

ARBORETUM ADVENTURES

FIELD TRIP PROGRAM

LEARN WITH US

Field Trips to Boyce Thompson Arboretum are fun, hands-on, immersive experiences. Learners' adventures on the trails are full of discovery and connection.

Each field trip helps learners improve their science inquiry skills and is tied to Arizona State Science Standards.



BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM

**37615 E. ARBORETUM WAY
SUPERIOR, ARIZONA 85173**

Situated on 343 acres of scenic upland Sonoran Desert with nearly five miles of trails, BTA is Arizona's oldest and largest botanical garden.



HOME SWEET HOME K-2ND

Time needed: 2 hours

Learners discover the 4 components of habitat: food, water, shelter, and space. By conducting a field investigation, learners will learn how local plants and wildlife use natural resources to meet their survival needs.

Arizona Science Standards: 1.L2U2.7, 2.L2U1.9



AWESOME ADAPTATIONS 3RD-5TH

Time needed: 2 hours

Learners explore the structural adaptations of desert plants that help them survive. Looking closely, they will compare and contrast plants to determine similarities and differences in adaptations of seeds, stems, and leaf structures.

Arizona Science Standards: 3.L1U1.5, 3.L2U1.6, 4.L4U1.11, 5.L4U3.11



WHAT'S FOR DINNER 3RD-6TH

Time needed: 2 hours

Learners explore the concepts of food webs as they observe and investigate the plants and animals in the Arboretum. Gathering evidence from skulls and owl pellets, they uncover what local wildlife is eating for dinner.

Arizona Science Standards: 3.E1U1.4, 3.L2U1.7, 3.L2U1.8, 6.L2U1.14, 6.L2U1.13





ARBORETUM DISCOVERY 6TH-12TH

Time needed: 1 hour

Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Arboretum to learn about our 100-year history and the fascinating plants within it. Not recommended for younger learners.

SELF-GUIDED FIELD TRIPS PRE-K-12TH

Experience the Arboretum at your own pace. Bring your own materials, or take advantage of one of ours! (BTA materials are available upon request).

ARBORETUM SCAVENGER HUNT K-2ND

Use pictures and simple words to look high and low for everything on the list!

ARBORETUM STEAM BOOKLET 3RD-6TH

Explore the Arboretum through the lens of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math concepts. Each garden has a corresponding booklet activity for learners to engage with.



NEW! ADD ON: GUIDED HIKE K-12TH

Time needed: Minimum 30 minutes in addition to the scheduled field trip.

See more of the Arboretum with the guided hike add-on. Take a deeper look at our expansive plant collection with one of our knowledgeable field trip guides.

Are you interested in a custom field trip? Let's talk!

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BOYCE THOMPSON
ARBORETUM

K-12 SCHOOL

PUBLIC, CHARTER, ETC

GUIDED

Learner: \$9

Teachers and School Staff: \$0

Chaperones 1:5 Ratio : \$0

Extra Chaperones: \$10

SELF- GUIDED

Learner: \$7

Teachers and School Staff: \$0

Chaperones 1:5 Ratio : \$0

Extra Chaperones: \$10

One chaperone per five learners may attend free of charge. Any additional chaperones above the one chaperone to five learner ratio must pay the extra chaperone fee. Special Education classes may receive an exception to this rule.

Title I schools may be eligible to receive a discount.

**HOMESCHOOL | YOUTH ORGANIZATION
SCOUT GROUPS**

GUIDED

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Chaperones: \$10

Self Guided

Learner: \$7

Chaperones: \$10



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BOOKING INFORMATION

- Field trips are available October–April, Tuesdays through Fridays.
- The minimum group size for all field trips is 15 learners. Guided trips can accommodate up to 80 learners. Self-guided trips have a maximum of 150 learners.
- Field trips must be booked at least three weeks in advance.
- Cancellations, rescheduling, and/or changes to your final headcount can be made up to 14 days before your scheduled field trip date. No refunds or rainchecks will be given after the 14-day window.



**REQUEST BOOKING
NOW!**



*Through a generous donation from APS, Boyce Thompson Arboretum is able to offer some Arboretum Adventures Field Trips at reduced cost to qualifying Title I schools. Funds are limited, please inquire about eligibility and availability.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What should we bring with us?

Each learner should bring a reusable water bottle, sunscreen, a hat, and closed-toe shoes. Groups may also bring sack lunches to eat in our picnic area.

Where do we park?

Buses park in the bus parking area on the north side of the parking lot near the exit gate. All other vehicles park in the main parking lot.

Who will we meet in the parking lot?

You will be greeted by an education staff member when you arrive.

What if we are running late?

If you are running late, please call (520)689-4700 to notify the staff. We reserve the right to adjust your field trip to best fit the scheduled timeline.

How many students are in a group?

Depending on the number of learners attending, you will be divided into groups of 10-15 learners.

Can we go into the gift shop?

Yes! We ask that you send small groups of 3-6 students at a time.

How do we pay for our field trip?

We accept day-of payment or payment by invoice. For day-of payments, we accept cash and card. For payment by invoice, we accept cash, card, or check. Please inform our education staff of your preferred payment type. Payments must be received all in one transaction.

Can extra chaperones pay on the day of the field trip?

No. All extra chaperones must prepay the school prior to the field trip. Otherwise, they will be charged full admission at the admissions booth.

Is the \$25 deposit refundable?

No, the deposit is not refundable regardless of when you cancel the field trip. Public schools may send a purchase order in lieu of the \$25 deposit.

What if it rains during my field trip?

Boyce Thompson Arboretum field trips are rain or shine, but you can cancel if you feel your learners are unequipped for the rain. While we will try our best to reschedule your trip, we cannot guarantee another date will be available.

I am a Title I school. Do you offer scholarships?

Yes! Title I schools are eligible for reduced admission as well as transportation reimbursement. Please contact education staff for more information.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I bring my dog on the field trip?

In order to support a conducive learning environment, please leave pets at home. Service animals are always welcome.

Do you have a space to eat lunch?

Yes. You are welcome to eat sack lunches in our picnic area, which seats a maximum of 120 individuals.

I use a wheelchair. What kind of trail conditions can I expect?

Our trails consist of unpaved and uneven dirt paths. While many of them are navigable to most mobility devices, some trails are impassable. Please notify education staff when you book so we can make the necessary accommodations.

What happens if I bring less than 15 learners?

You will be charged the minimum of \$107 for self-guided trips and \$135 for guided trips.

How soon should I book?

We require a minimum of 3 weeks' notice to book a field trip.

What is your cancellation policy?

You can cancel or reschedule your trip up to 14 days before your field trip.

