Program overview

- **Targeted age:** Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- **Location:** Conservation & Environmental Center, (CEC) 2855 Mesa Road, Colorado Springs.
- **Ideal group size:** Up to 60 students. We recommend groups of 10 students with at least one adult per group.
- **Day/Time offered:** Available May 1 - October 15 during daylight hours, seven days a week. To get the most out of your trip, we recommend starting during CEC business hours, M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Length of tour:** Up to two hours at your own pace (about 20 minutes per station, five stations total).

Standards correlation:

- This program supports Colorado Department of Education Academic Science Standards and is **ideal for classes studying plants, ecology and ecosystems.** The activities also support Girl Scout Gardener and Flower Journey requirements.

Activity stations

- **Station 1 - Water system relay:** Run a relay race to learn about the complex water system required to supply drinking water to Colorado Springs.
- **Station 2 - Pollination station:** Go on a pollinator hunt and learn about the creatures that play a key role in the Water Wise Garden.
- **Station 3 - Plant adaptations scavenger hunt:** Water Wise plants have special adaptations that allow them to survive in our semi-arid climate. Students will find plants that embody these adaptation strategies.
- **Station 4 - Plant sensory exploration zone:** Students will use their senses of touch, smell and sight to learn about some of the adaptations of the plants of Water Wise garden.
- **Station 5 - Indoor water efficiency scavenger hunt:** This indoor scavenger hunt through our interactive home display teaches students how they can use water wisely in their homes.

Planning for your tour

- **Contact us at 668-8232 during regular business hours to schedule a tour.**
- **Reservations recommended to make sure kits are available for check out during your visit.**
- **When you arrive at the CEC, please park in designated visitor parking in the back of the building. Bus and van parking available.**