

***TreeWise* Summer Youth Program at the National Arboretum**

General:

The National Arboretum and Casey Trees are partnering to present *TreeWise*, Casey Trees' nature-based summer education program for youth groups, to be held on the grounds of the National Arboretum. The goal of the program is for youth ages 6-10 to enjoy the outdoors and gain appreciation and understanding of trees through fun, hands-on activities. Activities focus on tree biology and care, and include scavenger hunts, leaf and bark rubbings, tree identification, measurement, watering exercises, and more. All activities are tailored to be age and/or grade appropriate.

When and Where:

- The *TreeWise* sessions will be held at the National Arboretum located at 3501 New York Avenue NE, Washington DC, 20002. (Enter the Arboretum at R St. NE and 24th St. NE) Sessions take place outside, rain or shine, with the exception of lightning and severe weather.
- Summer 2013 sessions will run weekdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, from July 22 to August 9. Each group may register for one session; a session is three hours on one date. Each date can accommodate two groups of 25 students (50 total) and 6 adult chaperones (3 adults per 25 children).
- Groups are welcome to stay at the Arboretum for lunch after 12:00 pm; however, this is not part of the scheduled activity. There is a designated picnic area on the grounds. See below for an afternoon follow-up program run by the Washington Youth Garden.
- Note: Casey Trees will also conduct *TreeWise* programs at your site. [Click here](#) for details.

Requirements:

Applicants must have an organized summer youth program and must pre-register and confirm a date to participate. To create an effective learning environment:

- A group is 25 youth of the same age. Up to two groups may participate on any one date (50 total youth). Programs with more than 50 children can register for additional dates.
- Three adult chaperones per 25 youth must be present throughout the activity or lesson to provide assistance with the activities.
- Participants must be willing and have permission to participate in outdoor activities, which might include getting dirty.
- Groups are required to provide their own transportation to the Arboretum.
- All youth participants will be required to have a parental consent form signed to participate.

Apply:

- Click the link below to register; all registrations are through Casey Trees. Please contact Casey (not the National Arboretum) with registration or related questions.
- There are a limited number of *TreeWise* sessions available and they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Once they are filled you are welcome to sign up your program to be put on a waiting list.

APPLY NOW

Afternoons at the Washington Youth Garden

Extend your trip to the Arboretum with an afternoon program at the Washington Youth Garden. *Science Program Reaching OUT (SPROUT)* is the Washington Youth Garden's field trip program that invites youth and educators to visit their demonstration garden on the grounds of the National Arboretum. This program is offered Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from April through October. Complete information about reserving SPROUT field trips, is on the Youth Garden website [here](#). All SPROUT trip registrations are through the Washington Youth Garden; please contact them at their website, above, or 202-245-2709. (Please note: The Washington Youth Garden is not operated by the National Arboretum; please do not contact the National Arboretum for SPROUT information.)