

June & July, 2018 STBGNC Calendar

(Fees for MOST Classes included in General Admission/members FREE!)

CHECK IN VISITORS CENTER FOR CLASS LOCATION

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EDUCATION CALENDAR

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PARROT TALK VISITOR INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS

1:30 pm, Fridays / Saturdays / Sundays. Ask at Visitors Center for location.



ORCHIDOLOGY Thursday, July 5, 7 pm

On-going Orchid monthly class series and information exchange, for novice to experienced growers, with Orchid Conservatory volunteers in Education Station classroom. Monthly topics range from different orchid genera to specific orchid culture techniques. FREE for all orchid lovers! Orchids for sale at most meetings. Information, 361-290-7429.

FATHER'S DAY FREE WEEKEND—DADS GET IN FREE! Saturday, Sunday, June 16, 17.

Just say "It's Fathers' Day" and Dad gets in free, Saturday & Sunday of Father's' Day weekend. Take a walk with the important dad in your life-- admire the gardens, Resident Reptiles, Gator Lake, trails, boardwalk, Parrot Talk at 1:30pm both days, and other fun guy stuff! Dad's dog is welcome, too, on a leash. Sorry only dads are free—other non-members pay general admission! But, what a Fathers' Day gift--buy the special dad in your life a membership this weekend, at 20% off, for a year's worth of free admission, Turner's Gardenland, Nature's Boutique and other discounts, FREE Saturday classes, **plus 300 Reciprocal Gardens!**



PLUMERIA PASSION SEMINAR, Saturday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.

South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center plumeria enthusiasm has spread throughout the Coastal Bend, with specimens now in many private yards. Plumeria Society of South Texas veteran Frank Eicholz tells current and would-be growers secrets of obtaining starts, planting, care, winter storage, followed by a Plumeria Garden and Willoughby Viewing Platform tour.

PLUMERIA SOCIETY SALE, Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greely.

Attend this fabulous sale of plumeria starts and potted plants from Plumeria Society of South Texas members' own collections. Entrance to the sale is free, with proceeds benefiting plant care and maintenance of the South Texas Botanical Gardens beautiful Plumeria Garden, with treetop level Viewing Platform. FMI: Frank Eicholz, 361-991-4376.



KIDS FUNNER SUMMER CAMPS . . .

The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center offers seven half-day *Summer Camps*, on its unique 182-acre campus encompassing a mix of floral exhibits, vast native habitat and natural wetlands, plus Butterfly House, exotic parrots and "Resident Reptiles". Camps are five days, 9 a.m. to noon, limited to 20 students each. Approximately half the sessions are outdoors, combined with interactive class time and projects in air-conditioned *Education Station*. Campers need comfortable, cool clothing and shoes; hats, sunglasses and sunscreen each day. **Prepaid Registration** and parent/guardian signature are required to register campers. Visitors Center hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. *Camp and Membership* applications may be downloaded at www.stxbot.org. Botanical Gardens summer camps are sponsored by **NAVYARMY Community Credit Union**.

NATURE SHUTTERBUGS, Monday-Friday, 9am-noon, \$125 members, \$135 others.

Ages 5-7: June 18-22. **Ages 8-12:** July 30-August 3.

Using Gardens' digital cameras and microscopes, campers merge science and nature with hands-on camera experience, to see biology of potential photography subjects-- animal habitats, nature crime scenes, reptiles and birds, photographing plants, animals, and animal homes. Campers will learn to recognize and create photo opportunities, which will be printed for framed pictures, journals and camp t-shirt. Students also may bring their own cameras or good-quality cell phones. Instructors are Botanical Gardens Education Coordinator Brenda Ermis, and *Wildlife in Focus* educator Susan Chilcoat.

FEATHERS & SCALES, Monday-Friday, 9 am-noon, \$80 members, \$95 others.

Ages 5-7: June 25-29. **Ages 8-12:** July 23-27.

Campers will learn to feed, care for and correctly handle resident parrots and reptiles, compare habitats, eggs and body structures, creating take-home projects. Instructor is Education Coordinator Brenda Ermis, assisted by our Animal Trainers.

TINY HOUSES FOR CRITTERS, Ages 5-7, July 9-13, 9 am-noon, \$80 members, \$95 others.

Campers will investigate natural habitats and behaviors of bugs, worms, spiders and more, using field biology kits provided for camp use, and building a "tiny house" for an adopted critter to take home. Instructor is Education Coordinator and Field Biologist Brenda Ermis.

NATURE CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION, Ages 8-12: July 16-20, 9 am-noon, \$80 members, \$95 others.

Campers will use "CSI" investigative techniques (i.e. fingerprinting, skin and fur analysis), laboratory equipment and chemistry to solve "crimes" such as *The Missing Mouse*, creating take-home projects daily. Instructor is Education Coordinator and Field Biologist Brenda Ermis.

PLANTS ON A PLATE / TASTE & GROW, Ages 5-10: August 6-10, 9 am-noon, \$80 members, \$95 others.

Campers will have safe, monitored opportunities to taste roots, stems, leave, fruits and seeds, learning types and parts of plants both in nature and gardens, choosing to plant a *pizza*, *mint* or *tootie fruitie* dish garden to take home. Instructor is Education Coordinator and Field Biologist Brenda Ermis.

