Contact Information

If you have any questions or would like to plan and schedule a class, please contact our Education Director at (320) 363-3133.

- For more information on Saint John’s Arboretum and our educational curricula, please visit us online at www.csbsju.edu/arboretum.
- We are flexible to all abilities and work to make accommodations for every student.
- Saint John’s Arboretum also offers informal education programs for a variety of audiences, including community and youth groups, land owners, area residents, visiting organizations, and Arboretum members.

Saint John’s Arboretum
Saint John’s Abbey & University
Collegeville, MN 56321 - 2000
Ph: (320) 363 - 3163
Fax: (320) 363 - 3202
www.csbsju.edu/arboretum
arboretum@csbsju.edu

Saint John’s Arboretum is a partnership between Saint John’s Abbey, Saint John’s University, and the College of Saint Benedict.
An Ideal Setting for a Living Outdoor Library

Dedicated as a natural arboretum in 1997, Saint John’s Arboretum encompasses over 2,700 acres of rural central Minnesota land, including native prairie, wetland, lake, oak savanna, and forest habitats. Our educational programming currently serves over 6,000 public, private, and home school preK-12 students each year through on-site and in-class curricula.

Unique Advantages

Transportation
Grants awarded by a number of organizations, including Xcel Energy and the Minnesota DNR, reduce or cover the cost of transportation to Saint John’s Arboretum.

Low Fees
Teachers and chaperones are not charged, and the cost per student is kept extremely low.

Graduation Standards
Annually updated curricula are designed to incorporate local, state, and national graduation standards.

Environmental Teaching Supplies
Content-specific teaching trunks are available on a limited basis for elementary grades. They include pre- and post-visit curriculum activities that complement on-site classes.

Teacher Training
Annual training workshops familiarize teachers with Arboretum field visits and teaching trunk activities. Continuing education hours are available.

Additional Campus Offerings
School groups often take advantage of other learning opportunities while at Saint John’s University, including the challenge course, climbing wall, and fine arts programs.

Field Experience

- Many trails are available, including a 1.5 mile loop through prairie, wetlands, hardwood forest, and oak savanna.
- Each class is hands-on, age-appropriate, and science driven. We work to accommodate your specific needs and focus.
- Visiting teachers can choose from dozens of activities we offer based on grade level and standards, or select a program centered around a specific theme, including insects, sensory exploration, Minnesota biomes, and environmental changes.
- Maple syruping classes are available mid-March through mid-April.
- Trained naturalists lead all activities and maintain a low student to teacher ratio.