

**REGISTRATION*****If I have a 3 and a 5 year old can I register them in the same class?***

Yes. We leave the decision up to you as to which class you would prefer to register your children in, the 3-4 year old class or 4-5 year old class.

***My child is four, which class should I register them in?***

Please select an age-appropriate class for your child based on the age they will be on the first day of class. Once you have selected a particular class day and time, you will stay with that group for the full session.

***If I register with the full year option, can I change classes during the year?***

Participants can stay in the same class for the full year even if they have a birthday that year.

***What is the difference between the two age-level classes?***

Both classes will be studying the same topic for the week. The biggest difference between the two age groups is how the children participate in class. For example the four and five year old classes tend to ask more questions and therefore we get into more discussions with the older classes. Generally speaking the four-five year old classes have a longer attention span and so we may plan a different story (that may vary in length or content) for the two age groups.

***Can younger siblings come to class with us?***

We view Seedlings as a special time to explore and discover with your preschooler and ask that you only bring registered siblings (3-5 years old) with you to class. This ensures that we have enough materials and space and provides a unique and age appropriate learning environment for all participants.

***What if the class I want is full?***

Many of our classes fill early! Once a particular class has filled, we will update the listing on the website as a wait list only. If you register for a class that is full, we will add you to the waitlist and contact you by phone to notify you. If a spot opens up, we will notify you by phone and process your registration at that time.

***Cancellation policy***

Refunds are available for cancellations made more than five business days prior to the first day of class, less a \$20 fee. We are not able to give refunds for cancellations with less than 5 business days prior to class start date. Refunds cannot be issued for missed classes during a session. The Garden reserves the right to cancel a class due to low enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances and will fully refund all registrations should such a situation arise.

***Membership***

All Desert Botanical Garden members receive 20% off registration rates for their children and grandchildren. If you are not already a member, visit [dbg.org](http://dbg.org) and click on the *Support the Garden* tab to join online or call 480-481-8117 to take advantage of this great discount!

**LOGISTICS*****Where is Seedlings held?***

Every week class will be in the Wells Fargo classroom in the Weisz Learning Center. There will be signs posted from admissions directing you how to get to our classroom.

***Can I bring a snack for my child?***

We provide basic snacks and ask if your child has a dietary restriction to please bring a snack for them with you. We ask that snacks only be eaten during our class snack time and not on the trail during our nature walk.

***Do we need to bring anything to class each week?***

Yes, all of your senses to discover nature. You may also want to bring a sun hat, water bottle, appropriate walking shoes (on dirt paths sometimes) and a jacket depending upon the weather. We will go outside on a nature walk daily so please bring appropriate attire. Please note that we do not hold back on getting dirty so wear clothes that that are okay to get dirty in!

**PROGRAM*****Do you cover the same material in each session – fall, winter, spring?***

No. Each session is different and the themes tend to reflect what is happening seasonally in the desert. Year to year the material changes as well.

***What is my role as the adult attending class with my preschooler?***

To learn and explore right alongside your preschooler! You may be surprised what you will learn about our Sonoran backyard when you get to take on this role. At Seedlings adults re-discover concepts about nature alongside the child, encouraging their questions and observations. Sometimes children have other needs to be addressed during times such as story or our nature walk. We ask that if your preschooler becomes disruptive to others to please step outside, in the hall or away from the group. When they're ready to continue their learning journey, return to the group.

Here are some other ways we invite you to interact with your seedling during class:

- Sit in circle with them
- Sing songs together
- During our nature walk, actively participate in making discoveries together
- Ask questions about what you see
- Make predictions together
- Assist with their arts (if they need it)
- Sit with them during story time.

It is a fun time for all of us to learn and play together!