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Happy March Everyone!

From new growth on perennials such as daylilies, catmint, and columbine to flower buds forming on snowdrop bulbs, hellebores, Oregon grape and aspen trees, these earlier signs of plant growth get me for the season to come! Although it will be another eight weeks before the Arboretum opens to the public, I am pleased to report on the following updates and ways you can get involved with us in the coming weeks.

Our EcoExplorer Summer Camp registration opened to members last Friday and will be open to non-members tomorrow. See Helena's article below for camp topics and sign up your children today as space is limited!

Our Docent Training Course is back this April after being canceled last year due to all the snow. See Helena's article below for more information. I hope you will attend and become part of our amazing group of docent volunteers who share their knowledge with our visitors throughout the season.

Last month, I announced our new offsite educational and fundraising series - "Ales with The Arb: Nurture Nature with Your Pint!" Our first event at Mother Road Brewery was a huge success. We had over 50 people attend and learned so much about biocrust soils, fire ecology education and drone use in land management.

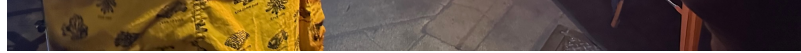
Thank you to our speakers, Mother Road and all of you for making the evening so much fun! **More information will be on the way soon but please save the date for next event Wednesday March 20th at 6pm hosted at Dark Sky Brewery!**

Look out for our new website coming this spring! Recently, we secured grant funds from Creative Flagstaff to update and streamline our website. The grant funds in which Creative Flagstaff administers came from the City of Flagstaff who was allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARF) Coronavirus Local Recovery Funds to aid pandemic recovery for local non-profits. For our new website, we will be working with local marketing firm Mountain Mojo Group who has generously agreed to match the grant funds with in-kind services. Stay tuned for the new website launch!

With gratitude,

Nate O'Meara
Executive Director





Cole Brant who leads the K-12 education program for the Arizona Wildfire Initiative and the Southwest Science Consortium demonstrates a fire ecology lesson at the February "Ales with The Arb" event

2024 Docent Training

by Helena Murray - Education Manager



Coming this April, the Arboretum at Flagstaff will be hosting Saturdays of education for anyone interested in becoming a docent for the 2024 season!

Docents at the Arboretum are vital volunteers who help us interact with the public, sharing the amazing that we do while increasing the understanding, appreciation and conservation of plant and plant communities native to the Colorado plateau by leading tours to the public throughout our season.

Topics covered through the course of classes include an overview of our conservation projects, wildlife at the Arboretum, botany, the history of the Arboretum, touring the gardens and the greenhouses and learning how to give a tour as a docent.

Docent classes will be held on Saturdays April 6th, 13th, and 20th from 10:00am-2:00pm with approximately 30 minutes for lunch (please bring your own) and will feature staff as well as current docent/volunteer speakers.

Attendance is free to members or with the purchase of a membership. All docents of the 2024 season who serve 18+ hours at the Arboretum will receive a free renewal of their membership for 2025.

Please make sure to wear comfortable and weather appropriate clothing as we will be exploring the Arboretum grounds together!

Please register online [by clicking this link.](#)

EcoExplorer Summer Camps Registration

by Helena Murray - Education Manager



Are you looking for hands-on outdoor learning opportunities for your kids this summer?

Registration is now open for members of the Arboretum for our 2024 summer camps! We are offering 10 weeks of place-based education and fun for kids ages 5-11 on Mondays-Fridays from 9:00am-3:00pm. Campers will be immersed in the beauty of nature while utilizing our 200-acre outdoor classroom to enjoy unforgettable hands-on learning and the opportunity to meet other adventurous kids like them! Campers must be prepared to be outdoors most of the day weather permitting.

Spots go quickly so sign up before it's too late! Registration is currently open for members and will open March 8th for non-members.

Follow [this link](#) to sign up now!

Please note that camps are held at the Arboretum and require guardian transportation to and from camp each day via Woody Mountain Rd.

2024 Summer Camp Topics:

Creature Camp (6/10-6/14)

Come join us at The Arboretum to learn about the creatures that call our ecosystem home. We will be exploring our 200 acres of gardens, forests, riparian areas, and meadows to see where and how these creatures live. Campers will have a chance to meet some animals up close and personal and learn how they can be protectors of animal habitats.

Pollinator Power (6/17-6/21)

This week campers use our beautiful outdoor classroom and natural spaces for an immersive experience learning about native plants and pollinators. Campers will create art and play games to learn about the pollinators in our ecosystem. They will get insights into their habitats and what can be done to protect them. Come join us!

Weird Science (6/24-6/28)

This week our campers will explore the world around them via fun and wacky science experiments. Campers will learn by investigating and asking questions; gaining important critical thinking skills. All while getting messy with hands-on activities and learning how fun science can be!

Wilderness Explorers 1 (07/08-7/12)

Back by popular demand! Campers will explore various wilderness exploring techniques this summer at Arboretum. Come get hands-on experience learning how to build shelters, tie knots, and use a map and compass to guide your way. Learn what to do if you get lost in the wilderness from Coconino County Search and Rescue and put your new knowledge to the test! Campers ages 8-11 will have the opportunity to camp out at the Arb and learn how people have used stars to navigate for ages.

Wilderness Explorers 2 (7/15-7/19)

This camp is so popular we host it twice! In this camp, we will continue building our wilderness skills and knowledge and end the week with a camp out under the stars for campers ages 8-11.



Ales with the Arb: Nurturing Nature in Your Pint

A fundraiser-
Attend for free & give what you can!

Wednesday, March 20th

6:00 pm

Dark Sky Brewing Co.

117 N Beaver St.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Come enjoy a pint, support the Arb while
hearing about the latest research in the
biological sciences!





Host Your Next Event at the Arboretum

The Arboretum is an excellent choice for private events due to its beautiful natural surroundings and versatile indoor and outdoor event spaces. Its lush gardens and scenic trails provide a stunning backdrop for any event, while its various event spaces cater to both small and large gatherings.

Contact info@thearb.org to reserve



Please Note: Opting out of this email will also opt you out of all communications from The Arb including member renewals and future newsletters.

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