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The Dallas Arboretum Announces Sizzling' Summer Discounts

Summer at the Arboretum features fantastic discounts

Named by *Architectural Digest* as one of "The World's 15 Most Breathtaking Gardens," the Dallas Arboretum offers hot summer discounts in a garden with water features, fountains, shades and misters to keep cool. With the ever-changing explosions of colorful blooms, a shaded Pecan Grove perfect for picnicking, music selections from DJs,and family friendly activities every weekend, Summer at the Arboretum creates a memorable experience for all ages. In June and July, the garden features Family Fun Fridays and features Dollars Days for the month of August. It is such an attraction in the country, so our discounted tickets are very popular.

"We have plenty to do and to see during the hot days of summer, so pack your picnics or purchase food here, wear your walking shoes, and visit the main garden and the eight-acre scientific Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden," said Dave Forehand, Dallas Arboretum's vice president of gardens.

Now through October 15, a highlight of Summer at the Arboretum is "Celebrate the Children," an art exhibition designed and created by Gary Lee Price, displayed throughout the gardens featuring more than 25 bronze statues. Ranging from two feet to seven feet, these beautiful, handcrafted sculptures of children having fun create the perfect photo opportunity for visitors. The exhibition is presented by <u>Reliant</u>.

The many floral beds are bursting with ageratum, impatiens, lobelias, petunias, cleome, begonias, salvia, marigolds and zinnias during the summer. As it heats up, caladiums,

lantana, pride of Barbados, variegated tapioca, elephant ears and coleus are added to the gardens.

Forehand added, "As a garden, we have plenty of places to keep cool, such as the Palmer Fern Dell with its many misters where it may be up to 10 degrees cooler there. Toad Corners with the water sprayers are a favorite for children. And the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden has plenty of overhead misters and an entry way with fountains where children like to frolic."

On Fridays from May 31 to July 26, guests are invited to Family Fun Fridays. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there are garden activities including *Country Critters* petting zoo and *A Fresh Perspective* face painting.

Discounts for Summer at the Arboretum include the following:

Summer at the Arboretum Groupon Discount

Guests can enjoy single day admission for two for \$22. Valid June 1-July 31. For more information, click here.

BOGO Wednesdays in June and July

Every Wednesday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Buy one, get one admission every Wednesday.

<u>CC Young Senior Living Thursdays</u>

Every Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Seniors 65 and older get in for \$11 general garden admission on Thursdays and receive a 20 percent discount in the Hoffman Family Gift Store.

Reduced Price Parking:

Parking is reduced to \$9 when purchased in advance online.

Free Admission for Teachers & Educators:

Complimentary admission to the main garden and Children's Adventure Garden is available to teachers and educators with a valid picture school ID at the ticket booth. Educators can also purchase a Dallas Arboretum membership and receive a 10 percent discount for the first year with their valid ID. (Parking is an additional cost).

Group Ticket Discount:

Guests receive a reduced price for general garden daytime admission and/or Cool Thursday Concerts when 10 or more tickets. Tickets must be purchased in advance and must be redeemed as a group on the date specified. For more information regarding discounted tickets for groups 10 or larger, contact groupsales@dallasarboretum.org or 214-515-6520.

Membership at the Dallas Arboretum

Those that plan to visit more than once should consider purchasing a membership for the best deal. Regular priced general admission (plus parking) for a family of 4 into the main garden for one visit is \$75. By purchasing an individual or a family membership, benefits include complimentary admission and parking all year, significant discounts on concert tickets, discounts at local garden centers as well as the Hoffman Family Gift Store and online store, discounted education classes, member-only events, reciprocal free garden admission to more than 200 gardens in the U.S. outside the DFW Metroplex, quarterly newsletter, email updates and more.

Individual \$95/1 year

Includes year-round admission for two individuals per visit to the Botanical Garden, plus four complimentary admissions to the Children's Adventure Garden.

Family \$138/1 year

Includes year-round admission for up to six individuals per visit, not living under same roof, to the Botanical Garden, plus 12 complimentary admissions to the Children's Adventure Garden.

For more information on all the exciting memberships/benefits we have to offer, visit <u>www.dallasarboretum.org</u>

August Dollar Days: August 1-31

The Dallas Arboretum offers \$2 general garden admission, \$5 for parking, and \$2 admission into the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden for the month of August. Dollar Days food includes \$1 sodas, juice and frozen pops, \$2 root beer floats and hotdogs, and \$4 brownie sundaes.

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 Dallas Arboretum is also the home of the internationally acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, and \$10 for children 2-12 and free for Arboretum members and children under two. On-site parking is \$15 or \$9, if purchased in advance online. 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.