RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations now for School Tours and Programs offered between September 10, 2019 and June 5, 2020. To make a reservation request, submit an online application at:

rsabg.org/events-programs/school-reservations

RESERVATION GUIDELINES

Reservations for each month close the 1st of the previous month. For example, October reservations must be made by September 1st. Tours and programs are conducted rain or shine; please dress appropriately for the weather. Please carry water on the tour. No food or snacks are permitted during tour or program inside Garden. Picnic area available (70 student capacity). One adult chaperone required for every five students.

PAYMENT

The cost per student and per adult chaperone is $5. Fees waived for teachers. Payment is due 30 days in advance of tour date. Cash, check or major credit cards are the only form of accepted payment; purchase orders are not accepted. For grant opportunities, please refer to rsabg.org/events-programs/school-tours-programs. All reservation requests must be made online.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

With more than a 30-day notice, refund less 10% of total reservation fee. With 30-day notice or less, refund less 25% of tour fees. No refunds for participants who do not show. Refund requests must be submitted in writing.

Science is Second Nature at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

Introduce your students to the wonders of the natural sciences and our environment. They will explore diverse habitats, California native plants and the culture of Native Peoples of the Los Angeles Basin through hands-on tours that meet TK - 12 California State Next Generation Science Standards and History and Social Science Standards.
ONE-HOUR TOURS
TUESDAYS | 9:30 AM & 10:00 AM
$5 per person. One adult per five students required. Minimum of 10 students; maximum of 80 students. Fees waived for teachers.

Come for an engaging inquiry-driven walk, focusing on observations using the senses of sight, hearing, touch and smell. Emphasis is on higher-level thinking skills, identifying similarities, comparing and contrasting key features in plants and animals.

Choose from guided tours highlighting specific grade-level Next Generation Standards:

- **Eye Spy**
  Transitional Kindergarten
  Minds on! Hands on! Search for special plants and animals that inhabit this area. Identify the needs of all living things that live in unique places.

- **Who Lives Here?**
  Kindergarten
  Follow the flow of energy from the shining Sun to a squawking scrub jay. Evaluate evidence of ways plants, animals and humans affect their surroundings.

- **How Does the Garden Grow?**
  First Grade
  Learn about plant and animal life cycles and how offspring can differ in appearance from adults.

- **Diversity University**
  Second Grade
  Compare the diversity of life within California’s unique habitats. Uncover the important resources that help plants and animals thrive and survive.

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TWO-HOUR PROGRAMS
THURSDAYS OR FRIDAYS | 9:30 am
$5 per person. One adult per five students required. Minimum of 20 students; maximum of 80 students. Fees waived for teachers.

Nature Interpreters guide students on a standards-based tour including rotation through activity and display stations. Stations provide opportunities for group discussions, close-up observations and hands-on learning.

Choose from three programs highlighting specific grade-level Next Generation Standards. All programs can be adapted for older grade levels:

- **Native Partners**
  Third & Fourth Grades
  California Plants & California Native Peoples. Knowledge of the land and natural resources was the essential key to survival for California Native Peoples. Many continue to practice traditions and customs handed down through generations. The Garden provides the environment for students to embrace lessons about living with the land. Students visit a Tongva model village and participate in activities demonstrating how local native peoples selected, gathered, prepared and used California native plants and other natural resources.

- **Adaptation & Survival**
  Third, Fourth & Fifth Grades
  A Quest for Success. Investigate inherited traits among organisms by observing birds and animals in the Garden. Examine materials and techniques of nest construction. Compare and contrast characteristics of some birds and chaparral/desert plant traits for clues to their successful survival in specific habitats. Questions and discussion lead students to evaluate how changes in environment can affect behaviors and traits of animals and plants.

- **Web of Life**
  Fifth & Sixth Grades
  The Study of Ecological Relationships. This program focuses on food webs, energy flow and interdependence between living organisms and the non-living environment. Students investigate some of the relationships between native plants and animals inhabiting various ecosystems. Hands-on activities include a pond water pollution experiment and owl pellet dissection.

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TEACHER RESOURCES
Resources about one-hour tours and two-hour programs are available at rsabg.org/events-programs/teacher-resources