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## DISCOVERY ROOM HOURS

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10 - 5:30 SAT & SUN  
CLOSED MONDAYS

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OUR SUMMER  
PROGRAM  
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## Summer Program Registration

Sign your kids up for summer science fun at the center!  
Register online at [www.naturediscoverycenter.org](http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org).

Registration is easier than ever with our new website!

### Summer Science Camp (for ages 5 - 10)

We've got a fantastic line-up of five different camp themes that explore organisms and habitats in the natural world, and focus on forces of nature, too! *See page 5 for details.*

Hands-on, creative science fun awaits our campers in:

*Tropical Rainforests*  
*Spiders and other Arachnids*  
*Animals Around the World*  
*Demolition - Nature's Way*  
*Who's Hungry? - What Animals Eat*

### 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! *See page 6 for details.*

Celebrate International Mud Day with *Glorious Mud!*  
Experiment with *Simple Machines, Mighty Magnets & Sudsy Science*  
Take a closer look at *Rainforests, Leaping Lizards, Pond Life,*  
and *Animal Homes.*

## Save these dates!

### Family Nature Nights (see page 4)

Wednesdays, June 14, July 12, & August 9 at 6:30 pm

### Park After Dark Night Hike (see page 4)

Friday, June 9 at 8:00 pm

## Upcoming Special Events for Fall 2017

### Pumpkin Patch Fall Festival

Saturday & Sunday, October 21 & 22, 11 am - 4 pm

### 23rd Annual Twilight Gala

The Houstonian Hotel

Friday, November 17, 6:30 pm - 11 pm



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## People In the Park

Camilla has been consistently visiting the Nature Discovery Center for the past year with her young son. She found out about the Center after she was invited by a friend to attend the weekly Wednesday Nature Story Time lead by “fun and engaging” staff.

Although she does not live nearby, Camilla enjoys making the trip to NDC where her son can learn more about nature through interactive stories and activities. The spacious Nature Play Area of Russ Pitman Park also allows for him to explore freely as he connects with the nature around him.

As for Camilla, she enjoys taking a stroll down the new center path which she describes as “peaceful and relaxing.” The Nature Discovery Center has become one of her favorite places, and she looks forward to visiting again and again.

## Did You Know?

### Our Nature Park Features Four Local Habitat Zones

Russ Pitman Park is not a typical manicured city park. For more than 30 years it has been managed as a nature park, a haven for visitors, and an outdoor classroom for countless children, adults, and families who come to learn about local habitats and wildlife. Over those years, the park has come to showcase four habitat types in our recently named habitat zones: **Deciduous Woodlands, Pocket Prairie, Prairie Wetlands, and Cypress Pond.**

New interpretive signs in each habitat zone describe these habitats and highlight the unique assemblages of wildlife that they support. Stop by for a self guided tour of local habitats and enjoy our beautiful, informative signs!



*A mom and her son stop to learn more about our Prairie Wetlands.*

*Photo credit: Dee Zunker*

## Center Welcomes New Park Steward Intern



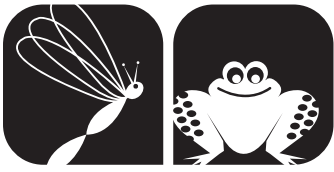
**Channing Cooper**  
**Park Steward Intern**

Channing Cooper, a Wildlife and Fisheries Science major from Texas A&M University, will be joining us this summer as a Park Steward Assistant through the Shell Nonprofit Internship Program, managed by Volunteer Houston.

Channing is a North Carolina native, a nature and environmental enthusiast, and enjoys spending her time outdoors as much as possible. She 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, Channing will also be assisting with some summer programs like our Family Nature Nights and Owl Prowls.

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





# park improvements

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## Park Transformation Revealed

On Saturday, May 6th, we officially revealed our completed “Gateway Project” renovations and nature park improvement projects. We estimate over 250 people attended throughout the event to experience the park transformation. We’d like to thank all the visitors who came out to support the Center, as well as all of the volunteers who came out to ensure that all of our guests had a great time during their visit. Many thanks to our speakers: NDC Board President Ben Cowan, Bellaire Mayor Andrew Friedberg and Resource Environmental Solutions COO David Joyce.

After opening remarks, guests at the event walked to the historic gate in front of the nature center where Executive Director Henry Owen, Board President Ben Cowan, and Board Member Brenda Cauthen unveiled one of our new park entry signs. From there, visitors spread out throughout the park to make binoculars on the new boardwalk in the Prairie Wetland, watch wildlife with a spotting scope in the Western Woods, make leaf rubbings in Pecan Grove, tour the Pocket Prairie looking for insects, dipnet from the deck around our newly expanded Cypress Pond, and more.

If you haven’t been by lately, come visit your nature park and experience its transformation!

Reveal Event Volunteers included:

Alan Beltran  
Margaret Dybala  
Isaac Gateno  
Kaitlyn Lizarondo

National Charity League  
Bayou Village  
Catherine Scott  
Alex Szoek

Dee Zunker Photography



*Photos from the reveal event  
by Dee Zunker Photography.*

## New Enclosures Complete Outdoor Critter Classroom

You may have noticed some new enclosures in the Critter Classroom on the North side of the Henshaw House at the Nature Discovery Center. These new habitats house our outdoor display animals. We’ve been planning them for some time, and we’re really proud of the finished product.

The new habitats will give the adult box turtles, domestic rabbits, and captive raised bobwhite quail a lot more room, and access to the ground, live plants, and sunshine (as desired). We’re hoping that the new enclosures offer the animals a much more natural and varied experience than the older enclosures, which were less like habitats and more like farm cages.

Both of our domestic rabbits, Dusty the Rex rabbit and Licorice the Havana rabbit, were orphaned and abandoned by their original owners. We’ve kept them for the past few years as display animals and to help us teach nature and science lessons about mammals. Previously, they were kept in rabbit hutches without access to the ground, but now their hutches are inside of larger enclosures with ramps that lead to the ground where they can run around a bit and eat wild grasses. We’re in the process now of planting grasses and herbs for them to snack on.

The Three-toed Box Turtles, Scoot (our former display turtle) and Mr. Pickles (who was raised by a family that could no longer care for him), now have a spacious outdoor enclosure with plenty of leaf litter to hide in and hunt for worms and insects, as well as access to sunny spots to bask in. Real sunshine is very important to reptiles to stay active and healthy.

The third enclosure houses three Northern Bobwhite Quail, a medium sized ground bird, related to chickens and turkeys, that is native to this region. They’re known for their loud “BOB-WHITE BOB-WHITE” sounding call. In coveys out in the wild, they live at the edges of grassland or prairie habitats in groups of a few males and many females and their offspring. Our covey has one male and two females. Their new enclosure has ample ground to scratch around on, plants to hide under, a high perch, and a comfy nest box, should they decide to provide us with eggs!

We hope you get the chance to drop in soon and check out the new outdoor display habitats. Dusty, Licorice, Scoot, Mr. Pickles, and the Bobwhites will be waiting!



*Dusty and Licorice’s new home.  
Photo credit: Maura Denman*



# family fun

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Everyone was surprised when a Three Toed Box Turtle laid an egg during a past Family Nature Night.  
Photo credit: Maura Denman



Paper crafts and edible crafts are very popular at our Family Nature Nights.  
Photo credit: Maura Denman

## 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**

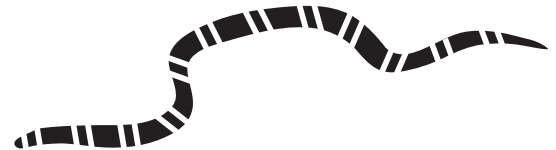
Activities begin with themed crafts and fun snacks at 6:30 pm, followed by a brief nature walk before a 7:00 pm presentation by a kid-friendly speaker. We wrap things up at 8:00 pm.

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

**June 14 - Texas Turtles**  
with Eric Duran, Nature Discovery Center

**July 12 - Back to the Bone: Vertebrate Animals**  
with Eric Duran, Nature Discovery Center

**August 9 - Texas Snakes**  
with Clint Pustejovsky, TexasSnakes.net



## Park After Dark Owl Prowl

**June 9 at 8:00 pm**

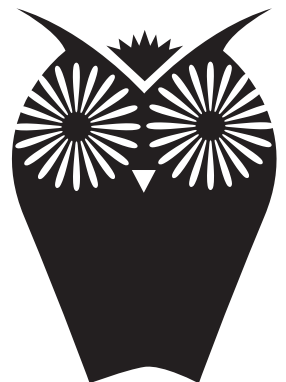
Our night walks give you and your family a unique opportunity to explore Russ Pitman Park after dark with a Center staff member as a guide.

Come learn about Eastern Screech Owls and other nocturnal animals that call Russ Pitman Park home!

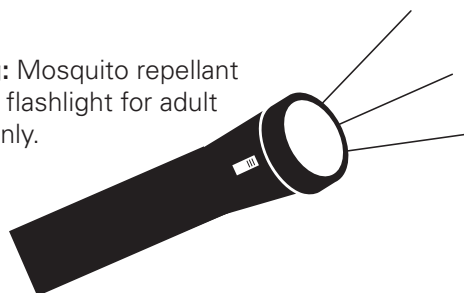
**Cost: \$8/person Members or \$10/person Non-members**

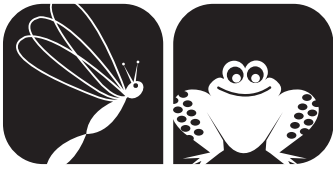
**Reservations Required.** Limit 15 people.

Learn more and register online at: [my-ndc.org/activities/night-hike](http://my-ndc.org/activities/night-hike)



**Bring:** Mosquito repellent and a flashlight for adult use only.





## 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: [my-ndc.org](http://my-ndc.org)**

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

# Summer Science Camps

## 2017 Dates & Topics:

### Tropical Rainforests

**June 5 - 9 OR June 12 - 16**

Adventure awaits as you explore the layers of the tropical rainforest! Come learn about the amazing plants and animals that live in these places of tropical paradise through fun games, crafts and other activities. We'll find out what products we use that come from rainforests, including some foods we love to eat. Get a taste of the tropics with some rainforest treats!



### Spiders and other Arachnids

**Jun 19 - 23 (WAIT LIST) OR Jun 26 - 30**

Are your spidey senses tingling? Get ready for a camp filled with games, crafts, and animal encounters with creepy crawlies of the Arachnid kind! Spiders, daddy-long-legs, mites, scorpions, and more make up the Arachnids. Are they all dangerous? Where do they live? What do they eat? Why are they so hairy? Come learn more about the features that make these organisms unique and interesting invertebrates.



### Animals Around the World: Vertebrates

**Jul 10 - Jul 14 (WAIT LIST) OR Jul 17 - 21**

Come and explore the 5 groups of animals with backbones, spending each day of camp with a different group. Through art crafts, nature hikes, observation studies, and live animal lectures, the kids will get to know: Fishes, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, and Mammals.



### Demolition - Nature's Way

**Jul 24 - Jul 28 OR Jul 31 - Aug 4**

It's one thing to build and create things, but it takes a good bit of engineering to destroy things well. Explore how our natural world takes care of its destruction business and try your hand at wrecking, ruining, and breaking things down! Caution: explosions may be necessary.



### Who's Hungry? - What Animals Eat

**Aug 7 - 11 OR Aug 14 - 18 (WAIT LIST)**

Animals eat all kinds of things, in all kinds of places. Some of those foods, we'd gladly partake of, and others would gross us out! Join us for an exploration of animals and what they eat. Each day we'll take a look at different foods animals choose and compare their preferences to ours.



# 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: \$15 Member  
or \$20 Non-member**



### 2017 Dates & Topics:

Jun 13, 14, 15	Simple Machines
Jun 20, 21, 22	Rainforest Adventures
Jun 27, 28, 29	Glorious Mud!
Jul 11, 12, 13	Mighty Magnets
Jul 18, 19, 20	Animal Homes
Jul 25, 26, 27	Sudsy Science
Aug 1, 2, 3	Leaping Lizards
Aug 8, 9, 10	Let's Explore Pond Life!



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

Register at [www.naturediscoverycenter.org](http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org) or call the Center at 713.667.6550. Please email Mrs. Maura, a.k.a Ms. Mo, at [mdenman@naturediscoverycenter.org](mailto:mdenman@naturediscoverycenter.org) if you need assistance.



## Summer Group Field Trips

Visit the Nature Discovery Center & explore Russ Pitman Park with your summer day care, school or camp group. Discovery Room tours and guided nature walks for groups of children ages 3 to 12 may be scheduled Tuesday through Friday at 10 am or 11 am. Maximum group size is 30 children at one time, but groups with more than 30 children may call to make special arrangements.

The Center's friendly volunteers lead groups through our two Discovery Rooms where children will experience hands-on exhibits and live animals. We will also guide children on a nature walk through 4 acre Russ Pitman Park, where groups can see urban wildlife like birds, butterflies, and squirrels.

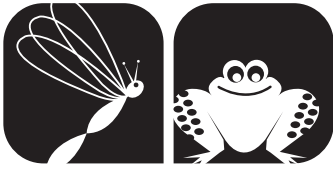
One chaperone is required for every 5 pre-K or every 10 elementary age children. Chaperones are responsible for your group's good behavior at all times. Picnic tables and playgrounds are available for your use.

**Cost: Just \$5 per child. Adults are free.**

**Advanced reservations  
are required. No walk-ins.**

Call 713.667.6550 or email [asiener@naturediscoverycenter.org](mailto:asiener@naturediscoverycenter.org) for assistance with reservations.





# 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/membership](http://my-ndc.org/membership)

To register for classes, visit [my-ndc.org/kids-programs](http://my-ndc.org/kids-programs)

### 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: \$180

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

#### Dates & Topics:

09/12 – Life on the Prairie

09/19 – Frogs and Friends

09/26 – Sneaky Snakes

10/03 – Life in the Pond

10/10 – Sassy Spiders

10/17 – Underground Animals

10/24 – Squeaky Squirrels

10/31 – Nocturnal Creatures

11/07 – Autumn Nature

11/14 – Deadly and Dangerous

Thanksgiving Break

11/28 – What's Alive?

12/05 – What Animals Eat

12/12 – Science of Winter

12/19 – 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: \$180

**Thursdays - 4 pm - 5:30 pm**

#### Dates & Topics:

09/14 – Prairies and Grasslands

09/21 – The Amphibians

09/28 – Snake Science

10/05 – Life in the Pond

10/12 – The Arachnids

10/19 – Underground Animals

10/26 – Science of Squirrels

11/02 – Nocturnal Creatures

11/09 – Autumn Nature

11/16 – Deadly and Dangerous

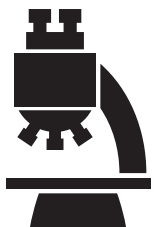
Thanksgiving Break

11/30 – What's Alive?

12/07 – Predators and Prey

12/14 – Science of Winter

12/21 – Vertebrate 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

The Nature Discovery Center is partnering with **Houston Audubon** to conduct the monthly urban Willow Waterhole Bird Survey. Mary Ann Beauchemin, Senior Naturalist at the NDC, leads these surveys on the 3rd Saturdays of each month except December. The monthly bird survey at Willow Waterhole lets both researchers and birders study how the creation of retention ponds can attract birds to urban areas as well as how populations of species change over time in this urban setting.

**Upcoming Surveys: June 17, July 15, and August 19 at 7am**

We would love to have you volunteer to help out with this survey! Beginning birders can help spot birds and more experienced birders can help with identification. We break into 3 or 4 groups to try and cover a good portion of the park. Trails are fairly easy walking and the survey takes about 2 hours. **We meet in the parking lot of the Gathering Place at 5310 South Willow Drive, Houston.** Visit [my-ndc.org/activities/willowwaterhole](http://my-ndc.org/activities/willowwaterhole) for details.



Loggerhead Shrike  
Photo by Pam Dunker

## 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](http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org).

### Dates & Locations for 2017:

**Friday, August 25 - 7:45 pm – Swift Night Out at Pershing Middle School**

**Friday, September 8 - 7:15 pm – Swift Night Out at the Nature Discovery Center**

**Friday, September 15 - 7:30 pm – Swift Night Out at Lakewood Elementary in Sugar Land**

**Saturday, September 16 - 7:30 pm – Swift Night Out at Sky High Sports in Spring Branch**



## Swifts Over Houston

Who doesn't love a bird that eats mosquitoes! Every Tuesday evening at dusk, from early April until mid 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).

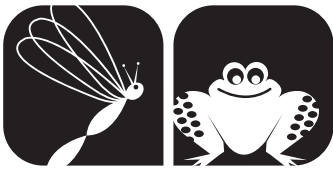


## Swift Fun Facts

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 ...

**Chelsee Balanciere** - for sharing her time with us as a 2017 spring intern! NDC staff were pleased to include her in projects and hope that she found the experience to be as rewarding as we did.

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

**Betsy Black** - for digging up about 200 native wildflower starts from her yard and trail, donating them to us, and then spending extra time helping us plant them!

**David Black** - for designing and constructing a divider gate for our new rabbit enclosure!

**Debbie Lancaster** - for leading a Walk on the Wildside!

**Resource Environmental Solutions (RES)**, the largest habitat restoration company in the country - for donating services to enhance the 4 habitat zones in the park through pond restoration, nonnative plant removal, and native plantings throughout the park. They also removed old concrete pavers in the park, allowing for a new meandering center path with a Porous Pave surface. We could not have completed these transformative projects without their help!

**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!

## Spring Quarter Volunteers

**Animal Care**  
Lauren Darnauer  
William He  
Lydia Long  
Yamini Roy  
Jaka Tanugraha  
Patrick Zhang

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

**Discovery Room Docents**  
Alan Beltran  
Jacob Belmontes  
Mabel Espinoza  
Karen Hernandez  
Kaitlyn Lizarondo  
Lydia Long  
Kaitlyn Oishi  
Sarah Seeliger

**Educators**  
Betsy Black  
Debbie Lancaster  
Catherine Scott

**General Handymen**  
Gary Gray  
Sword Plumbing

**Hummingbird Feeders**  
Sherri Chilivets

**Park & Plant Care**  
Keith Jones  
John Willis

**Spring Break Counselors**  
Jake Kovacs  
Javier Hernandez  
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Bailey Maierson

**Tree Walks in the Park**  
Jim McKee

**Welcome Volunteer**  
Margaret Dybala

**Monday Morning Gardeners**  
Betsy Black  
J.R. Johnson  
Keith Jones  
Debbie Lancaster  
Celeste Mead  
Shannon Morrison  
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  
Alex Van Manen  
Aviary Renovation  
Gregory Dayao  
Pollinator Garden  
Joey Engelhart  
Fence Building  
& Non-native Plant Removal  
John Kuryla

## Calling All Volunteers

## 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](mailto:mbeauch@naturediscoverycenter.org)

## Get Involved in Pumpkin Patch!

**Friday, October 20 - Pumpkin Unloading**  
from 4 pm to 5 pm

**Saturday & Sunday, October 21 & 22**  
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](mailto:aeisner@naturediscoverycenter.org)





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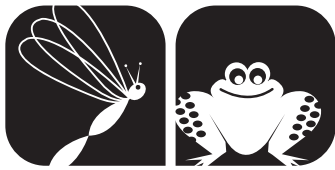
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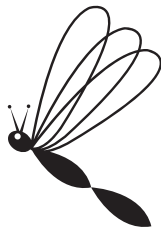
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