



DALLAS ARBORETUM
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Celebrate Spring Break at the Most Beautiful Place in Dallas

Spring Break weekend debuts with March 10 launch of Agents of Discovery in the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden

DALLAS, Texas, Spring 2018 – For families planning a staycation or visitors coming to Dallas for spring break, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden has something for everyone during the peak of Dallas Blooms: A World of Flowers.

To kick off spring break, on **Saturday, March 10 at 10 a.m.**, the Dallas Arboretum invites visitors to the acclaimed **Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden** for the debut of Agents of Discovery, an app that youth can download on their phones. Created primarily for elementary age children, this app uses augmented reality that uses the garden along with interactive games to get them engaged, moving and learning throughout the eight-acre scientific garden's 17 outdoor learning galleries. This popular app is already being used by many outdoor parks such as Texas Parks and Wildlife, National Parks Service, National Mall in Washington, D.C. and Southern California Parks.

Reasons to Visit the Garden During Spring Break:

Dallas Blooms: A World of Flowers

Dallas Blooms explodes with color with more than 500,000 spring-blooming blossoms throughout the gardens. Encounter 100 varieties of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, pansies, violas, poppies and thousands of other spring-blooming annuals and perennials. The entire family will enjoy getting to experience one of the "15 Breathtaking Botanical Gardens to Visit This Season," according to *Architectural Digest*. The festival is sponsored by IBERIABANK. Pack a picnic or purchase European-themed food at the Terrace Cafe. The

best places to picnic are the Jonsson Color Garden, A Tasteful Place, the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage & Lawn and Lay Family Garden.

Dallas Blooms features unique weekends that highlight a different region such as France, the Mediterranean, Europe, Asia and the Americas, so the food, entertainment and cultural offerings will vary throughout the festival.

International Crossroads Village

Dallas Blooms is in full swing showcasing an explosion of color with a large world map created from flowers and three flower houses in the International Crossroads Village (Pecan Grove).

Europe-themed Activities: Saturday, March 10 - Friday, March 16

Experience European vendors, crafts, food, cooking demonstrations, live music and special events.

Café on the Green

Open daily, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 10- Friday, March 16

Saint Patrick's Day: Saturday, March 17: 12 oz. cup of Green Beer: \$6.50

Activities for the Entire Family

Mommy and Me Mondays and Tiny Tot Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Children's activities include face painting, a petting zoo and Kindermusik, located in the Pecan Grove.

Live Music with KISS FM DJ Richy Smart

March 17, 2-4 p.m., Martin Rutchik Concert Stage and Lawn

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the garden with DJ Richy Smart live on the Martin Rutchik Concert stage.

Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden Activities

Animal Adventures with the Dallas Zoo

March 10

Join us Saturday during STEAM Career Week as our friends from the Dallas Zoo present animals from around the world and tell us what it's like to work at the zoo.

Visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/named-gardens-features/the-rory-meyers-childrens-adventure-garden/childrens-garden-activities> for updated times and event schedule.

STEAM Career Week

Spring Break

March 10-16

While school is out, bring the kids to a week full of exploration. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) professionals from around the Metroplex gather to share the excitement of their profession with the future generations. Hands-on

activities and demonstrations will inspire children to contemplate careers in STEAM. Appropriate for ages 5 years and up.

Go Green Weekend

St. Patrick's Day Weekend

March 17 & 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Go green on St. Patrick's Day with a chlorophyll of fun and programs focused on what makes the garden green, ways to keep the environment green, a green-inspired lab and much more. Appropriate for ages 5 years and up.

Spring Break Activities in A Tasteful Place:

*All Spring Break activities in A Tasteful Place are for adults only

Cooking Classes

Guests can learn how to cook a variety of food and dishes by signing up to take cooking classes at A Tasteful Place. **All cooking classes/series are located in the Charlotte and Donald Test Pavilion in A Tasteful Place. To sign up for cooking classes and series visit, www.dallasarboretum.org/cookingclasses

Savor Macaron Baking Class

March 10, 2-4 p.m., \$65

Around the World Cooking Class: Presented by Taste Buds Kitchen

March 14, 12 to 2 p.m., \$65

Taste of France: Learn to create ratatouille tarts, cheese twists, and classic chocolate-dipped Madeleine cookies from scratch.

Chef-Tastic!

Renowned chefs take center stage in the demo kitchen, creating special dishes featuring seasonal vegetables from the garden. All Chef-Tastic demonstrations are located in A Tasteful Place--Test Pavilion. Registration is suggested.

Visit www.dallasarboretum.org/demos for more information.

Chef Jolie Oree-Bailey

March 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join the Executive Chef of Low Country Cuisine, Jolie Oree-Bailey, known to always create a show stopping bite. She will be using seasonal vegetables to create dishes using seasonal vegetables growing in the garden. **Demonstration is free with paid garden admission.**

Spring Tea at Restaurant DeGolyer

February 24-April 8, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Served inside the historic DeGolyer House, indulge in a seated, three-course high tea experience. Mondays - Fridays, by reservation only. Seated tea is available to guests 13 years and older. Tea prices begin at \$49 per person and include garden parking and admission. Champagne service with tea is \$59 per person. To book a reservation, book online at www.dallasarboretum.org or contact tea sales at 214-515-6511.

Hoffman Family Gift Store Book Signing

March 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Diane Box, *Fred's Texas Stampede*

Discounts:

Discounted Tickets:

Save \$1 on each regular price ticket when you purchase them in-store at local Tom Thumb locations.

Group Discounts:

Group discounts for 15 or more are available with advance registration by calling 214.515.6520.

C. C. Young Senior Thursdays:

\$11 general garden admission plus 20 percent discount at the Hoffman Family Gift Store. Valid for visitors age 65+ during festivals. Discounted Senior Thursday tickets may be purchased at the ticket booth only.

Discounted Parking:

Pre-purchased [online](#) parking is \$9. Regular parking is \$15.

For more information about the Dallas Arboretum, call 214.515.6500 or visit www.dallasarboretum.org.

About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, \$10 for children 3-12 and free for Arboretum members and children two and under. On-site parking is \$15; pre-purchased online parking is \$9. *The Dallas Morning News* is the principal partner of the Dallas Arboretum. The Arboretum is supported, in part, by funds from the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. WFAA is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum. For more information, call 214.515.6500 or visit dallasarboretum.org.

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