

LOCATION

Located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake, the Children's Garden is a part of the Dallas Arboretum, one of the leading botanic gardens in the world.

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HOURS

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Testimony

"Science scores of American children are the lowest of all academic areas tested, with earth sciences the lowest of all. If our education system is going to keep up with the needs for our country, we have to interest children at a much earlier age in science, engineering and math. I believe that the Dallas Arboretum's Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden does that by teaching science creatively."

—Former U.S. Senator **Kay Bailey Hutchison**, Honorary Chair of the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden



The Dallas Arboretum's Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden

Opening September 21, 2013

The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden is an 8-acre interactive garden designed specifically to address state and national education standards in life, earth and environmental sciences. Children and adults will learn more about life and earth sciences in the 17 indoor and outdoor galleries that teach the areas in the K-6th grade curriculum standards that can best be taught outdoors. Some of these concepts include photosynthesis, pollination, the solar system, erosion, energy, life cycles and more.

Each year, about 100,000 students visit the Dallas Arboretum for educational field trips, and the Arboretum anticipates that even more than children (and adults) will be amazed at this scientific museum without walls.

There are more than 150 interactive exhibits, many using technology, such as the OmniGlobe (shown at right), computer mystery games, spin browsers to see the unseen, Elmo screens and probes. Video screens and interactive features add excitement and anticipation to one's visit, and games throughout the garden will change with the seasons.

Each gallery has many hands-on exhibits as well as live plants and animals. Visitors are immersed in nature by exploring a full acre of wetlands, walking along the Texas Skywalk through the tree canopy, and playing on a 30-foot tree snag called A Walk in the Clouds.

For the last 17 years, the Dallas Arboretum has researched and meticulously planned the Children's Garden. Each area has been designed with careful input from degreed educators in the field for scientific accuracy. In addition, Southern Methodist University's Annette Simmons Graduate School of Education is working with the Arboretum Education to evaluate the educational impact of the garden.

Sustainable features include rooftop gardens that reduce heat and energy usage, rain water reused for irrigation, low-flow plumbing and solar panels.

This project has been made possible by the generous support of the City of Dallas and private and corporate donors. Howard Meyers and his sons graciously donated the lead gift in honor of his wife and their mother, Rory Meyers, a well known community leader who has been a longtime member of the Dallas Arboretum board and chair of the Education Committee. The Dallas Arboretum named the garden after her.

**THE OMNIGLOBE**

One of five in Texas, the five-foot-tall OmniGlobe is a cutting-edge technology sphere that allows interactive animations to demonstrate:

TREE FORESTATION
CONTINENTAL DRIFT
OUTER SPACE
REAL-TIME WEATHER VIA NASA
PLATE TECTONICS
ECOSYSTEMS
CLIMATE-RELATED IMAGES
ATMOSPHERIC CHANGES
AND MORE!