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EXPLORE FASCINATING WORLDS WITH FUN, HANDS-ON LEARNING

Moody Gardens education department offers Homeschool Days, Pyramid Kids Camps and more

GALVESTON, Texas (January 24, 2018) – Local students can discover the amazing world of rainforests and oceans while gaining hands-on experiences like no other at Moody Gardens.

From monthly Homeschool Days to Pyramid Kids Camps, Boy Scout Merit Badges and scavenger hunts, the Moody Gardens Education Department has plenty of exciting programs and activities to educate, and entertain, students looking for a fun way to learn.

Homeschool Days

Ring in the New Year with Homeschool Days with a visit to the Rainforest Pyramid visit on Feb. 14 where students will journey through the rainforests of the world and learn more about mammals inside the pyramid, including the Cotton-Top Tamarin Monkey, Two-Toed Sloth, Giant Amazon River Otter, Prehensile-Tailed Porcupine and so much more.

Homeschool Days are hosted the second Wednesday of each month October-February and give students a chance to discover the amazing world of rainforests, oceans and more. Homeschool Day costs are \$30 per adult for non-members with child tickets priced at \$3 per child with the purchase of an adult ticket. Member price is \$3 per adult and \$3 per child.

For a complete list of future Homeschool Days, visit <http://www.moodygardens.com/education>, call 409-683-4281 or email specialist@moodygardens.org.

Pyramid Kids Camps

Children of all ages can foster their imagination through Pyramid Kids Camps, open to guests ages 2-13.

Monthly camps for 2-4 year olds kick off Feb. 17 with themes including Swimming Seals (Feb. 17) to Fragrant Flowers (March 17), Digging Dinos (June 16), Superhero Sharks (July 21) and Making Music (Aug. 18), all giving campers a chance to discover more about the animals and plants they come in contact with at Moody Gardens.

From animal enrichment to how they move, students will walk away with a wealth of knowledge, and have a ton of fun. One chaperone is required with each camper. Non-members pay \$20 per camper,

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which includes admission for one adult while members pay \$17.

Day Camps, open to 5-9 year olds, start in June with Animal Super Bowls and Summer Safaris in half-day or full-day sessions. Want to find out what it takes to be an animal keeper? Moody Gardens biologists and educators will offer a Junior Keeper Camp on July 17 for 10-11 year olds and Keeper for a Day Camp on July 19 to 12-13 year olds, giving them a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to be a keeper.

For a complete list of future Pyramid Kids Camp days, visit <http://www.moodygardens.com/education>, call 409-683-4325 or email education@moodygardens.org

Boy Scout Merit Badge Days

Visit Moody Gardens and earn a Scout badge at the same time. Each Scout workshop includes an attraction and hands-on activity, all while Scouts work to fulfill most or all of the badge requirements for Cub, Boy and Girl Scouts. They can even combine their workshop with a sleepover adventure.

The next spring Merit Badge day is set for Feb. 10 and continues monthly with camps geared toward communications, insect study, environmental science, bird study, sustainability, oceanography, mammal study and more.

Girl Scouts can work on their Naturalist and Journey badges, see environments from around the world, try their skill on the Moody Gardens Ropes Course and Zip Line.

For more information and to register for Scout programs, visit www.moodygardens.org/education, call 409-683-4325 or email scouts@moodygardens.org.

And, don't miss out on scavenger hunts! Enhance unguided visits by downloading a scavenger hunt for groups to do as they tour through the pyramids. A variety of curricula is also available online at www.moodygardens.org/education and each is full of information and activities for use in the home-school classroom.

For more information, call 1-800-582-4673 or visit www.moodygardens.org

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