

Explore The Garden! With Soaring Minds

SCHEDULE

2018

September 10 'Meet The Garden' Intro Day

Families are invited to visit the newest site for Soaring Minds, the beautiful **Water Conservation Garden**, next to Cuyamaca College. Take an outdoor learning adventure on our garden trails, visit water collection barrels, green roofs, and our favorite water saving animal: the Desert Tortoise! Then plant your own succulent to take home.

October 1 Plant Food and Dig Worms!

Get those hands dirty! Plant a fall season vegetable tray, and hang out with worms at our compost exhibit. Composting is an eco-friendly method of recycling organic materials. Learn tips from expert composters and how to do-it-yourself. Leave with the confidence of having planted your own seeds, and the knowledge of how to make awesome soil.

November 5 Nature Nurtures

Discover the unique relationship between plants and people! Meet local medicine plants used by Kumeyaay Native Americans, then harvest fresh herbs to make your own Sun Tea. Visit 'Pine Hill' and investigate how plants help us breathe, while practicing a breathing technique to bring calm and focus.

(Materials: Bring a mason jar with lid, suggested size 12 – 16 ounces for Sun Tea)

December 3 Bird is the Word

Ever wonder why birds sing? This class will introduce basic practices for observing birds, and other great information into the world of our feathered friends. You may just pickup birding as a hobby! Construct a birdhouse to take home and start your bird garden.

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January 7 Pond Play

The Garden's pond is a watering hole to many animals; fish, dragonflies, snails, hawks, and more. Test the waters, and learn how this ecosystem flows together, and gain an understanding of watersheds, and the importance of keeping our waterways clean.

February 4 Design a Habitat Garden Part 1

Using The Garden as inspiration students will design and sketch their very own landscape, complete with habitat for wildlife. No prior knowledge of plants is required. Guide books, plant templates, and real life demonstration areas will help your creativity blossom!

March 4 Design a Habitat Garden Part 2

Continue with your base design from part 1, and get additional ideas from group discussion. Now is the time to color and complete your drawings, and add sustainability options like rainwater collection, green roof, solar panels, and more. Explore building sustainable communities by weaving your design together with a partner. Step back and be proud of yourself for designing a water-wise community; the sky is the limit!

April 8 Garden Science

Calling all scientists to our new Habitat Garden! Get ready for hands-on analysis, collecting data, and a whole lot of fun in nature using Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

May 6 Beautiful Butterflies

Did you know butterflies taste with their feet? Learn about local butterfly species, gardening for butterflies, and other amazing butterfly facts. See the magic of butterflies in the Dorcas E. Utter Butterfly Pavilion!

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