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## **Columbus Botanical Garden Offers Special Discount Rate for Educators**

**Columbus, Ga., September 20, 2018** – To fulfill its strategic vision and realize its mission to provide educational programs that stimulate the imagination and deepen the understanding and appreciation of nature, the Columbus Botanical Garden (CBG) proudly announces its reduced teacher rate. Teachers, administrators, staff and school personnel will be able to enjoy a \$10 discount off the individual rate of \$35 and \$15 off the family membership of \$50.

CBG Interim Director Bruce Howard said, "Teachers are a priceless resource in our community, and we are delighted to show our appreciation to our magnificent teachers by offering them a special rate. We want to partner with educators in igniting children's imaginations and encouraging them to learn, so we hope more teachers will come out to use the Garden as their outdoor classroom."

Children's Education Coordinator Ellen Lane echoed those sentiments. "I am really proud to work for an organization which values the role of education and teachers. I personally know that teachers often go into their own pockets to buy for their classrooms. As a former teacher, I appreciate the discounted rate of \$25 that CBG is offering teachers. Every little bit helps." She continued, "We look forward to welcoming more teachers to Garden, and we can't wait to watch the students grow and learn this year."

In addition to its adult educational programs, Columbus Botanical Garden regularly offers children's STEAM-related, interactive, age-appropriate programming. "Discover Nature" is a series of guided programs which have been designed for Kindergarten and elementary age students with material tailored for the grade level of each group. Programs are inquiry-based, emphasize direct experience and teamwork AND support the Georgia Performance Science Standards. Each program is 60-75 minutes and can be customized to your curriculum requirements. So, "discover nature" at the Columbus Botanical Garden and give your students the opportunity to enjoy their classroom - outdoors! For more information, please contact the Garden at [education@columbusbotanicalgarden.org](mailto:education@columbusbotanicalgarden.org). To become a member, please go to [www.columbusbotanicalgarden.org/become-a-member/](http://www.columbusbotanicalgarden.org/become-a-member/)

### **About Columbus Botanical Garden (CBG)**

A proud Partner in Education to Blanchard Elementary School and PIE Partner At Large, Columbus Botanical Garden is nestled in North Columbus amid shopping and eateries. Operating as a 501(c)(3) organization, CBG's mission is to develop gardens, protect woodland, and provide educational programs that stimulate the imagination and deepen our understanding and appreciation of nature. This preserved jewel of pine and hardwood forest is a remnant reminder of the native Central Georgia landscape that is becoming more scarce as the region continues to develop. Since its founding in 1999 with a gift of acreage and buildings from the children and families of Lillie Belle Kimbrough Adams and later approved by the Columbus City Council, Columbus Botanical Garden (CBG) has been the steward of a 23-acre rolling property located about 6 miles northeast of downtown Columbus. With its recent expansion to 36 acres, CBG now encompasses four developed acres, with exciting plans for tremendous development over the next three years as a result of its current \$10 million *Growing Towards Greatness* Campaign.

For more information on how you can participate in programming, volunteer or donate, please visit [www.columbusbotanicalgarden.org](http://www.columbusbotanicalgarden.org), follow us on Instagram @Columbus\_Botanical\_Garden, like us on FaceBook at [www.facebook.com/columbusbotanicalgarden](http://www.facebook.com/columbusbotanicalgarden), contact our offices at 706.327.8400, email us at [contactus@columbusbotanicalgarden.org](mailto:contactus@columbusbotanicalgarden.org) or visit our offices at 3603 Weems Road, Columbus, Ga. 31909.

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