



Homeschool Field Trips to the Arboretum

We are excited to have your homeschool group visit us here at the Arboretum! We have two field trip options during the school year to enhance a homeschool students' educational experience. These options include our **Self-Guided** and **Guided** field trips.

We require all groups to have a minimum number of 10 students to make a reservation which qualifies you for free student entry, Monday-Friday during the school year.

All groups, including homeschool self-guided and guided tours are required to have a minimum 1:10 ratio of adults to children for supervision purposes. Adult chaperones are admitted free of charge up to a ratio of 1:5 (1 adult for every 5 students). Any adults without an Arboretum membership over this ratio will need to pay the \$9.00 admission. Students up to 18 years old/12th grade are free with a reservation.

If your homeschool group cannot gather 10 students, you may not make a reservation. In these cases, we recommend visiting the Arboretum on Free Tuesday which is the third Tuesday of every month.

Self-Guided Tour

Self-guided tours of the Arboretum present a wonderful opportunity to enhance your classroom curriculum. With their teacher as a guide, students can explore science, history, art, or spend the day learning about nature.

Our self-guided field trips are very flexible and allow for exploration throughout the Arboretum Monday through Friday during our open hours. Self-guided field trips also allow for groups traveling farther distances to arrive at their convenience during our open hours (9:00am-5:00pm). We have a separate self-guided PDF online to help you lead and educate your students on the unique plant collections, wildlife and gardening techniques used throughout the Arboretum.

Listed below is some additional, important information:

- Reservations and a signed confirmation form (sent to you following registration) are required for free student admission.
- The Arboretum opens for self-guided tours at 9:00 am.
- Students K-12th grade qualify for self-guided tour reservations.

To make a reservation, please see the link on the Schools and Teachers page.

Please be aware that our Self-Guided Field Trips are limited to a total of 300 students per day, and 200 for free Tuesday, so space is limited.

For additional information please contact the Youth Education Manager at, brooke.applegate@arboretum.org or 626.821.5897.

Guided Tours

The Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden's guided tours are led by highly trained docents who understand a child's curiosity, as well as the wonder and excitement of learning. The Arboretum is a living classroom and our guided tours are designed to enhance the learning experience by immersing students in science, nature, and history.

We understand that many homeschooling families have multiple children and that sometimes those children do not all fit into our regulated ages for guided tours (traditional ages for 3rd through 6th grade). However, we do require guided tours to adhere to that age range for the quality of the program and we do not allow siblings outside the age range to participate. If this is not possible for your group, please consider visiting the Arboretum on free Tuesday.

Listed below is some additional, important information:

- Reservations and a signed confirmation form (sent to you following registration) are required.
- We require a minimum number of 10 students within the 3rd- 6th grade range to make a reservation.
- Docent led field trips are available October-May, for grades 3rd-6th.
- Tours begin promptly at 9:30 and last approximately 2 hours.
- The two guided tours that are available are *Plants in Our World* and *Early California History*. More information can be found on the website under the learn tab.
- Also note our Guided Field Trips are limited to **72 students** per day for October- February 28th and **62 students** per day from March 1st- June 7th.

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