



Community Program Guide

Summer 2024



Bowers School Farm

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Johnson Nature Center

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BOWERS SCHOOL FARM

Adult & Family Programs



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Composting Demonstrations For Hands-On Learners

6/15	9-10:30a
7/18	6:00-7:30p
7/20	9-10:30a
8/15	6:00-7:30p
8/17	9-10:30a

Come and explore the various composting systems suitable for backyards and basements. Suitable for beginning or intermediate composters! We will jump on the tractor and have fun touring the various composting systems used at Bowers. Hands-on opportunities will be available to learn about Bokashi composting, passive composting, thermophilic composting and vermicomposting.

Sliding Scale: \$20-30

Pre-Registration Required

Ages 16+



Hop into Summer

June 10-14 **9:30-11:00a**

Summer is nearly here! Hop on over to Bowers to see what's buzzing. We will learn about our bee hives and sample honey, gather farm-fresh eggs, visit the garden to see what's growing, and visit our favorite four-legged (and two-legged) farm friends. We'll wrap up the day with a wagon ride around the pasture, and share a summer-themed story.

Sliding Scale: \$20-30

Pre-Registration Required

Ages 3-5 w/ an adult.



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Family & Youth Programs



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Farm School

6/9, 6/23, 7/7, 7/14, 8/4, 8/11 9:00-10:30a

An immersive, hands-on, getting dirty, learning big, and exploring what it takes to help keep the farm buzzing along! It takes many hands to make light work and YOU get to be part of the team!

Sliding Scale: \$20-30

Pre-Registration Required

Ages 3-5 w/adult; 6-10

Love a Pony

June 11 4:00-5:30p

July 15 4:00-5:30p

July 16 4:00-5:30p

August 6 4:00-5:30p

Join us in this fun-filled session where children ages 3-5 will work hands-on with our ponies. Children will learn how we care for our ponies and ride a pony while building skills that involve confidence, independence, safety, and fun!

Children must be under 55 lbs. for the health and safety of our ponies

Sliding Scale: \$45-55

Pre-Registration Required

Ages 3-5 w/ an adult.



Hold Your Horses

6/8 & 6/15 (Ages 11-14) 9:30-11:00a

8/3 & 8/10 (Ages 6-10) 9:30-11:00a

This 2-part program provides a foundation for working successfully with and around horses. Participants will gain new insights and skills to enrich their time spent with and around horses and make them more proficient in their care and safety.

Sliding Scale: \$100-120

Pre-Registration Required

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Sunday Stroll Series

6/2, 7/7 & 8/4

3:00-4:30p

Whether you saunter or stroll, join us on the trails. Coffee & warm drinks are available at 3:00p.

Donations appreciated

No pre-registration necessary

All Ages



Family Friendly Fishing Series

6/15, 6/30,

7/13, 7/28 &

8/25

10:00a-12:00p

Join us for our summer fishing series along our four-acre pond. Bring your own fishing pole or borrow one of ours.

\$10 / person

Pre-registration required

All ages



Birds and Blooms Naturalist Series

6/18, 7/16, & 8/20

9:00-11:00a

Join us on a guided hike as we explore the beauty, diversity, and interconnectedness of avian life and floral wonders in this captivating adventure through nature's canvas.

\$12 / person

Pre-registration required

Ages 5-Adult

Craft Series: Bugging Out

6/29

1:00-3:00p

Become a bug hotel architect and join us in crafting cozy bug accommodations that'll make insects feel like VIP guests and learn about bug behavior and ecology while doing it!

\$15 / person

Pre-registration required

Ages 7+

Volunteer Day

7/13 & 8/10

1:00-3:00p

Join us for outdoor projects geared toward environmental stewardship including invasive species removal, litter removal and new trail management. Gloves and tools will be provided.

Free

No Pre-registration necessary

All ages

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Night Hike: Mothing Around

7/20 10:00-11:00p

Flutter into the night and let us shed light on some moth mysteries! Join our illuminating journey as we moth-er around under the moon's glow, discovering the winged wonders of the dark side.

\$8 / person

Pre-registration required

Ages 7+

Craft Series: Fishing

7/27 1:00-3:00p

Dive into the ancient Japanese art of gyotaku prints, where you'll use paint and a rubber fish print to create stunning designs. Transform a blank drawstring backpack into your masterpiece in this hands-on and creative program.

\$15 / person

Pre-registration required

Ages 5-Adult



You, Me, and the Trees

Fridays (see schedule for dates)

10:00-11:30a

Parents and caregivers are invited to explore the outdoors with their toddlers and observe the many ways nature can help us learn. Children 2-3 years old will have the opportunity to embrace the wonders of nature through their senses and engage in unique learning experiences.

\$12 / child

Pre-Registration Required

Ages 2-3



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DIVERSE LEARNERS' DAYS

WINTER | SPRING | SUMMER | FALL



This specialized program is designed for children with special needs to provide a more accessible experience for the child and their family who might be hesitant to visit due to a child's complex learning needs or challenges (i.e. sensory needs/responses, language, emotional or social concerns, cognitive learning challenges, physical needs, etc.). During this collaborative program, the guide will work directly with the children (4:1 ratio) to provide specialized instruction and accommodation with animals, gardens, and farm/nature activities.



SCOUTS & SMALL GROUPS

WINTER | SPRING | SUMMER | FALL



Explore various focused topics, from bugs to plants, through hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences.

We've designed these programs to meet scout badge requirements and can adapt to meet your group's needs.



CONNECT & GIVE



Johnson Nature Center's *Outdoor* **CLASSROOM**



give every child a happy place to learn

The outdoor environment offers an abundance of learning opportunities for all ages. Nature-based learning supports emotional, behavioral, and intellectual development. Studies have shown that through meaningful play and learning, children develop lifelong skills, a sense of self, independence, confidence, creativity, decision-making, problem-solving skills, and empathy toward others.

Our new outdoor classroom space will feature hands-on manipulatives and natural play elements that children will enjoy for years to come. Consider making a year-end tax-deductible donation to the Friends of the Johnson Nature Center to help make our vision a reality!

Thanks to donors like you, we soon hope to offer this unique educational space to students and the community.

Fully-immersive nature-based learning in an urban forest environment

Yes! I want to help
Johnson Nature Center
spread the joy!



BECOME A FRIEND

THE FRIENDS' GROUPS OF BOWERS SCHOOL FARM AND JOHNSON NATURE CENTER SUPPORT OUR MISSION THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM AND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS. JOIN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

OUR VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT OUR CONSERVATION EFFORTS, EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, ANIMAL CARE, AND MORE. CONTRIBUTE AND MAKE AN IMPACT THROUGH SERVICE TO STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY.

Want to inspire wonder and play?

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Discovery
Garden

BOWERS SCHOOL FARM

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