

Thank you for your interest in the 2025-2026 Botany club! I wanted to get some details out to interested families so you can be considering our club for science in the fall and spring.

Who is this club for? Grades 2nd-6th Homeschoolers.

Where is the club located? Meetings will be held on The Peffly Ranch, utilizing the front 20 acres for lessons, experiments, and nature hikes. We are located in Franklinton, NC, about 5 minutes NE off of US1. Occasionally we may make plans to meet at another location such as a park or playground in Franklin County.



When is the club? Meetings will be held Monday afternoons from 1-3, beginning September 15 and ending May 25. Club will meet the last 3 Mondays of each month*. We take the entire month of December off so every family can enjoy a relaxed Christmas season. *Since March has 5 weeks, we will meet on the 3 middle Mondays: 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

What will we study? This year we will explore the life cycle of seeds to plants, how plants reproduce and make their food, as well as learn how to identify and classify a variety of plants. You can visit [this link](#) to see a table of contents and get a better idea of all that we will learn this year or to purchase your student's textbook.

How will we learn? Textbook readings are to be done at home following the schedule I will provide a week before club starts. When we get together for club we will review those readings in fun, interactive ways. Most weeks will also include a nature hike and playground time (weather permitting.)

What will be required of you, the parent: The only requirement for parents is to do the weekly readings from the textbook with your child(ren.) Please don't be intimidated by this as the readings are bite-sized and highly engaging for the kids. The book has the most beautiful photographs and interesting information. If you have older kids, you could probably even have them read the book to your younger kids and get some reading practice in at the same time - 2 birds, 1 stone! Most of the readings pertaining to experiments can even be skipped as we will cover some of those in our meeting. I will send out assignments each week that let you know what to read in the text. There is also a very helpful audiobook version of the textbook you can purchase from Apologia.

Additional Info: The club will be capped at 15 students. Our land is open for any parents and siblings not attending to go on adventures! Feel free to pack your lunches and make a whole morning out of it. We have 62 acres to explore with lots of trails and 3 creeks and even a small waterfall area if you're really up for a hike!

Cost of the club: Botany Club is \$100 per student. If you are registering siblings, each additional child after the first one is \$75. Parents are also responsible for purchasing the student text (one per family - link below.) **Payment is due July 15, 2025.** After payment is made, no refunds will be issued. However, your registration may be transferred to another student OR saved for a future club.

Absence Policy: Last year we had so much interest in our clubs and had to turn people away or place them on a waitlist. For this reason we ask that you try your best to keep non-sick-related absences at 1 in the fall and 2 in the spring. We understand there may be some situations that can't be helped, but let's strive for that. If your child is sick, please keep them at home regardless of how many absences he/she has.

If you'd like to register your child for this club, [please use this link](#). You may pay in cash OR send venmo payment to @christypeffly

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