

## Friends of Morningside Park Explorers Program - Description

The Morningside Park Explorers Program is designed for children ages 5 – 8 who enjoy the outdoors and have a natural curiosity about animals, bugs, plants and the environment. Led by a nature educator, the Morningside Park Explorers will explore, observe and discover Morningside Park every Tuesday and Thursday morning for 4 weeks in August and September. Children must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or caretaker during each session.

Class size is limited to 10 children. **There is no cost for the program**, however tax-free [donations to Friends of Morningside Park](#) are always greatly appreciated.

### About our Nature Educator – Farmer Rosa

Rosa Karim, also known as “Farmer Rosa” by many of her students, is a gardener, artist and educator with Nature Base in Brooklyn, where she develops and facilitates nature curriculum for grade school students. Her passion is cultivating kids’ natural curiosity about the wonders of nature. She holds a certificate from the Farm Intensive Program in Urban Agriculture from The Youth Farm and attended Farm School NYC from 2015-2017. Rosa grew up in North Carolina where she earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She lives just steps from Morningside Park and is proud to call Harlem home.

### Session Dates and Times

August 11, 2020 – September 3, 2020  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9:00 am – Noon

### Nature Session Topics

Date	Topic
August 11	<b>Park Scavenger Hunt.</b> Get to know your park. We’ll take a nature walk through the park and see what there is to discover!
August 13	<b>If I Were a Tree.</b> Discover local native trees of NYC growing in Morningside Park. What type of tree would you be? Make a gratitude tree out of found objects.
August 18	<b>Busy Bees.</b> Bees are awesome! Find out why and explore the park for bee-friendly flowers.
August 20	<b>Living in the Wild.</b> What interesting critters live in the park? Create your own park critter out of found objects!
August 25	<b>Wild Wonders.</b> Identify native weeds and discover their magic!
August 27	<b>The Wonderful World of Monarchs.</b> Learn about their life journey! It spans thousands of miles and happens every year. If we’re lucky, maybe we’ll see them as they journey back home.
September 1	<b>Worms and Fungi.</b> We’ll dig for worms, look for fungi and learn why they are so important for the soil.
September 3	<b>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.</b> Learn more about how we can do our part to care for Mother Earth. Make a hanging basket out of recycled materials.

*Notes: All participants must adhere to current CDC and NYC Covid-19 Safety Guidelines. These will be provided prior to program start.*

## How to Apply

Please [apply online](#) by August 7, 2020. Accepted applicants will be notified by August 8.

Questions? Please email [info@morningsidepark.org](mailto:info@morningsidepark.org).

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