Idaho Botanical Garden is a living museum dedicated to furthering science education in a scenic outdoor setting.

Our goal is to nurture a fascination with the world of biology through a variety of educational presentations including field trip tours, spring and winter programs for pre-school age children, summer botany camps, and year-round classes for adults.
CUSTOM TOURS
Education staff will work with you to make a tour that meets your curriculum needs. Please contact Wendy Irwin, (208) 275-8612, to discuss the creation of a custom tour.

READY, SET, GROW | Grades Pre-1st
Young students will use their senses to explore nature. They compare plants to themselves, learn about plant parts, meet pillbugs, and go on an exploratory walk through the garden.

WONDERS OF THE WATER CYCLE | Grades K-1
Through song, role-playing, a psychedelic experiment, and a nature walk, children gain a concrete understanding of what the water cycle is and how it works.

HABITATS | Grades 1-2
Students are introduced to garden plants and animals, and discuss what those living things need to survive. Tour includes a song, a game and a walk.

FLOWER POWER | Grades 2-3 | MAY ONLY
Students participate in activities emphasizing the structure and function of flowers. Each student will help Idaho Botanical Garden bloom by planting a flower.

SEED SENSE | Grades 2-3 | FALL ONLY
Participants germinate and grow a fresh understanding of the importance of seeds, their structure, function, and dispersal methods through a variety of instructional outdoor activities.

LEWIS AND CLARK | Grade 4
During a tour of the Lewis and Clark Native Plant Garden, students learn about the role plants played in the lives of Idaho’s Native Americans and the Lewis and Clark Expedition members. They will practice conducting scientific plant research and will take back to school a plant sample to turn into a herbarium specimen.

NATURE’S GARDEN | Grades 4-6
This tour is designed to awaken a naturalist’s curiosity about Boise Foothill ecology. The students on this 3/4 mile hike will interpret the environment and discover the vital role plants play in this sagebrush ecosystem.

FIRE! | Grades 4-8
This tour discusses the role plants play in Idaho’s wildfires. Topics include native versus non-native invasive plants, factors that make a plant more, or less, flammable and how to protect homes from wildfire.
Tour Times

Programs are offered April–October
Monday through Friday.

Start times are flexible, 9:30 am to 3 pm.

Tour last approximately 1 ¼ hours.

Cost

$25 for up to 8 students and up to 8 adults, or a combination of children and adults up to 16 people in all.

Schedule a Tour

Give us a call at (208) 275-8612
Monday–Friday, 9 am – 5 pm

Health Precaution Protocol

• For each guide, the group size maximum is 8 children and accompanying adults, for a total of 16 or fewer.

• Mask should be worn by everyone during the program since we may need to be closer than 6 feet apart.

• Tours will take place outside, including in open sheltered spots during inclement weather.

• Materials used during programs will not be shared or passed around.

• Please know that we as staff will also be practicing vigorous hand washing, sanitizing, and will also be doing daily health checks.