon snack breaks, as well as a refillable water bottle to nourish them throughout the day. To help us model good environmental behaviour, please pack a litterless lunch.

**PIZZA DAYS**

Pick up a pizza order form while at camp and enjoy a hot pizza lunch on Friday. Please pack all regular snacks and drinks for the day (including for lunch).

**NUT SAFE POLICY**

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all of our campers, please ensure that lunches and snacks are free of nuts, nut products and traces of nuts. Food that does not comply with our policy is replaced with a healthy alternative.
REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD’S NAME ________________________________

AGE _________ GRADE completed ______________________

Member? A receipt is issued to the member only (only family-dual memberships are eligible for the member rate).

MEMBERS’ NAME ________________________________

ADDRESS ________________________________________

CITY ______________________________________________

PROV. ______________ POSTAL CODE ____________

CONSENT FORM

I/we, the undersigned hereby acknowledge that certain Discovery Camp activities include excursions by foot, canoe and chartered bus to other places, including off-site locations. Our programs include outdoor hikes on our nature trails in hilly terrain, canoeing, crafts, and active games, as well as short audio-video components to reinforce concepts and themes. I/we hereby warrant that my/our child is physically and psychologically fit to participate in such activities and understand that the choice to participate brings with it the assumption of those risks and results which are part of these activities.

I/we agree that Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG), its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents and independent contractors shall, in no event, be liable for any injury to my/our child’s person or loss or damage to my/our child’s personal property of any kind, including direct, indirect, special, exemplary, consequential, multiple, punitive or other damages, arising from or in any way resulting from my/our child’s participation in these activities.

I/we understand that video production and/or photography may be conducted during the program. I/we grant full and irrevocable consent to RBG and those acting under its permission or upon its authority, to reproduce, publish, copyright, or otherwise use my/our child’s photographic likeness. No personal identifying information (i.e. name/address) would be associated with the use of the image. If you do not wish your child to participate in certain activities, please notify the Camp Director. I/we understand and agree to the behaviour management procedures and consequences outlined in this publication.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE ________________________________

DATE ________________________________

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$300 per session (Members 8% off)

CAMP T-SHIRT/HAT — FREE WITH FIRST REGISTRATION
Discovery Camp shirt/hat is to be worn each day. One shirt or hat is provided free-of-charge to each child registered over the course of the summer. Additional shirts/hats are available at a cost of $10 each (taxes included). Shirts/hats are available upon arrival at camp the first morning. Please choose shirt size below. Campers are encouraged to wear their camper T-shirt or hat daily.

One FREE T-shirt or hat per camper per summer. Please choose: ☐ Bucket hat ☐ Ball cap

OR please choose a camp T-shirt size:
☐ Child’s ☐ 4 ☐ 6 ☐ 8
☐ Youth’s ☐ small (10) ☐ medium (12) ☐ large (14)
## Nature Interpretive Centre:

### Ages 4 and 5
- **Making Sense of Nature**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2
- **Creature Craze**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2

### Ages 6 and 7
- **Forest Patrol**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2
- **Animal Wonders**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2
- **Pollinators and Decomposers**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2

### Ages 8 and 9
- **Living in the Wild**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2
- **Ecosystem All-Stars**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2
- **Water Powered**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2

### Ages 10 to 12
- **Trailblazers**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2
- **The Living Laboratory**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2
- **Venture Quest**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2

### RBG Centre:

#### Ages 3 and 4, half-day
- **Nature Explorers**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2

#### Ages 4 to 6
- **Hands-On Nature**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2
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#### Ages 7 to 9
- **Valley Adventures**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2
- **Summertime Storytelling**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2
- **Naturally Inspired**: July 4–8, July 11–15, July 18–22, August 2–5, August 8–12, August 15–19, August 22–26, August 29–September 2

### Camp fee:

- $ ____________

### Family membership:

- **Family membership**: $120 or **Family Plus**: $155 (includes HST) fee: $ ____________

### Leadership Development

- **Choose your session, age 13–15**
  - **Leader in Training Program**
    - July 4–July 15
    - July 18–29
    - August 2–12
    - August 15–26
  - **Junior staff résumé, cover letter and completed questionnaire deadline**: April 29, 2016

### Payment in Full

- Make cheques payable to Royal Botanical Gardens
- Cash
- Cheque
- Interac
- VISA
- Mastercard
- Amex

### Registration

- **PRINT NAME**
- **CREDIT CARD #**
- **EXPIRY DATE**
- **SIGNATURE**

- **Family membership** $120 or **Family Plus** $155 (includes HST) fee: $ ____________

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### Optional Camp-Out for Ages 8–9

- $40/per camper

### Extended Care

- 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
- $5/day/child (circle days)
- $5 x ___ days = $ ____________

### Additional T-shirt

- $10/T-shirt
- $10 x ___ T-shirts = $ ____________

### Additional Hat

- $10/Hat
- $10 x ___ Hats = $ ____________

### Total Camp Fee

- $ ____________

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REGISTRATION HEALTH FORM

CHILD’S NAME _____________________________________________________________

AGE ______ GENDER _______ BIRTHDAY ________________________________

CHILD’S ADDRESS ______________________________________________________

CITY ___________________________ PROV ______ POSTAL CODE ___________

PARENT’S NAME __________________________________________________________

HOME # __________________ BUSINESS ____________ CELL _________________

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EMAIL ADDRESS _______________________________________________________
(for receipts and confirmation letters)

Does the camper have a medical condition?  □ YES   □ NO

Details: ___________________________________________________________________

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If your child requires any medication of any kind (prescription or non-prescription, including inhalers) while at camp please speak with your leaders on the first morning of camp to complete a Medication Administration Form.

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Dietary concerns/conditions (i.e. allergies, dietary restrictions)

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__________________________________________________________________________

If your child requires additional behavioural supports or strategies, please contact camps@rbg.ca.

Emergency Contact (if parents cannot be reached)

NAME _________________________________________________________________

PHONE _______________________________________________________________

RELATIONSHIP ____________________________

AUTHORIZATION AND LIABILITY

If at any time emergency medical treatment is necessary for my child, I give my consent for treatment to be given. Every effort will be made to contact parent/guardian(s) and or emergency contacts.

□ YES   □ NO   Restrictions:

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In my/our absence, I authorize the following people to pick-up my child (no others will be permitted to pick-up your child, without prior consent): Name(s)

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Please attach additional pages if more details are needed in any section or if there’s anything else we should know about the camper.
WHILE AT CAMP

SIGN IN AND OUT OF CHILDREN
In order for anyone other than the person who dropped off and signed the camper into the program, to sign out and pick up a camper they must show photo identification and must be listed on the child’s registration as either: a) a primary caregiver; b) an individual authorized for pick up; c) an individual listed as an emergency contact. The individual must be over the age of 18 years. Any changes to these names on your initial registration must be noted in writing by letter or fax (905-527-5752) addressed to the camp director and be accompanied by a caregiver’s signature.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS
We are vigilant in our concern for the health and safety of all participants. Children are required to wash their hands several times a day, especially before they eat. We do not allow children to share food, drink or utensils. If your child is not feeling well please keep them home. If a child arrives at camp with an obvious illness, their caregivers are immediately contacted and asked to take the child home.

WEATHER POLICY
RBG camp staff modify camp activities to promote the health and safety of all participants in hot and/or rainy weather. This include frequent water breaks, water activities, less active games and the use of shaded, indoor and cooler areas of the camps. These precautions allows all campers to enjoy a fun and safe camp experience, even on hot or rainy days.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES
Royal Botanical Gardens’ Discovery Day Camps strive to create a positive and safe community through safe, respectful, fun and diverse learning experiences. Communication and coaching are used to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable experience. Behaviour that is seen to go against a positive atmosphere and is seen as unacceptable behaviour is dealt with swiftly and according to RBG’s behaviour management procedures.

Campers who, given guidance and opportunities to correct their behaviour, fail to comply with these guidelines, are subject to progressive discipline up to and including having their privilege to participate in camp revoked. Refunds are not given for any camper who is sent home or removed from program for disciplinary reasons.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CAMPERS
- to enjoy the benefits of a safe and bully-free environment
- to be observant of signs of distress or suspected incidents of bullying
- to respect camp expectations as well as the physical and emotional safety of others
- to report any acts of bullying against themselves or another camper

OF PARENTS
- to be observant of signs of distress or suspected incidents of bullying
- to report any suspected incidences of physical or emotional violence

OF LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS
- to be role models in words and actions
- to be observant of signs of distress or suspected incidents of bullying
- to report and record all incidences of physical or emotional violence
- to handle all acts of bullying with compassion and objectivity
MEMBERSHIP (Dual and Dual-Plus Members only)

Members of Royal Botanical Gardens enjoy a discounted rate for camp programs. A one-year family membership fee is $120 or family plus membership (plus two guests per visit) for $155 (includes HST). Family membership covers two designated adults and all children less than 18 years of age. If you would like to use your membership towards camp purchases, you need to purchase it in advance from www.rbg.ca/membership. If you are using a family/grandparent membership to take advantage of the discount (Dual and Dual-plus members only), please note that a receipt will be issued in the member’s name only. Members of the Gardens enjoy many perks including free admission and discounted program fees. Please visit www.rbg.ca or call 905-527-1158 for more information on membership and support.

FAMILY OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, June 23, 2016
6 to 8 p.m.; Nature Centre
Ready for summer? Find out what camp is all about while having some fun! Stop by and meet RBG’s Discovery Day Camps staff, play some games, make a craft and enjoy an evening in nature. This free evening is perfect for families who have been to camp before, who have registered for the summer already and for those who are thinking about joining us. Please RSVP to camps@rbg.ca

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT: www.rbg.ca
Our secure, online service requires your email address in order to immediately send you a confirmation email and receipt. Please print and save receipt for income tax purposes.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO Discovery Camps, Summer 2016
Royal Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 399, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3H8

OR DELIVER TO Royal Botanical Gardens,
680 Plains Road West, Burlington, Ontario L7T 4H4

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit our website at www.rbg.ca/camps; email camps@rbg.ca or call 905-527-1158, ext. 270