



Leaf Lookers – An Experience for Preschoolers

September 1 – October 31, 2016

Overview

Students explore an assortment of leaf shapes, sizes, and colors while participating in hands-on activities throughout our building and indoor Tropical Conservatory. Activities calling for the use of gross and fine motor skills build vocabulary and proficiency in: color recognition, 2-dimensional shape recognition, size differentiation, counting, sorting, left/right distinction, comparison, measurement, and season/time concepts. Following the 45-minute tour, lead your students outside to the beautiful Gwen Frostic Woodland Shade Garden to complete the “Become an Expert Leaf Looker” scavenger hunt!



Major Concepts

Leaves come in many shapes, sizes, and colors. Some leaves change color in autumn. Some tropical plants have very large leaves to help them collect more sunlight. Some artists create works of art inspired by objects in nature like leaves.

Pricing

- \$5.00 per student (includes admission, 45-minute tour, and “Become an Expert Leaf Looker” scavenger hunt sheets)
- 1 teacher per classroom admitted free of charge
- \$4.00 per additional teacher (with school ID)
- \$4.00 per adult chaperone (up to a 1:4 ratio)
- \$10.00 per additional adult (beyond the 1:4 chaperone ratio)



Group Requirements

- Register a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of your intended field trip date (registration details below).
- A minimum of 10 students are needed for participation in the tour; a maximum of 30 students may participate per 45-minute session (larger groups will be divided into multiple sessions).
- A minimum of one teacher or chaperone is required for every 10 students. Chaperones up to a 1:4 chaperone to student ratio are allowed at a reduced \$4.00 admission rate.
 - Teachers and chaperones are asked to be active participants throughout the tour.
 - While we understand that some parents may need to bring younger siblings along with them in order to attend the field trip with the class, we ask that you provide a minimum of one teacher or chaperone for every ten students who can dedicate their undivided attention to helping facilitate the learning experience for the group.
 - Please note that program materials are limited. Siblings attending with the class will be considered observers rather than participants. If you would like siblings to be able to participate in the tour, please include these siblings in your total student number when registering your group.
- Students should dress for an active learning experience. On days with favorable fall weather, portions of the program may be conducted outdoors. The self-guided “Become an Expert Leaf Looker” scavenger hunt also takes place outdoors, in the Gwen Frostic Woodland Shade Garden.



Registration

Are you ready to schedule your field trip? Complete an online Registration Request Form [here](#).

Do you have additional questions? Please email fieldtrips@meijergardens.org.