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10 - 5:30 SAT & SUN
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Summer Program Registration

Sign your kids up for summer science fun at the center!
Register online at www.naturediscoverycenter.org.

Registration is as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Follow links to our Summer Camp/Class Registration Forms & **login or create a login if you don't have one yet.**
2. Select camps or classes you want to sign up for.
3. Choose your method of payment.

Summer Science Camp (for ages 5 - 10)

We've got a fantastic line-up of six different camp themes that explore organisms and habitats in the natural world, chemical reactions, and a little physics, too! Hands-on, creative science fun awaits our campers in: *Light ... Sound ... Science!*; *Texas Nature Explorers*; *Water, Water Everywhere!*; *Messy Chemistry*; *Sargasso Sea Life*, & *Birds of a Feather*. See page 5 for more.

Sneak-a-Peek (for ages 3 - 5 and their caregivers)

Preschoolers and their caregivers will meet for weekly sessions that will excite them about the natural world, give them hands-on exposure to specimens and live animals, allow them to experiment, and more! We'll investigate *Animal Dads* in time for Father's Day, celebrate International Mud Day with *Glorious Mud!*, experiment with *Fizz, Foam, Bubble Pop!*, and take a closer look at the lives of frogs, reptiles, mammals & fish. See page 6 for details.

Save these dates!

Family Nature Nights (see page 4)

Wednesdays, June 8, July 13, & August 10 at 6:30 pm

Park After Dark Night Hikes (see page 4)

Fridays, June 3 & June 10 at 8:30 pm

Meet the Animals - Amphibians (see page 4)

Sunday, July 10 at 2 pm

Brays Bayou Nature Bike Tour (see page 4)

Sunday, August 28 at 10 am

Upcoming Special Events for Fall 2016

Pumpkin Patch

Saturday & Sunday,
October 15 & 16,
11 am - 4 pm

22nd Annual Twilight Gala

at the Houstonian Hotel
Friday, November 18
6:30 pm - 11 pm



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People In the Park



Susan Caldwell & son
Park Visitors

Susan Caldwell has lived in Bellaire for four years now. When she first moved here, she knew about the Nature Discovery Center but never ventured over because she thought it was primarily for children. Shortly after having her first child in 2014, she decided to take a stroll through the park with her son. She quickly fell in love with the features and safety of the park. Her favorite part of Russ Pitman Park is the set of trails by the outdoor library and her son's favorites are the sandbox and visiting the bunnies enclosures. She now visits the park at least three times a week and visits the Discovery Rooms in the nature center once a week.

"Because our backyard is so small and covered in concrete, the Nature Discovery Center is the only experience my son has to interact with nature. I feel so grateful to have them next door to my house and I love to give back in whatever way I can. The Nature Discovery Center is truly a wonderland for children and I encourage everyone to take some time out of their busy day and visit this amazing sanctuary!"

Did You Know?

Bird nests, eggs, and nesting birds are federally protected.

It is illegal to destroy, possess, or sell bird eggs, nests, parts, and feathers of ANY bird native to or migrating within North America, according to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

One of the delays in getting Phase Two of our Gateway Project underway has been the need to protect active nesting birds, like Eastern Screech Owls in the planned construction zone.

If you have nesting birds in your yard, help the birds out and don't trim trees or start construction projects until after breeding season.



A young Eastern Screech Owlet peeks out of a nest box in Russ Pitman Park.

Center Welcomes New Park Steward Intern



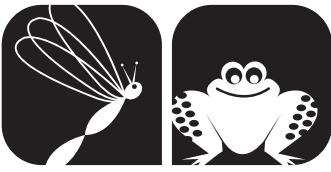
Tyler Richards,
Park Steward Intern

Tyler Richards, a Biology major from Texas Tech University, will be joining us this summer as a Park Steward Assistant through the Shell Nonprofit Internship Program, managed by Volunteer Houston.

Though he just learned about the Nature Discovery Center and our nature park through the internship opportunity, Tyler fell in love with the park on his first visit. He is enthusiastic about working with Mary Ann Beauchemin, Park Steward, to help implement our park master plan. In addition to caring for our native plants, sustaining park microhabitats, and helping to compile a park maintenance plan, Tyler will also be assisting with some summer programs like our Family Nature Nights and Owl Prowls.

We look forward to having Tyler at the Center this summer!





many thanks

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Hands-on reptile encounters.



Fun with Bayou City Play!

Expanded Spring Fling Enjoyed by All

We would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in this year's Spring Fling Festival, our Earth Day celebration. This year's event was held in partnership with the **Bellaire Environmental Sustainability Board**, a collaboration that brought in new exhibitors. Executive Director Henry Owen and Event Coordinator Eric Duran brought a new energy to the event this year with the addition of **Bayou City Play's** Adventure Play area! What an amazing place for kids and parents to collaborate, create, experiment, take risks, and spend time playing together out in nature! Close to 400 visitors also enjoyed making paper, browsing exhibitor booths, meeting a variety of reptiles and birds, and going on nature walks in the park. **PUCS Pop Up Coffee Stop** was a refreshing treat this year!

We'd especially like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the exhibitors, volunteers, and organizations that made the whole event possible.

Bayou City Play
Bellaire Environmental Sustainability Board
Bellaire High School National Honor Society
Bellaire Public Library
City of Bellaire - Dept. of Public Works
Clean Waterways/Watershed Issues
Dark Skies
Harris County Mosquito Control
John and Robert Hawes
National Charity League

Native Plant Society of Texas - Houston Chapter
Plant It Forward Farms
PUCS Pop Up Coffee Stop
Student Conservation Association
Texas Campaign for the Environment/
Zero Waste
Urban Harvest
Whole Foods Market - Bellaire
Wildlife Center of Texas
Other NDC Volunteers



Trees for Houston to Provide Native Trees for our Gateway Project

We are excited that Trees for Houston is partnering with us to provide 49 new native trees that will be planted as part of Phase Two of the Gateway Project renovations. The trees for our site have been selected for their beauty, hardiness, and ability to enhance the native habitat of our nature park.

Trees for Houston's mission is to plant, protect, and promote trees throughout the greater Houston area. Since their founding in 1983, they have planted over half a million trees. Learn more about our new partner at their website. www.treesforhouston.org



Bellaire/SW Houston Rotary Donates Binoculars

In early spring the Nature Discovery Center received a new set of 20 binoculars donated by the **Bellaire / Southwest Houston Rotary Club**. As you may know, Rotarians are leaders that support and inspire community enhancements. For many that attend our nature walks and education programs, good quality optics are simply out of the reach. With the Rotary Club's generous gift, Center visitors can now get up close and personal with the natural world, enhancing their experience of outdoor exploration!



Binoculars from the set donated by Bellaire/SW Houston Rotary Club.



family fun

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Park After Dark Hikes

June 3 at 8:30 pm
June 10 at 8:30 pm

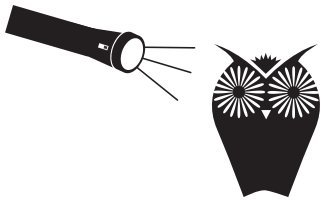
Our night walks give you and your family a unique opportunity to explore Russ Pitman Park after dark with a center staff member as a guide. Come learn about the nocturnal animals that call Russ Pitman Park home!

Bring: Mosquito repellant and a flashlight

Cost: \$5/person

Reservations Required.

Limit 15 people. Learn more and register online at: my-ndc.org/night-hike



Summer Family Nature Nights Pack in Science Fun!

Family Nature Nights are packed with experiential learning opportunities, creative expression, and exposure to the natural world through live animal interactions and nature walks.

Select Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 pm

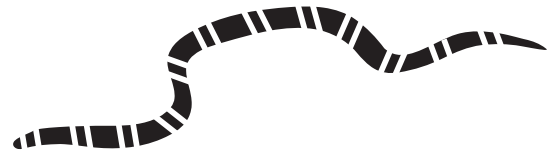
Activities begin with themed crafts and fun snacks at 6:30 pm, followed by a brief nature walk before a 7:00 pm presentation by a kid-friendly speaker. We wrap things up at 8:00 pm.

Cost: \$10/family (Drop in program)

June 8 - Taking Flight with Houston Birds
with Mary Ann Beauchemin, Nature Discovery Center

July 13 - Terrific Texas Reptiles
with Eric Duran, Nature Discovery Center

August 10 - Discovering Snakes!
with Clint Pustejovsky, TexasSnakes.net



Meet the Animals

July 10 at 2 pm - Reptiles and Amphibians

Slither, crawl, or scoot on over to the Center for a special summertime Meet the Animals program all about reptiles and amphibians! Join us for an interactive, family-friendly program with Staff Naturalist Eric Duran.

Each Meet the Animals session includes: hands-on exposure to live animals and/or specimens, an informal talk about the animal's basic biology and behavior, and a Q&A with a naturalist.

Cost: \$5/person (Drop in program)

Advanced registration is not required. As a courtesy, please call us at 713.667.6550 if you plan to come with a group of 6 or more.



Nature Bike Tour of Brays Bayou

August 28 at 10 am

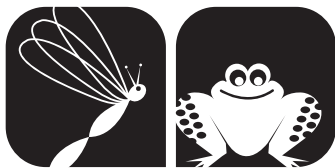
Join us for a leisurely nature oriented biking tour of Brays Bayou with Staff Naturalist Eric Duran. We'll learn about the nature and ecology of the bayou, and identify the wildlife that share this urban habitat. There will be wildflowers and summer waterbirds along the path to learn about. It will be a fun and informative tour, good for the whole family.

Cost: \$8 (members); \$10 (non-members) ages 4 years old & up

Advance registration required. Register online soon to reserve your spots!

my-ndc.org/bike





Camp Details

Ages:

5 to 10 year olds

Days & Times:

Monday - Friday from
9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Cost:

**\$250/wk Members or
\$320/wk Nonmembers**

What to bring:

Kids bring lunches
(we provide snacks/water)

After Care (optional)

Days & Times:

Monday - Friday from
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

**Cost: \$60/week
or \$15/day**

Registration

**Advance registration
is required. Register
online at:**

naturediscoverycenter.org

*Call us at 713.667.6550 if
you need assistance with
registration and we will
be happy to help you!*

Summer Science Camps

2016 Dates & Topics:

Lights ... Sounds ... Science!

June 6 - 10 OR June 13 - 17

Investigate and create with lights and sounds using a bit of science and your own imagination! Learn how lights and sounds are generated and how they behave in our everyday world. Make a rainbow and build an instrument and strike up a tune in this creative camp filled with hands-on exploration!



Texas Nature Explorers

June 20 - 24 OR June 27 - Jul 1

Come discover the wide and varied wildlife of the great state of Texas. We'll explore the plants, animals, and ecosystems of this expansive state, from the deserts of West Texas to the East Texas Piney Woods. Jackrabbits, armadillos, and rattlesnakes, oh my!



Water, Water, Everywhere!

Jul 11 - 15

Put water to the test in a Water Olympics to discover the properties of water, observe aquatic habitats and the living things that call water home. Learn first hand what it takes to be an aquatic biologist. Get ready to get wet and make a splash!



Messy Chemistry

Jul 18 - Jul 22 OR Jul 25 - 29

Join the fun as we make things fizz, explode or ooze (safely of course)! Use everyday products to create interesting concoctions and generate super cool reactions in this camp that lets you learn from your messes.

Creature Feature: Sargasso Sea Life

Aug 1 - 5 OR Aug 8 - 12

Dive into the Sargasso Sea to discover the animals that call it home! Use your imagination as you hitchhike your way from the Bermuda Triangle to the shores of Texas on a floating raft of seaweed teeming with life. Sea creatures will be the feature of the week in this camp filled with specimens, crafts, and games!



Birds of a Feather

Aug 15 - 19

Flock to us with your friends for a fun and interesting week exploring the biology of birds. We'll learn about the birds of the world, bird anatomy, and about the fascinating lives that birds lead. Get ready to go into the field and study these wonderful and active animals.



summer science

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Sneak-A-Peek Pre-K Classes

Ages 3 - 5

Sneak-a-Peek classes for preschoolers (with adult) meet for a little over an hour each week. You can pick the days and times that best fit your summer schedule. Class topics this summer include a mixture of fun animal themes and hands-on, experiment based classes designed to ignite your preschooler's natural curiosity!

Classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, OR Thursdays

10 - 11:15 am

Cost/Class: \$12 member or \$20 non-member



Advance registration strongly encouraged. Each class period is limited to just 10 students.

2016 Dates & Topics:

Jun 14, 15, 16	Animal Dads
Jun 21, 22, 23	Fantastic Frogs
Jun 28, 29, 30	Glorious Mud! A Fun Celebration of International Mud Day!*
Jul 12, 13, 14	Bugs & Blooms
Jul 19, 20, 21	Reptile Round Up
Jul 26, 27, 28	Fizz, Foam, Bubble, Pop!
Aug 2, 3, 4	Marvelous Mammals
Aug 9, 10, 11	Something's Fishy



** Note: This special class will include hands-on, adventurous, nature-based play with mud. Bring a beach towel and a clean change of clothes. We'll hose down at the end of class.*

Register at www.naturediscoverycenter.org or call the Center at 713.667.6550. Members you may now register under your own profile. Please email Mrs. Maura, a.k.a Ms. Mo, at mdenman@naturediscoverycenter.org if you need assistance.

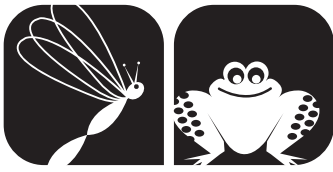


Attention families! Get ready for a new set of exciting nature challenges this summer. The goal of Texas Nature Challenge is to get families and kids outdoors by visiting as many participating parks and nature areas in Texas as they can. At each site, participants complete activities designed for family fun and nature exploration.

Participation prizes will be awarded at the closing ceremonies for the most sites visited, best scrapbook, best photo and more.

Register at <http://naturechallenge.tamu.edu/>

Visit us at the Center to learn more and to complete our special challenge.



fall classes

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Members SAVE!

Enjoy discounts on classes whether you sign up by the week or for the whole semester in advance!



Mr. Eric and one of his Curious Kids stop to make a discovery in the Pocket Prairie.

Fall Children's Classes *with Mr. Eric*

Sign-up for individual classes that meet your hectic schedules, or for a full semester of topics that will inspire your children!

Become a Member and receive Member discounts by visiting my-ndc.org/join

To register for classes, visit my-ndc.org/classes-camps

Curious Kids

Ages: 3 - 5 years old with adult

Preschoolers and their parents or adult caregivers will learn basic science concepts in hands-on classes that encourage and celebrate natural curiosity! Curious Kids lessons may incorporate live animals, plants, natural objects, crafts, puppets, stories, songs, and nature walks.

Cost per Class:

\$15 Member

\$20 Non-member

Members-Only Semester Discount

Price: \$195

Tuesdays - 10 am or 4 pm (1 hr 15 min)

Dates & Topics:

09/13 – Plant Power
09/20 – Fantastic Fruits
09/27 – Investigating Insects
10/04 – Amazing Beetles
10/11 – Animals in Autumn
10/18 – Awesome Owls
10/25 – All About Bats
11/01 – Meet the Mushrooms
11/08 – Flying Animals
11/15 – Water Animals
11/22 – Thanksgiving Nature
11/29 – Bunny Basics
12/06 – What Is Wild?
12/13 – What Is Winter?
12/20 – Winter Nature Crafts



Junior Scientists

Ages: 6 - 10 years old

Our Junior Scientists explore the natural world and examine a variety of science themes through hands-on investigations and experiments, and in lessons enriched with crafts, games, and more!

Cost per Class:

\$15 Member

\$20 Non-member

Members-Only Semester Discount

Price: \$190

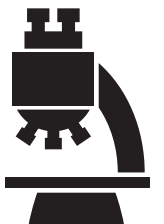
Thursdays - 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Dates & Topics:

09/15 – The Plants: Basic Botany
09/22 – The Science of Fruit
09/29 – Entomology: The Insects
10/06 – Basic Beetle Biology
10/13 – Animals in Autumn
10/20 – Our Amazing Owls
10/27 – All About Bats
11/03 – Mycology: The Mushrooms
11/10 – Animal Flight
11/17 – Aquatic Animals

Thanksgiving Holiday

12/01 – The Habits of Rabbits
12/08 – Wild and Domestic
12/15 – The Science of Winter
12/22 – Nature Crafts for Animals



If you have a group of 5+ kids (5-10 yrs old), you can request a class, or a series of classes on most nature/science topics. Call Staff Naturalist, Eric Duran at 713.667.6550 for more info.



birding activities

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NDC Partners with Houston Audubon for Willow Waterhole Bird Surveys

In April the Nature Discovery Center began partnering with Houston Audubon to conduct monthly bird surveys at Willow Waterhole. Senior Staff Naturalist Mary Ann Beauchemin is now leading these surveys and would love for you to join the team.

Upcoming Survey Dates & Times:

June 18 at 7am

July 16 at 7am

August 20 at 7am



Loggerhead Shrike
Photo by Pam Dunker

Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve is a 290-acre park just outside the Southwest corner of Loop 610. Harris County Flood Control District is currently completing the last 2 of six flood retention ponds here. Although close to the NDC, Willow Waterhole offers both great aquatic and open meadow habitats and therefore different species of birds than those found in our park. Join us on our monthly bird surveys to see herons, egrets, cormorants, shrikes, shorebirds, ducks and many other species.

The Willow Waterhole Bird Survey was started in June 2007 by Houston Audubon volunteers, and is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month except December. During the 2-hour count, the number of species identified can range from about 30 in the summer to over 50 in the winter and spring.

The survey begins in the parking lot of the Gathering Place at 5310 South Willow Drive. Our usual starting time is 8am, but we begin at 7am from May through August. We split up into three or four groups to cover the park thoroughly. As of mid-2015, nearly 200 species had been reported to eBird. For a list of species reported to date, follow the links on our website:

<http://my-ndc.org/willow-waterhole-bird-survey>

Center to Co-sponsor 'Swift Night Out' Events

Join us for our family friendly 'Swift Night Out' events this fall. Mark your calendars and come help count the swelling numbers of Chimney Swifts migrating through Houston. We will watch Chimney Swifts swoop and soar over their roosts and count them as they enter their chimneys. We often count over 500 Chimney Swifts in some locations at this time of year!

Bring a folding chair if you care to sit down and mosquito repellent! Binoculars are optional (the swifts are visible with the naked eye as they enter the chimney). For more details and updates closer to the date, see www.naturediscoverycenter.org.

Dates & Locations for 2016:

Tuesday, August TBA – Pershing Middle School

Friday, September 9 – Swift Night Out at the Nature Discovery Center

Friday, September 16 – Swift Night Out at Lakewood Elementary in Sugar Land



Swifts Over Houston

Who doesn't love a bird that eats mosquitoes! Every Tuesday evening at dusk, from early April until late October, a small group of volunteers count Chimney Swifts as they enter local chimneys to roost for the night in the Houston area. Please feel free to drop in any Tuesday evening and join us at either the SW corner of the Whole Foods Parking Lot (4004 Bellaire Blvd, Houston TX), or the parking lot on the north side of Pershing Middle School (entrance off of Stella Link).

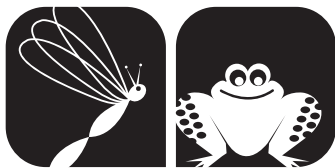


Swift Fun Facts

Chimney Swifts can eat around 1/3 of their body weight in insects a day - many of these are mosquitoes!

To take a bath or drink water, Chimney Swifts skim the water's surface. They fly almost constantly unless they are roosting on the vertical surfaces inside chimneys or hollow trees.





Special Thanks to ...

Norma Barnes for watering and caring for over 100 pots of wildflower starts for us!

Amy Chittenden for all of her hard work as our U of H Intern this Spring. In addition to making valuable contributions to a variety of projects for us and working and coordinating some of our special Spring events, Amy brought a fantastic humor and energy to the house and she will be missed!

Gary Gray for creating a stainless steel brace for the water filter in Terrell Springs so it works better.

Terrell Sword and Sword Plumbing for repairing broken pipes and leaky faucets in the park and for cleaning out the water recycling tanks for Terrell Springs!

Autumn, the Corn Snake for being a rock star animal ambassador during his 20 years with us at the Center! Through live animal encounters in our Discovery Rooms, classes and camps, and countless Outreaches with Ms. Anne to schools and libraries, as well as hundreds of birthday party programs and appearances at local special events, Autumn showed kids and adults that snakes aren't always scary. Autumn was every boss' dream employee, always willing to perform his duties without complaint, and working up until his last breath between school group visits. We miss you already Autumn!



Spring Quarter Volunteers

Animal Care
Paris Brown
Mariana Deleon
William He
Jaka Tanugraha

Aviary Care
Ellen Hastedt

**Bird Walks
& Birding Field Trips**
Betsy Black
Marcy Brown
Pam Smolen

Discovery Room Docents
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Ja'Nayah Jenkins
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Emily Martinez
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**Nature at Your Doorstep
School Field Trip Guides**
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Tree Walks in the Park
Jim McKee

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Roland Groenenboom
William He

Monday Morning Gardeners
Betsy Black
Candy Chin
Debbie Lancaster
Celeste Mead
Phyllis Rogers
Belinda Rossiter
Mary Ellen Taylor

Wednesday Willing Workers
Norma Barnes
Fred Campbell
Beth Debenport
Beth Murphy
Jim Murphy
Debbie Patton
Michael Patton
Pat Roberts
Nora Wolff

Eagle Scout Projects
Native Plant Project
David Deltz



Plant Care Volunteers Needed



The summer heat can be brutal for us, but it is also stressful for plants. NDC Park Steward Mary Ann Beauchemin is looking for adults or teens ages 13 and up to water plants in the park this summer.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact Mary Ann for more information at mbeauch@naturediscoverycenter.org

Get Involved in Pumpkin Patch!



**Friday, October 14 - Pumpkin Unloading
from 4 pm to 5 pm**

Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16
**Event shifts from: 8:30 am to 10:45am,
10:30 am to 1:45 pm, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

Scout groups, school clubs, service organizations, families and individuals all make great volunteers for this annual event. We need people to help with set up, clean up, and a variety of activities during the event. Call Anne Eisner at 713.667.6550 for more information about volunteering, or email her at: aeisner@naturediscoverycenter.org





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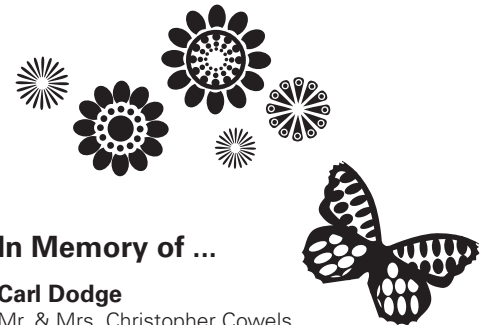
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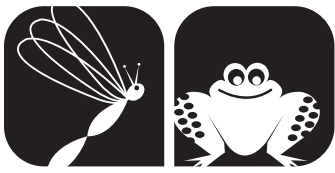
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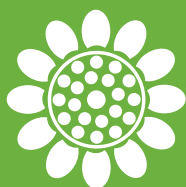
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