



The mission of Friends of Bellemeade is to inspire young learners, educators and families to discover the joys of learning together in nature. Studies confirm that time spent in nature is a social determinant of mental and physical health as well as academic outcomes. Bellemeade’s vibrant green space and programming provide opportunities for hands-on, experiential learning infused with movement, sensory engagement, novel discoveries, and a sense of fun and adventure.

We will serve over 1600 students in 2025!



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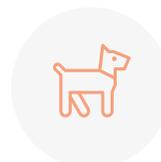
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Hours
7am - 10pm



No
Alcohol



All dogs
must be
leashed



No
motorized
vehicles



Bellemeade Park

2025



BELLEMEADE EXPLORERS

Guided field trips for RPS PreK students and teachers provide formative experiences for our youngest learners in nature. Approximately 1100 participants will engage with this program in the upcoming fall and spring.



SATURDAY OUTDOOR CLUB

Operating for the past 11 years in partnership with Collegiate Upper School, this program allows students to build their literacy skills and play in nature. Average attendance of 40 students (age 4-15) and 30 high school mentors.



CONSERVE & CREATE

Join us the first Saturday of each month for our workdays in nature. To attend a volunteer event, please register on [cfengage](https://cfengage.com) or send an email to friendsofbellemeade@gmail.com



A DAY IN THE PARK

Additional programming is provided for Oak Grove Bellemeade Elementary and other schools and organizations, including church preschool and homeschool groups, reaching approximately 650 children in 2025.



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Bellemeade Park's Resources website page offers a rich collection of educational materials designed to enhance visitors' understanding of nature, ecology, and local wildlife. These resources are available as downloadable PDFs in both English and Spanish and can also be accessed via QR codes placed throughout the park.



DOLLARS and CENTS

The park relies on private funds for its management and maintenance. Average expenses to maintain and enhance the park and run our programming average approximately \$75,000 per year.



WHAT'S IN OUR FUTURE

We will pursue our mission by providing educational programming and volunteer opportunities that inspire participants to discover the joys of nature. Our educational programming will focus on filling the service gap in outdoor learning and nature play for our youngest learners through offering guided outdoors experiences led by professional staff and supported by volunteers.

We will continue our transition to a "no mow" park by restoring native ecosystems that feature native plantings as we eliminate turf.



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