

## Whats going on this winter at Desert Botanical Garden?

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EXTRA EXTRA!



### DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN WINTER 2011/12 WORKSHOPS

**WHAT:** December, January and February events open to the public.

**WHERE:** Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 North Galvin Parkway in Phoenix's Papago Park.

**COST:** Free with regular Garden admission or Garden membership (unless otherwise noted).

Garden Admission: \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors (60+), \$10 for students (13-18 and college with ID), \$8 for children 3-12. Children 2 and younger and Garden members are admitted free.

**FOR INFO:** The public can get more details by visiting the Garden's website at [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org) or by calling (480) 941-1225.

### DAILY AND WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### Garden Tours

October 1 – May 13 / Daily

Can you drink water from a cactus? Do century plants really live 100 years? Get your burning questions answered on this docent-led tour and see why our desert plant collection is world-renowned. You will discover how plants survive, and even thrive, under the extreme conditions of the Sonoran Desert. Bring your camera and water, and wear a hat, sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes.

Birds in the Garden

Mondays / November – February / 8 a.m.

Second Saturdays / November – February / 8 a.m.

Join expert birders for a morning bird walk along the Garden trails. Everyone is welcome, including first-time birders. Wear a hat, sunscreen and comfortable shoes, and bring binoculars if available.

#### Ask a Gardener

Saturdays and Sundays / February / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Want ideas for creating year-round color in your yard and conserving water in the desert? Drop by our Ask a Gardener station where knowledgeable volunteers can help with your gardening questions.**

CHILDREN & FAMILY WORKSHOPS /(REQUIRES ADVANCE REGISTRATION) (480) 481-8146.

Preschool Program: Seedlings

A science-based enrichment program for preschoolers

Young children discover the wonders of the desert alongside their caregiver in our nature based preschool program. A theme is introduced each

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week and is full of new discovery centers, songs to sing, yummy snacks and engaging activities to captivate young minds.

Guided by caring and experienced teachers, Seedlings blends the Garden's unique resources with imaginative and fun ways to learn about plants and animals in our desert backyard. We use music, stories, arts and crafts, nature walks, movement, touch and observation to explore the theme each week.

Winter Session:

January 31 – February 24

Classes available for 3-4 year olds:

Limit: 12 children with an accompanying adult.

Tuesday mornings / January 31, February 7, 14 and 21 / 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday mornings / February 1, 8, 15, and 22 / 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Friday mornings / February 3, 10, 17, and 24 / 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Classes available for 4-5 year olds:

Limit: 14 children with an accompanying adult.

Tuesday afternoons / January 31, February 7, 14 and 21 / 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday mornings / February 2, 9, 16, and 23 / 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Thursday afternoons / February 2, 9, 16, and 23 / 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.

Class Fees:

Member: \$80 per four-week session

General Public: \$100 per four-week session

Science Enrichment Program: Learning Labs

This science enrichment program is designed to help your child explore and understand the wonders of our Sonoran Desert. During the four-week session we will use a variety of scientific tools and processes as well as crafts, journaling, literature and fun activities to understand the desert we live in. Each day participants will enjoy an exploration hike, journaling and a fun, healthful snack. Our uniquely designed curriculum blends hands-on, inquiry-based learning with a dose of fun, and is taught by enthusiastic Garden staff and volunteers.

Winter Session: Leaf succulents

January 31 – February 23

Limit: 14 children with an accompanying adult (optional)

Classes available for 5 – 7 year olds:

Tuesday mornings / 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. OR Tuesday afternoons / 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

January 31 / Yucca

February 7 / Desert spoon

February 14 / Aloe

February 21 / Agave

Classes available for 7 – 9 year olds:

Thursday afternoons / 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

February 2 / Yucca

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February 9 / Desert spoon  
February 16 / Aloe  
February 23 / Agave

Classes available for 9 – 12 year olds:  
Thursday mornings / 9:15 - 11:15 a.m.

February 2 / Yucca  
February 9 / Desert spoon  
February 16 / Aloe  
February 23 / Agave

### Class Fees:

Member: \$56 per four-week session or \$16 per class

General Public: \$70 per four-week session or \$20 per class

To register call 480 481.8121.

### Desert Botanical Garden's Desert Discovery Program for Girl Scouts

Our Desert Discovery programs will create a fun and memorable experience for girls as they learn about life in our desert. Girls will experience nature firsthand and will connect with each other and our desert community. Daisy, Brownie, and Junior troops can select the topic and time that works for them.

#### Bountiful Butterflies

Learn about the lifecycle and habitat requirements of butterflies and visit the Marshall Butterfly Pavilion. Available October, November, March, April and May.

Program fee: \$8 / scout and \$8 /chaperone

#### Bugs and Beyond

Scouts will experience the imaginative and over-sized David Roger's Big Bugs exhibit while learning about insects and other invertebrates including how to identify five species. Available October through December.

Program fee: \$6 / scout and \$6 /chaperone

#### Sonoran Survivors

Where is the water, and why is it so warm? Participants will learn about conditions in a desert and how desert plants and animals are able to thrive in such an extreme place. Available January through May.

Program fee: \$6 / scout and \$6 / chaperone

Program capacity: 5 scouts minimum, 20 scouts maximum; 1 chaperone/4 scouts

Register today at [dbg.org/girlscouts](http://dbg.org/girlscouts)