

Desert Botanical Garden

SEEDLINGS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Please complete the following two forms and either mail in or bring with you on the first day of class.

Care Giver Agreement

Our Philosophy:

The Seedlings Preschool Program at the Desert Botanical Garden is a place where children and adults come together to discover the wonders of the Sonoran desert. We strive to provide a high-quality introduction into the Life Long Learning program at the Desert Botanical Garden that is both educational and engaging. Preschoolers are curious, observant, ask questions and want to know more about the world around them. Seedlings Preschool Program is based upon these qualities and aims to provide opportunities for preschoolers to learn about the natural world using their senses alongside their caregiver. Our ultimate goal is that Seedlings participants will begin to develop a strong sense of place and connection to their local environment and will see themselves as stewards of their desert home.

What you can expect from us:

- A safe and loving environment where children and adults can learn about the desert together in a fun, interactive way.
- Knowledgeable and caring teaching staff and volunteers.
- An “open door policy” where participants can feel comfortable to provide feedback and suggestions about the program.
- Classes that will begin at the scheduled time.

Our expectations:

- Participants will arrive up to 10 minutes before class begins so that they have time to enjoy the Discovery Centers and so that class may start on schedule.
- All children and adults will follow class rules to: 1) Stay on the trail, 2) Only touch plants that the teacher says is OK, 3) Use our walking feet, 4) Eat snacks only in the classroom, 5) Have fun!
- Adults are engaged and participate alongside their child throughout the program. *Underage siblings are not allowed in the class* as they can be a distraction to the group and take away from the caregiver’s quality time with the child that is enrolled in the program.
- Adults are responsible for disciplining their own child and minimizing disturbances during the class. This includes silencing all cell phones and intervening if their child is repeatedly disruptive. If a child continues to disrupt the class, the caregiver may be asked to remove the child until they are ready to be part of the group.

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read and will abide by the above Caregiver Agreement for the Seedlings Preschool Program at the Desert Botanical Garden. Thank you for helping us create a fun and meaningful learning environment where everybody can enjoy the program!

Print Name

Signature

Child’s Name

Date

Desert Botanical Garden

S E E D L I N G S P R E S C H O O L P R O G R A M

Photography Release

I, _____, parent/legal guardian of _____, age _____, hereby
 DO NOT GIVE or GIVE (*please check one*) the Desert Botanical Garden, Inc. (Garden) the absolute and irrevocable right and permission, with respect to the photographs taken of _____, or in which he/she may be included with others:

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I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Printed Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Date

Waiver of Liability

I hereby unconditionally and irrevocably release, quit and forever discharge the Desert Botanical Garden and its successors, heirs, beneficiaries and assigns for, from and against any and all rights, claims, obligations, actions, causes of action, suits, demands, costs, expenses, damages, injuries, or other occurrences, including, without limitation, attorney's fees (collectively "Claims"), arising out of or resulting from (I) my use of Desert Botanical Garden's property or (II) the training courses and services to be provided by Desert Botanical Garden, whether the Claims arise from activities occurring at the Desert Botanical Garden or elsewhere. I shall indemnify, defend and hold Desert Botanical Garden harmless for, from and, against any and all Claims.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Printed Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Date