

## Forest Field Day: A Homeschool Program

### **Can all of my children attend?**

Yes! The program is designed for children ages 5-14. If siblings outside of this age range will be using any supplies throughout the program then they must be registered and paid for. If siblings outside of this age range will not be using any supplies and are purely accompanying, they are welcome to attend for free.

### **Do adults need to stay the entire length of the program?**

Yes. Forest Field Day is not a drop-off program. 1 adult per family is required to attend and stay throughout the entirety of the program.

### **What materials are included in this program?**

At your first Forest Field Day you will receive a Reusable Folder with program handouts and take home journaling pages. Participants are encouraged to bring their reusable folder's back to every event they attend.

### **What should I bring?**

1. A water bottle
2. Appropriate clothing for the weather
3. Durable shoes to walk on soft surface trails
4. Your reusable folder if you are returning for another program
5. Optional: Pencils and additional paper for note taking

### **Can I bring food and drinks to this program?**

This is a two-hour program and there is no dedicated snack time. Please make sure children have had lunch before the program and are ready to learn.



# FAQs (continued)

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### Can I sign up my entire homeschool group- or can I only sign up my family?

Please only sign up your own individual homeschool family. Forest Field Day is designed to have participants work together in small groups and meet new people from other homeschools.

### Can I reserve a private homeschool program for members of my homeschool group?

Sure! Homeschool groups of 12 students or more can register for a Guided Field Trip. [Please click on this Field Trip Link](#) to see more about our Guided Field Trip options.

### How can I get to the Hoyt Arboretum?

- Parking is available in the pay-to-park lots adjacent to the Visitor Center (\$2.00/hour or \$8.00/day. You can pay with Parking Kitty to skip the meter).
- There is also a limited amount of free street parking available along Fairview Blvd. If you park on the street, please be sure to carefully check that you are not in a spot marked "No Parking," which could result in a parking ticket.
- Please note that we have experienced an increase in vehicle break-ins throughout Washington Park. **Do not leave anything visible in your vehicle and remove any valuable items.**
- The Visitor Center is a 10-minute walk from the Washington Park MAX Station via the Overlook Trail or take the [free Explore Washington Park shuttle](#) to the Arboretum.
- If you qualify for an Income Assistance Program, [Explore Washington Park](#) is offering Trimet Passes to travel to and from Washington Park for free. Please click on this [Trimet Request Form](#) link if you would like to apply.



## Youth Programs Policies

### **Cancellations**

Hoyt Arboretum Friends (HAF) reserves the right to cancel programs at its discretion. Programs will run as scheduled, regardless of weather, unless participants are contacted directly by HAF staff.

Programs cancelled by the Arboretum due to low enrollment or [extreme weather](#) conditions will be refunded in full. In the case of cancellations due to inclement weather, every attempt will be made to contact all pre-registered participants by phone or email.

### **Refunds**

To receive a refund, send an email to [nina@hoytarboretum.org](mailto:nina@hoytarboretum.org) at least 3 days before the scheduled date of your program. Cancellations made less than 3 days before the program date are non-refundable.

### **Photo Release**

By registering, each participant agrees and understands that HAF and/or instructors may take photographs during programs. Your attendance at programs serves as permission for the use of your image by HAF for marketing and promotional purposes.

If you would prefer to not have your photograph taken, please contact [elena@hoytarboretum.org](mailto:elena@hoytarboretum.org).

### **Participant Waiver**

By registering, each participant hereby releases HAF and Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) and all its employees, volunteers and other agents from any and all liability for injuries that may be sustained during this program. Participants assume full responsibility for their own safety and the safety of other participants in the group. In case of illness, accident, or other incapacity, participants are responsible for their own medical expenses, whether or not they authorize them. Activity leaders may decline participation by anyone deemed incapable of safely participating or not properly equipped.

