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Tyler Programs

Tyler Arboretum Spring Programs and Events 2015

Special Events

Orienteering at Tyler

Sunday, March 22, 10:00 am

Orienteering is a recreational and competitive sport for people of all ages. Using a highly-detailed topographic map as a primary tool and a compass to stay oriented, participants try to select and follow the best route between specified points through unknown terrain. This Tyler event is the finale of a national two-day competition, and will use a new map of the entire Arboretum created by Delaware Valley Orienteering Association. It also incorporates the 2015 US National Schools Championships for orienteering. Everyone is encouraged to try a course. The start for the recreational (beginner) courses will be between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. *There will be a 3-hour time limit and complete instruction for beginners. More information on orienteering can be found at www.dvoa.org.*

Pre-registration is not required, but please contact the registrar at www.dvoa.org if planning to bring a group of 5 or more; registration fee is $18 per adult and $12 for ages 20 and under; fee includes rental of an electronic punch.

Delco Road Runners 10K Trail Run

Saturday, April 11, 9:00 am

Runners of all speeds and abilities are welcome to test themselves against a course that runs through the heart of the beautiful and historic Tyler Arboretum. The course is fast and challenging, with many elevation changes and four shallow creek crossings. This race was named one of the Philadelphia area's best races by Philadelphia Magazine's Be Well Philly. Presented by Delco RRC, the race is a USATF Mid-Atlantic Off Road GP event. *There is a limit of 400 runners. It has sold out the last five years, so don't delay!*

For more information and to register, visit www.TylerTrailRun.com or www.Delcorrc.com.

Plant Sale

Members' Preview: Friday, May 1, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

General Public Sale: Saturday, May 2, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Tyler's annual Plant Sale offers gardeners a myriad of options and hard to find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs. This year's sale features a special selection of tough plants for tough spaces. As always, there will also be a strong assortment of deer-resistant plants. Our plant experts will be on hand to help select the best plants for individual landscapes and gardens and our volunteers will help pack and load your new treasures for the ride home.

Admission to the Arboretum is FREE to everyone for Saturday's event.

National Public Gardens Day

Friday, May 8, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

National Public Gardens Day is a day set aside to celebrate the historic and beautiful public gardens throughout America. This day recognizes the important role our public gardens play in promoting gardening, environmental stewardship and education in communities nationwide. Come enjoy Tyler's beautiful spring blooming plants and walk through our meadows and woodlands.

Admission to the Arboretum is FREE to everyone on National Public Gardens Day. Special craft stations for kids from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Tyler at Twilight Auction

Thursday, June 18, 2015

6 – 10 pm

To receive an invitation, please email srogers@tylerarboretum.org or call 610-566-9134 ext 210

Members Only Events

Members Only Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 28, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Eggs are everywhere in the Arboretum in the springtime. Discover why birds are sitting on their eggs, frog and toad eggs float in the Pond and special cases hide insect eggs in the meadow. Learn about bunnies and other Arboretum animals born in spring. Wear your silliest Easter hat (best one wins a prize!) and enjoy an Easter egg hunt, natural egg dyeing, egg-cellent crafts and more.

Pre-registration required by calling Joanne Landau at 610-566-9134, ext. 215; limited capacity; first come, first served; $3 per person, Under 2 FREE.

Plant Sale Preview

Friday, May 2, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Come a day early and shop prior to the public sale for the best selection and fewer crowds. Members receive a 5% discount on all purchases this day only.

See the Plant Sale listing under Special Events for detailed information on this year's sale.

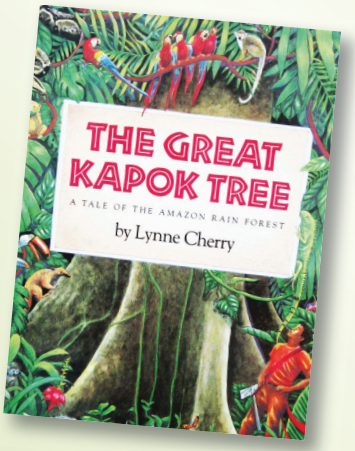
Community Read Events

The Community Read initiative is designed to inspire people to pick up a good book, to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment and to start a conversation in our community.

The Community Read is led by Longwood Gardens and partner institutions including libraries, public gardens and conservation institutions. Join us to think about the natural world and our relationship to it by reading Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*. The corresponding title for families is *The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest* by Lynne Cherry. This is the 25th anniversary of its publication and it has a terrific ecological message.

The Great Kapok Tree Event

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 – 11:30 am

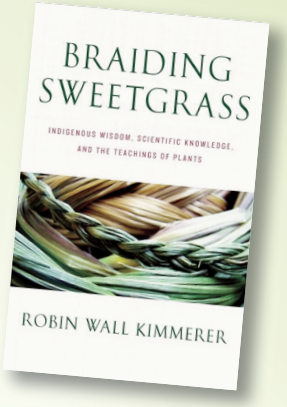


Help deepen your child's connection to the natural world with a morning of fun featuring *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry. The event will kick-off with story time led by a librarian from the **Delaware County Library System.** This wonderful children's book weaves the message of rainforest conservation through the stories told by animals that depend on the Great Kapok Tree. After the story, take a walk with Tyler educators to discover our local "kapok trees" – trees that support insects, birds, mammals and humans.

Pre-registration required; FREE for everyone. Suitable for ages 4 and up.

Braiding Sweetgrass Event

Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 – 3:00 pm



Come join the conversation! **Susan Purcell** from the **Delaware County Library System** will be leading an adults-only book discussion of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Intended for a general audience, the book pairs an engaging amount of plant science (no previous knowledge needed) and insight into Native American cultural beliefs toward plants and the natural world. After the book discussion, Tyler educators will take participants out into the Native Woodland Walk and beyond to discover the plants that the Lenape used for food, transportation or medicine. *Books will be provided for participants to pick up at Tyler Arboretum.*

Pre-registration required; FREE for everyone

Gardening and Horticulture

Magnificent Magnolias

Saturday, April 11, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Magnolias are a focal point of many spring landscapes with their outstanding blooms and artistic branches. Prized for their broad range of flower types, colors and fragrances, Tyler Arboretum's magnolia collection includes important Asiatic, native and hybrid varieties. Join **Randy Kobetich** for an indoor exploration of these beautiful flowering trees followed by an outdoor walk to highlight the best of Tyler's collection. Randy is an established magnolia hybridizer and grower in our region. *Dress for the weather.*

Pre-registration required; $15 members, $20 non-members

Chinese Greens Basket Workshop

Sunday, April 12, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Join us to kick off the spring vegetable season and grow your culinary repertoire! Tyler Vegetable Gardener **Gabrielle LeBlanc** and Volunteer Coordinator **Julia Lo Ehrhardt** will show you how to create a hanging basket using Chinese greens like pak choi and choi sum. Learn about seasonal harvest and take home recipes for delicious meals. *Plants, soil, liner and 14" wire basket provided. Please bring work gloves and a box for transport.*

Pre-registration required; $35 members, $40 non-members

Rhododendron Strolls

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Fridays, April 17, 24, May 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Revel in the beauty of 13 acres of azaleas and rhododendrons on an informative tour led by **Jerry O'Dell**, Tyler's Wister Rhododendron gardener. This amazing heritage collection contains hundreds of varieties and species with a bloom season that stretches from spring to early summer. Each week is different, as new plants come into bloom, so come back often to enjoy the show.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Gardening for Butterflies

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Butterflies are important pollinators in our local ecosystems, but populations are feeling pressure as their habitats become small and scattered. Private home landscapes can provide critical habitats for butterflies and their hungry caterpillars. Join landscape architect **Hannah LaCasse** to learn which plants are best to attract and keep beautiful butterflies in your yard. An informational presentation highlighting threats to butterflies and keys to their survival will be followed by the development of a planting design catered to butterflies that is sure to enhance color and flutters around your home.

Pre-registration required; $20 members, $25 non-members

Strawberry Basket Workshop

Saturday, April 25, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Strawberries are easy to grow at home in hanging baskets. Join Tyler Vegetable Gardener **Gabrielle LeBlanc** and Volunteer Coordinator **Julia Lo Ehrhardt** to create a beautiful and tasty basket using a mix of trawberry plants and violas. These baskets are excellent for small spaces or apartment dwellers. *Plants, soil, liner and 14" wire basket provided. Please bring work gloves and a box for transport.*

Pre-registration required; $35 members, $40 non-members

Garden Trip: Scott Arboretum

Tuesday, May 5, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Tyler Arboretum and the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College share a common horticultural thread – the first director of both institutions was the same remarkable man, Dr. John C. Wister. Wister's lasting legacy is a source of inspiration to gardeners for generations to come. Join Scott Arboretum Curator **Andrew Bunting** to discover the Wister Garden, a charming spring woodland garden highlighted by sweeps of bulbs and rhododendrons. Andrew will also highlight Wister's other significant collections including lilacs and tree peonies amongst Swarthmore College's picturesque campus. *Carpool/parking information will be provided; please bring a bag lunch to enjoy at the garden.*

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members

Pruning Rhododendrons and Azaleas

Sunday, May 17, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

There are many reasons to prune rhododendrons and azaleas and the perfect time to do it is just after they bloom. Join **Jerry O'Dell**, Tyler's Wister Rhododendron gardener, for this practical workshop that will include both the theory and hands-on practice of pruning to create beautiful specimens in your landscape. Topics that will be covered are proper pruning technique, pruning for shape and rejuvenative pruning to reduce size and bring back your plants into scale for the garden. *Part of the class will be held outdoors – please dress for the weather. Bring gloves and hand pruners.*

Pre-registration required; $15 members, $20 non-members

Botanical Arts

Still Life Painting

Wednesdays, March 18, 25, April 1 and 8, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Join local artist **Rick Phillips** to discover the fundamentals of oil painting. During this four-part series, students will learn to mix oil colors and paint nature-inspired still lifes. By breaking down the still life into its simplest shapes, students will learn how to "block in" the painting and then add the necessary detail at the end. Lessons will provide the foundation to tackle more complex subjects by helping to build student confidence. All levels are welcome. *Instructor will provide supplies; students will need to purchase two canvases (8"x 10").*

Pre-registration required; $90 members, $100 non-members

Spring Basket Floral Arrangement

Saturday, March 28, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Celebrate the beauty of spring with a basket arrangement featuring hand-dyed eggs and fresh flowers. We will begin by using natural plant-derived dyes to produce elegant holiday eggs. While the eggs are absorbing their colors, floral designer **Leona Swiacki** will teach you how to craft a magical arrangement to display them in – a creation perfect for your own table or to bring as a hostess gift. *All materials are provided; bring floral shears.*

Pre-registration required; $40 members, $45 non-members

Photo Walk: Spring Has Sprung

Saturday, April 4, 1:30 – 4:00 pm

April is a wonderful period of renewal at Tyler, as the amber landscapes come alive with a thousand shades of green, and bright new growth contrasts strikingly against clear blue skies. Insects buzz, baby animals explore, and flowers seem to bloom by the minute as the world wakes and shakes off the last of winter's slumber. Join naturalist photographer **Chris Lawler** for a comfortable venture along Tyler's woodland trails and meadows to capture these breathtaking changes through your camera's lens. *Perfect for all levels of photographers and cameras (even camera phones).*

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members

Hypertufa Wall Hanging Workshop

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Put your best "face" forward as we create whimsical wall hangings out of hypertufa - artificial stone made from Portland cement mixed with other materials. Instructor **Mary Tilger** will guide you through the process of molding the hypertufa into individually crafted faces perfect for your home or garden. This workshop does not require any artistic skill, just bring a sense of humor and inspirational pictures to spark your creativity. *All materials provided; please bring a pair of well-fitted rubber kitchen gloves. Limited space so register today!*

Pre-registration required; $45 for members, $50 for non-members

Traditional Landscape Plein Air Painting

Wednesdays, April 22, 29, May 6 and 13, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

During this four-part series, local artist **Rick Phillips** will introduce students to his method for capturing the mood and magic of landscape painting in a beautiful spring setting at Tyler. Each outdoor class will start with a demo, followed by plenty of time for student work and a personal critique. All levels are welcome and instruction can be catered to each student through demonstration and help at the easel. *Instructor will provide supplies; students will need to purchase four canvases (8"x 10").*

Pre-registration required; $90 members, $100 non-members

Photo Walk: Focus on Flowers

Saturday, May 9, 1:30 – 4:00 pm

There's no better time than early May to experience the bounty of blooms and colors at Tyler Arboretum. Rhododendrons, lilacs and countless wildflowers show off in their peak form, and beauty abounds! Enjoy a leisurely stroll with naturalist photographer **Chris Lawler** through Tyler's gardens and specimen collections, as he offers tips and suggestions for the composition and capture of stunning floral portraiture. *Perfect for all levels of photographers and cameras (even camera phones).*

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members

Natural Studies

Spring Bird Walks

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am

Join Tyler's experienced birders in search of the numerous spring migrants throughout the Arboretum. Beginners and experts both welcome. *Bring bird guides and binoculars.*

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Weekday Wildflower Walks

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Spring explodes with wildflowers as woodland plants emerge from their winter slumber. Discover them with experts **Richard Brenner** and **Dick Cloud** and experience spring unfolding at Tyler.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Sunday Wildflower Walks

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Sundays, March 8, April 12, May 10, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Can't attend our Weekday Wildflower Walks? Join **Dick Cloud** for a Sunday afternoon walk in search of the numerous spring blooms in Tyler's woods and meadows.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Historic Building Tours

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Sundays, April 12 and May 3, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 pm

Get a behind-the-scenes tour and learn about the daily lives of the eight generations of family members who lived on Tyler's property for 150 years. Originally built in 1738, Lachford Hall represents over two centuries of residence by the Minshall-Painter-Tyler family.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Surviving the Wild: Fire

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (Inclement weather date: Saturday, March 21)

In the wild, key survival priorities include staying hydrated, signaling your rescuers and maintaining your body heat. There is one element that can help you with all three – fire. In this hands-on workshop, **Mark Steele** will lead you in an exploration and experience of fire making from prehistoric to modern methods. You will have the opportunity to try most of these methods and experience the steps necessary for successful fire building. Mark Steele is a former Army officer with experience in woods, mountains, deserts and jungles.

Pre-registration required; $20 members, $25 non-members

Watershed Program Series

Sundays, March 22, April 19 and May 17, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Dive into watershed science with this informational, hands-on series! This series is a great opportunity to learn about aquatic habitats, the cool critters that call it home and how our day-to-day practices affect the health of our watershed. *Suitable for adults and teens.*

March 22 – Watershed 101

Define our local watersheds, review the water cycle and explore the basics of freshwater ecology. Learn what you can do at home to conserve water and help protect the health of our watershed.

April 19 – Macroinvertebrates

Discover the importance of macroinvertebrates, their role in aquatic food webs and their usefulness in indicating stream health. Get first-hand experience collecting macroinvertebrates, learn species characteristics and use keys/guides to practice identification.

May 17 – Chemical Testing

Water quality can be determined and monitored with regular chemical testing for pH, dissolved oxygen and nitrate levels. Learn the science behind the tests and get first-hand experience using the equipment in our streams.

Pre-registration required; Series of three classes: $25 members, $40 non-members; individual class: $10 members, $15 non-members

Birding Trip: Bombay Hook

Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Enjoy a great day of birding at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge with trip leader **Sue Lucas**. Bombay Hook lies on the Atlantic Coastal Plain along the western shore of the Delaware Bay. Covering nearly 16,000 acres, the refuge contains extensive tidal salt marsh interrupted by winding rivers and creeks. These diverse habitats attract bald eagles, breeding ducks, shorebirds and early spring migrants. *Please bring a lunch, field guides, and binoculars. Beverages, snacks, and transportation will be provided.*

Pre-registration required; $55 members, $65 non-members

Spring Tree Identification Walk

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Saturday, April 18, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

This walk, led by **John Wenderoth** and **Ted Cavey**, will examine changes that occur with the coming of warmer weather and the end of winter dormancy. The specific changes include flowering and the emergence of new leaves, both of which can influence the character and appearance of deciduous trees during this transition to another year of growth.

No pre-registration required; FREE with admission

Braiding Sweetgrass Event

Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

This event will include an adult book discussion and a Lenape plant walk. ***Please see the full event description on the second page of the programs section in the Community Read Events box.***

Pre-registration required; FREE for everyone

Wildflower Trip: Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve

Thursday, May 7, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Join wildflower devotee **Richard Brenner** for a visit to one of the very best natural wildflower preserves in the country during its peak bloom. Shenk's Ferry is located in Lancaster County in a valley overlooking the beautiful Susquehanna River. We expect to see spectacular masses of

white trillium and large numbers of trout lilies. Many other spring ephemerals including Dutchman's breeches, squirrel corn, bleeding heart, hepatica and rue anemone should abound. On the way back, we will stop for an ice cream splurge. *Please bring a bag lunch. Transportation, beverages and snacks (not including ice cream) will be provided.*

Pre-registration required; $55 members, $65 non-members

Birding Trip: Cape May

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 12 and 13, departing at 7:00 am and returning by 6:00 pm

Sue Lucas and other birders will lead this favorite trip to Cape May, New Jersey. You'll observe the many birds that stop along the shoreline all around Cape May. This two-day trip includes transportation, lodging, breakfast, lunch on Wednesday and a boat ride. Tuesday dinner is Dutch-treat. *Bring field guides, binoculars and a brown bag lunch for Tuesday.*

Pre-registration required; $215 double or $240 single for members, $250 double or $275 single for non-members

Surviving the Wild: The Shelter Challenge

Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31, starting at 12:00 pm and ending by 9:00 am

You've seen the survival shows on TV – join us and try it yourself at Tyler! One of the critical survival priorities is always shelter. Shelter protects you from losing critical body heat in the cold or wet and can protect you from the sun in a hot, dry climate. Instructor **Mark Steele** will provide you with the knowledge, skills and confidence you need to be able to create a shelter that will protect you from the elements. In this workshop, attendees will build their own shelter in the "wilds" of Tyler Arboretum and sleep in it overnight. Mark Steele is a former Army officer with experience in woods, mountains, deserts and jungles. *Supply list will be provided; registrants will bring their own food.*

Pre-registration required; $60 members, $75 non-members

Health and Wellness

Herbal Remedies: Spring Cleaning with Herbs and Essential Oils

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Most herbs have antimicrobial properties that can help keep you and your house germ free. Essential oils are highly concentrated forms of the plant that are very effective at cleaning and germ removal. Join herbalist **Jayne Tamburello** to learn how you can use herbs and essential oils to keep your home clean and your family and pets safe. Jayne will also guide you in the creation of your own herbal cleaning materials to take home.

Pre-registration required; $15 members, $20 non-members

Herbal Remedies: Teas, Tinctures & Powders

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join us to learn the basics of preparing the most common and simplest herbal medicinal preparations. Which herbs are best in tea form or for tinctures? What is an infusion? How do you use herb or spice powders in a medicinal way? Clinical herbalist **Jean Gupta** will answer these questions and more! Each participant will have the opportunity to select an herb and prepare a pint of tincture to take home. Also taste some "Anti-Inflammatory Freezer Fudge" made from herbal powders (recipe included).

Pre-registration required; $15 members, $20 non-members

Yoga in the Garden

Session 1: Tuesdays, March 24 – April 28, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Session 2: Tuesdays, May 5 – June 9, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Experience the joy of practicing yoga in a magnificent outdoor setting. During these two six-week sessions, classical yoga instructor **Beth Mulholland** will provide students an opportunity to seek inner serenity while surrounded by the beauty of Tyler's spring bloom. Intended for beginner and intermediate level students, this class emphasizes smooth, flowing postures and the benefits of focused breathing to achieve harmony. Classes take place outdoors and move inside if weather necessitates. *Please dress appropriately and bring a mat.*

Pre-registration required; Series of six classes: $78 members, $96 non-members; individual class: $15 members, $18 non-members

Spring Medicinal Plants – Talk & Walk

Saturday, May 16, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Discover the medicinal plants found during the spring season throughout Tyler's woodlands and meadows. Learn which plants can be used for home remedies and for nutritious spring greens. **Jean Gupta**, clinical herbalist and field botany enthusiast, will start indoors to teach participants how to identify these common spring

plants, as well as highlight their medicinal uses. After the presentation, join her on an outdoor walk to see these plants up-close on Tyler's trails.

Pre-registration required; $15 members, $20 non-members

Night Hikes

Saturdays, March 7, April 11, 7:00 – 9:00 pm and May 2, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Experience the magic of Tyler's natural areas after dark. Guide **Dick Cloud** and Tyler staff will share points of special interest and seasonal highlights while leading a brisk hike. This walk is for adults and teens. *Bring a flashlight and wear shoes suitable for uneven trails that may include moderate to steep trails.*

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members

Youth Programs

Toddlers in Nature

Ages 18 – 36 months

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 am & 10:45 – 11:45 am

Toddlers in Nature programs are for toddlers and their favorite adult. Toddlers are all about exploring their sense of wonder and each program includes a story, theme exploration and time in nature.

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

March 11 – What Will the Weather Be Like Today?

March weather can be unpredictable, and we will introduce your toddler to weather words you might be using this month. Learn about wind and rain, and make your own rainbows.

March 25 – My Spring Robin

We often hear that robins are the first sign of spring. Take a walk around Tyler and see which signs of spring we can spot.

April 8 – I Am a Little Rabbit

The Easter Bunny gets a lot of attention, but real rabbits are plenty cute themselves. Go hopping through the trees and discover what it might be like inside a rabbit's den.

April 22 – The Tiny Tadpole

It's frog season at Tyler! Learn how a tadpole grows into a frog and head to a pond to search for frogs, fish, turtles and other pond life.

May 6 – Mama Built a Little Nest

Celebrate mamas as we explore the many varieties of nests birds build for their babies. We'll go outside to see if we can spot any birds at work and gather materials to make our own nests.

May 20 – Bob and Otto

Toddlers love to dig in the dirt. Meet Bob and Otto, two squirmy best friends who also love digging in the dirt, eating leaves and playing together until Bob goes through a few changes. Find out what makes worms and caterpillars different and go on a worm hunt.

NEW!

Featured Series: The Senses

Ages 18 – 36 months

Age 3

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 am (18 – 36 mos.) & 10:45 – 11:45 am (3-year-olds)

This series of classes is designed to be both a fun, hands-on investigation for young children and an opportunity for parents to learn more about how the senses develop in early childhood. Each class will feature one of the senses and may include activities such as stories, games, movement and nature-based sensory play/discovery. Parents will leave each class with a deeper understanding of their child's development and plenty of ideas for further exploration at home.

Pre-registration required; Series of six classes: $50 members, $80 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

- March 10 – Touch
- March 24 – Motion
- April 7 – Smell
- April 21 – Taste
- May 5 – Sight
- May 19 – Sound

Teeny Tiny Trackers

Age 3

Mondays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Teeny Tiny Trackers programs are for 3-year-olds and their favorite adult. Each program includes an indoor lesson with outside time to explore.

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

March 9 – Hungry Critters

Some animals are waking up after a long winter nap. Let's discover what they eat and how we can help them.

March 23 – March Winds

This month brings windy weather. We will learn all about wind and fly around the Arboretum with a fun craft we make ourselves.

April 6 – Hello Spring

We all love spring – warmer weather, longer days and more flowers. Take a walk and see what all the excitement is about.

April 20 – Meet a Tree

Tyler is home to some very special trees. Let's go find them, learn why they are so great and dance around a tree or two.

May 4 – All About Birds

Many of our feathered friends are now coming back after a long winter away. Use binoculars to spot them and meet a very friendly live bird up-close and personal.

May 18 – Painting With Flowers

Using petals, leaves and other natural materials we will paint colorful pictures to take home and enjoy.

Let's Go Play!

Age 3

Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Let's Go Play programs are designed for 3-year-olds and their favorite adult. Using Tyler as a natural playground, we will explore different ways to play in the outdoor world. Each program includes an indoor lesson and an outdoor play activity.

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

March 12 – Scavenger Hunt

Join us as we search for signs of spring. What do you think we will find?

March 26 – Fly a Kite

We will build our own kites to fly outside. How can we make them take flight?

April 9 – On a Hike

Tyler has over 17 miles of trails, many of them blooming with flowers in the spring. Together we will take a hike to search for the many colors and possibly run into some critters along the way.

April 23 – Play Games

Bring your energy and sense of adventure! We will use things we find in nature as part of our play.

May 7 – Plant Seeds

Together we will hike around to discover what is sprouting. Afterwards, we will plant our own seeds!

May 21 – Investigate the Pond

Join us as we take a closer look at what lives in Tyler's ponds. What can we find when we look very carefully?

Garden Sprouts

Ages 4–6

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Garden Sprouts programs are designed to introduce children and their favorite adult to the world of plants and gardening. Each program includes an indoor lesson and an outdoor walk to complement hands-on fun with plants.

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

March 24 – Fun with Bulbs

When spring has sprung, bulbs start popping! Little gardeners will delight at searching throughout the Arboretum for colorful bulbs and other spring flowers. We'll create tulips that can be taken home as a charming keepsake.

April 7 – Buried Treasures

Learn what potatoes, onions and carrots have in common as we dig up and plant some buried botanical treasure.

April 21 – Fun with Herbs

Head out to the Fragrant Garden and play a guessing game with herbs. Discover how you and your friends can send secret messages with flowers!

May 5 – Fun with Lilacs and Magnolias

The Arboretum is awash with pink and purple when the magnolias and lilacs are in bloom. It's a magical site to see and the heavenly scent will excite kids and parents alike.

May 19 – Gear Up Your Green Thumb

Get ready to "dig in" and get dirty! Help harvest the garden and prepare for summer-time fun! Snack, nibble and try foods right off the plant!

Tyler Tales

Ages 4–6

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Tyler Tales programs are for children and their favorite adult. Each program includes a story, activity or craft and outside time to explore.

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

March 18 – *A Rainbow of My Own*

Leprechauns aren't the only ones who are interested in rainbows. In this book, a little boy goes out chasing a rainbow and imagines what it would be like to have one of his own. Discover how rainbows are made and then try making some of our own too!

April 1 – *Spring Blossoms*

Celebrate the arrival of spring with this rhyming homage to its flowering trees. This book is beautifully illustrated with tree blossoms that will really captivate children and adults alike. After learning about the trees, go on a spring scavenger hunt through Tyler's blooming landscape.

April 15 – *Rabbits and Raindrops*

What are the rabbits doing now that Easter has passed? In this book, five baby rabbits wait out a rainstorm and discover the other creatures who are seeking shelter there too. Get to know more about rabbits and then head outside for a game of "rabbit tag" in the woods.

April 29 – *Jump, Frog, Jump!*

A frog tries to catch a fly, but finds himself on the other end of the food chain in this fun tale. Investigate frogs and take a walk to a pond to see how many of the animals we can find in the pond food chain.

May 13 – *Mama Built a Little Nest*

Celebrate mamas as we explore the many varieties of nests birds build for their babies in this lovely book. We'll go outside to see if we can spot any birds at work and gather materials to make our own nests.

May 27 – *Diary of a Worm*

This hilarious picture book gives a glimpse into the daily life of a worm. It turns out being a worm has its perks, like never having to take a bath or go to the dentist. Find out what worms really do all day and how they help us!

Tiny Trackers

Ages 4–6

Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Tiny Trackers programs are for children and their favorite adult. Each program includes a lesson, an outdoor walk and a craft to take home.

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

March 5 – Maple Sugaring

From tap to table, learn how real maple syrup is made.

March 26 – Catch the Wind

Enjoy some open spaces of Tyler as we discover how the wind keeps life moving.

April 9 – What Color is Spring?

Join us on a search for spring colors. Why are some things harder to find than others?

April 23 – Frog Hunt

Let's peek at our ponds in search of frogs and other aquatic friends.

May 7 – Hooray for May

It's spring! Explore the great outdoors and discover the many textures and colors of nature. Then celebrate spring by dancing around a May Pole.

May 21 – Buzzing Around the Arb

Pollinators abound this time of year! Search for honey bees and bumble bees and learn why they are so important to our flowers.

Art in the Arb

Ages 5–6

Fridays, 10:00 – 11:30 am & 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Art in the Arb programs are for kindergarteners and their favorite adult. Enjoy nature through art while learning to use your imagination and basic art principles.

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

March 13 – Sunshine, Rain and Rainbows

Winter is almost over, so let's start off spring with a colorful blast! Explore how rainbows are made with prisms and learn about the color wheel, primary and secondary colors. Show off your new knowledge with a colorful rainbow collage you can take home.

March 27 – Eggs, Eggs, Eggs

This week it's all about eggs! Learn about traditional Ukrainian *pysanka* and use natural dyes and wax to make our own. These dyes will stain clothing too, so wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

April 10 – What A Beautiful View

Landscape artists painted beautiful views before cameras were invented. Use our homemade viewfinders to find your favorite Tyler landscape and paint your masterpiece.

April 24 – Festival of Cherries

In Japanese culture, nature influences art in major and beautiful ways. Visit cherry trees and create your own cherry blossom scroll. We will be traveling quite a ways outside, so dress for the weather.

May 22 – Best Bee Builders

Did you know that bees are some of the best architects in nature? We'll explore the hives they are building at Tyler and learn about the architecture while we build our own.

Little Stepper Hikes

All Ages

Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Pack up your baby, toddler, preschooler and/or kindergartener and join us for some great exercise in the form of a nature adventure. These excursions are specially designed for kids of all ages and their favorite adult to introduce them to the fun of hiking. This is an outdoor program; please dress for the weather (severe weather cancels). Feel free to bring water and light snacks.

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

March 17 – Ponds Hike

Explore Tyler's big pond, little ponds and vernal ponds. We will look for frogs, toads and turtles and discover what is happening in them this time of year.

April 14 – Sunshine Hike

Spring is here! Time to celebrate the vernal equinox with a hike in the sunshine (unless it is cloudy or raining, but we will celebrate anyway!).

May 12 – Meadow Maze Hike

Explore the Meadow Maze and the four compass stones, crawl through the brush pile, cross the bridge and enjoy your snack inside the stone basking circle.

Picnics in Nature

All Ages

Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Everyone loves picnics – especially at Tyler Arboretum! This program is designed for kids of all ages and their favorite adult. Each program includes a snack, fun and learning about our natural world. Picnic locations may change depending on weather. Tasting foods is optional, but a fun sensory experience; if allergies are a concern, please make a note when registering.

Pre-registration required; $10 members, $15 non-members (Fee is for the child only)

March 31 – Lenape

We will hear a wonderful story about our local Native Americans, try some Lenape food and then explore how the Lenape hunted, farmed, gathered and ate.

April 28 – Snacks from Trees

From chocolate to apples there are many snacks that come from trees. Taste some of these foods and learn why trees are so terrific (and yummy)!

May 26 – Spring Berries

Strawberries, raspberries and blueberries – oh my! Spring abounds with berries. Take a hike to see what other fruits are growing in our gardens and have a picnic along with friendly pollinators, like butterflies and bees.

Family Programs

Grab the kids and come have fun together at Tyler! Interactive programs let you learn, create or explore nature and plants. Fee is for each child and each adult.

Natural Egg Dyeing

Sunday, March 29, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

In this hands-on class, kids and adults will color eggs with dyes made from onions, beets, blueberries and other natural products and decorate them with silhouettes of leaves and flowers. *Participants will each color five eggs. Suitable for ages 4 and up.*

Pre-registration required; $6 members, $12 non-members

Froggy Madness

Sunday, April 12, 10:00 – 11:30 am or 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Spring is a wonderful time to search for frogs and other amphibians. Visit our ponds, streams and vernal pools to search for frogs and other slithering things. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by sight and sound, and explore their habitats to see what else might call them home. *Suitable for ages 4 and up.*

Pre-registration required; $6 members, $12 non-members

The Great Kapok Tree Event

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 – 11:30 am

This event will include story time and an educational walk. *Suitable for ages 4 and up.* ***Please see the full event description on the second page of the programs section in the Community Read Events box.***

Pre-registration required; FREE for everyone

Aquatic Bug Hunt

FREE FOR MEMBERS!

Sundays, April 19, 10:00 – 11:30 am and May 17, 10:00 – 11:30 am

If you like rolling logs with your children, your family will love looking for the creepy crawlies with gills that live in Tyler's Rocky Run Creek. Crayfish, water beetles, dragonfly nymphs and caddisfly larvae await! Your family will learn to catch and identify aquatic invertebrates and learn what these bugs can tell you about the health and cleanliness of your stream. *Suitable for ages 5 and up.*

Pre-registration required; FREE for members, $12 non-members

Twilight Hike

Saturday, May 23, 7:00 – 8:30 pm and May 30, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Hiking as darkness falls is a magical experience. We will learn which animals and birds may be out at night and see if we can spot them by sight or sound. The night concludes with drinks and cookies. *Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. Suitable for ages 4 and up.*

Pre-registration required; $6 members, $12 non-members

Spring Break Camp

Ages 6 – 9

Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

A day of nature exploration and fun is the perfect solution when your child has a day off and you have to work! These easy-going days are filled with discovery, games, crafts, hikes and projects so engaging the kids won't even know they're learning. Extended care is available for $12 extra per day starting at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at 5:00 p.m. Spring Break Camp is for children 6 – 9 years old.

Pre-registration required; $50 members, $60 non-members

March 30 – Science of Nature

Watch things fizz and pop in this explosive day of camp. Make oobleck, watch things explode, and play with slime during this fun and messy day.

March 31 – Art of Nature

Nature is the true inspiration for this day of camp. Make art out of natural materials, use nature for paint brushes and paint, pound some leaves and make creations to leave at Tyler and to take home.

Tyler Calendar of Programs & Events

Spring 2015

Tyler Arboretum Spring Programs and Events

Spring Bird Walks: Every Wednesday, 8:15 – 10:15 am
Weekday Wildflower Walks: Every Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday Wildflower Walks: Mar. 8, Apr. 12 and May 10, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

These walks are ALWAYS FREE FOR MEMBERS!

March

Sun. Mar. 1	Witch-hazels: Harbingers of Spring
Thurs. Mar. 5	Tiny Trackers: Maple Sugaring
Sat. Mar. 7	Night Hike
Mon. Mar. 9	Teeny Tiny Trackers: Hungry Critters
Tues. Mar. 10	Senses Series: Touch
Tues. Mar. 10	Herbal Remedies: Spring Cleaning with Herbs and Essential Oils
Wed. Mar. 11	Toddlers in Nature: What Will the Weather Be Like Today?
Thurs. Mar. 12	Let's Go Play!: Scavenger Hunt
Fri. Mar. 13	**Volunteer Information Session**
Fri. Mar. 13	Art in the Arb: Sunshine, Rain and Rainbows
Sat. Mar. 14	Surviving the Wild: Fire
Tues. Mar. 17	Little Stepper Hikes: Ponds Hike
Wed. Mar. 18	Tyler Tales: *A Rainbow of My Own*
Wed. Mar. 18	Still Life Painting Series
Sun. Mar. 22	**Orienteering at Tyler**
Sun. Mar. 22	Watershed Program Series: Watershed 101
Mon. Mar. 23	Teeny Tiny Trackers: March Winds
Tues. Mar. 24	Senses Series: Motion
Tues. Mar. 24	Garden Sprouts: Fun with Bulbs
Tues. Mar. 24	Yoga in the Garden
Tues. Mar. 24	Herbal Remedies: Teas, Tinctures & Powders
Wed. Mar. 25	Toddlers in Nature: My Spring Robin
Wed. Mar. 25	Still Life Painting Series
Thurs. Mar. 26	Let's Go Play!: Fly a Kite
Thurs. Mar. 26	Tiny Trackers: Catch the Wind
Fri. Mar. 27	Art in the Arb: Eggs, Eggs, Eggs
Sat. Mar. 28	**Members Only: Eggstravaganza**
Sat. Mar. 28	Spring Basket Floral Arrangement
Sun. Mar. 29	Family Program: Natural Egg Dyeing
Mon. Mar. 30	Spring Break Camp: Science of Nature
Tues. Mar. 31	Spring Break Camp: Art of Nature
Tues. Mar. 31	Picnics in Nature: Lenape
Tues. Mar. 31	Yoga in the Garden

April

Wed. Apr. 1	Tyler Tales: *Spring Blossoms*
Wed. Apr. 1	Still Life Painting Series
Sat. Apr. 4	Photo Walk: Spring Has Sprung
Mon. Apr. 6	Teeny Tiny Trackers: Hello Spring
Tues. Apr. 7	Senses Series: Smell
Tues. Apr. 7	Garden Sprouts: Buried Treasures
Tues. Apr. 7	Yoga in the Garden
Wed. Apr. 8	Toddlers in Nature: I Am a Little Rabbit
Wed. Apr. 8	Still Life Painting Series
Thurs. Apr. 9	Let's Go Play!: On a Hike
Thurs. Apr. 9	Tiny Trackers: What Color is Spring?
Fri. Apr. 10	Art in the Arb: What A Beautiful View
Sat. Apr. 11	**10K Trail Run**
Sat. Apr. 11	Magnificent Magnolias
Sat. Apr. 11	Night Hike
Sun. Apr. 12	Historic Building Tours*
Sun. Apr. 12	Family Program: Froggy Madness
Sun. Apr. 12	Chinese Greens Basket Workshop
Tues. Apr. 14	Birding Trip: Bombay Hook
Tues. Apr. 14	Little Stepper Hikes: Sunshine Hike
Tues. Apr. 14	Yoga in the Garden
Wed. Apr. 15	Tyler Tales: *Rabbits and Raindrops*
Fri. Apr. 17	Rhododendron Stroll*
Sat. Apr. 18	**Community Read Event: *The Great Kapok Tree****
Sat. Apr. 18	Hypertufa Wall Hanging Workshop
Sat. Apr. 18	Spring Tree Identification Walk*
Sun. Apr. 19	Family Program: Aquatic Bug Hunt*
Sun. Apr. 19	Watershed Program Series: Macroinvertebrates
Mon. Apr. 20	Teeny Tiny Trackers: Meet a Tree
Tues. Apr. 21	Senses Series: Taste
Tues. Apr. 21	Garden Sprouts: Fun with Herbs
Tues. Apr. 21	**Community Read Event: *Braiding Sweetgrass****
Tues. Apr. 21	Yoga in the Garden
Wed. Apr. 22	Toddlers in Nature: The Tiny Tadpole
Wed. Apr. 22	Plein Air Painting Series
Thurs. Apr. 23	Let's Go Play!: Play Games
Thurs. Apr. 23	Tiny Trackers: Frog Hunt
Fri. Apr. 24	Rhododendron Stroll*
Fri. Apr. 24	Art in the Arb: Festival of Cherries
Sat. Apr. 25	Gardening for Butterflies
Sat. Apr. 25	Strawberry Basket Workshop
Tues. Apr. 28	Picnics in Nature: Snacks from Trees
Tues. Apr. 28	Yoga in the Garden
Wed. Apr. 29	Tyler Tales: *Jump, Frog, Jump!*
Wed. Apr. 29	Plein Air Painting Series

May

Fri. May 1	**Members Only: Plant Sale Preview***
Sat. May 2	**Plant Sale**
Sat. May 2	Night Hike
Sun. May 3	Historic Building Tours*
Mon. May 4	Teeny Tiny Trackers: All About Birds
Tues. May 5	Garden Trip: Scott Arboretum
Tues. May 5	Senses Series: Sight
Tues. May 5	Garden Sprouts: Fun with Lilacs and Magnolias
Tues. May 5	Yoga in the Garden
Wed. May 6	Toddlers in Nature: Mama Built a Little Nest
Wed. May 6	Plein Air Painting Series
Thurs. May 7	Wildflower Trip: Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve
Thurs. May 7	Let's Go Play!: Plant Seeds
Thurs. May 7	Tiny Trackers: Hooray for May
Fri. May 8	**National Public Gardens Day**
Fri. May 8	Rhododendron Stroll*
Sat. May 9	Photo Walk: Focus on Flowers
Tues. & Wed. May 12 & 13	Birding Trip: Cape May
Tues. May 12	Little Stepper Hikes: Meadow Maze Hike
Tues. May 12	Yoga in the Garden
Wed. May 13	Tyler Tales: *Mama Built a Little Nest*
Wed. May 13	Plein Air Painting Series
Fri. May 15	Rhododendron Stroll*
Sat. May 16	Spring Medicinal Plants – Talk & Walk
Sun. May 17	Family Program: Aquatic Bug Hunt*
Sun. May 17	Watershed Program Series: Chemical Testing
Sun. May 17	Pruning Rhododendrons and Azaleas
Mon. May 18	Teeny Tiny Trackers: Painting With Flowers
Tues. May 19	Senses Series: Sound
Tues. May 19	Garden Sprouts: Gear Up Your Green Thumb
Tues. May 19	Yoga in the Garden
Wed. May 20	Toddlers in Nature: Bob and Otto
Thurs. May 21	Let's Go Play!: Investigate the Pond
Thurs. May 21	Tiny Trackers: Buzzing Around the Arb
Fri. May 22	Art in the Arb: Best Bee Builders
Fri. May 22	Rhododendron Stroll*
Sat. May 23	Family Program: Twilight Hike
Tues. May 26	Picnics in Nature: Spring Berries
Tues. May 26	Yoga in the Garden
Wed. May 27	Tyler Tales: *Diary of a Worm*
Fri. May 29	Rhododendron Stroll*
Sat. May 30	Family Program: Twilight Hike
Sat. and Sun. May 30 & 31	Surviving the Wild: The Shelter Challenge

*** Programs that are Free for Members**

Celebrate Arbor Day with Membership!

On Arbor Day, we want to connect you back to our roots – the trees!

Trees provide shade and cool, they filter and clean water, decrease soil erosion and help slow climate change. To celebrate your connection to the trees, buy or renew your membership on Arbor Day and receive **$10 off.** Offer valid online at **www.TylerArboretum.org/membership/become-a-member** using the promo code TREES and in the Visitor Center, on Friday, April 24 only!

For the most up-to-date information about programs and events at Tyler, check out our online calendar at www.TylerArboretum.org/calendar.

Tyler Arboretum

Program Registration

Pre-registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated. A full refund will be given if the Arboretum must cancel or reschedule a program due to inadequate enrollment, instructor illness or inclement weather. We will make every reasonable attempt to notify you by telephone if a program is canceled.

A $3.00 administrative fee will be charged for any cancellation you initiate. A full refund, less the administrative fee, will be given with a minimum notice of two weeks. A 50% refund will be given with a minimum notice of one week. NO REFUNDS will be given with less than one week's notice.

There are four ways to register: **(1)** Mail: Tyler Arboretum, 515 Painter Road, Media, PA 19063-4424 **(3)** Fax: (610) 891-1490, Attn: Registrar
(2) Phone: (610) 566-9134, ext. 215 **(4)** Email: jlandau@tylerarboretum.org

Name (adult/caregiver for children under 18) **Member:** ❑ **Individual** ❑ **Household/Steward** ❑ **Non-member**

Name of Child (for children's programs) **Child's Date of Birth**

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Address **City** **State** **Zip + 4**

Day Telephone **Evening Telephone** **Cell Phone**

Email Address

Method of payment: ❑ **VISA** ❑ **MasterCard** ❑ **Check** (Please make checks payable to Tyler Arboretum)

Card Number **Expiration Date** **V-code (3 digit code on reverse of card)**

Cardholder's Signature

Registrant's Name	Program Title/Time or Session	Fee
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