



Families Exploring the Wonder of Nature

AT BACHECHI OPEN SPACE



Bernalillo County Open Space is partnering with The Cottonwood Gulch Foundation and Nature, Nurture, Play to offer **WEEKEND FAMILY WORKSHOPS** and **NATURE WALKS** that foster a curiosity of the natural world.

Workshops led by Cottonwood Gulch will include appropriate information for adult audiences as well as children from ages 8 on up. Nature, Nurture, Play will provide nature walks and activities intended for early childhood (babies - 8 years), however, the whole family is welcome and one adult per three children must attend.

How Do Seeds Do That?

Presented by Nature, Nurture, Play
APRIL 19 🌿 10 – 11:30 A.M.

Participants will hunt for seeds on a nature walk and compare types of seeds to see how each one makes the journey to becoming a plant. Children will plant their own seed to take home.

Buds and Blooms

Presented by Nature, Nurture, Play
MAY 18 🌿 12 – 1:30 P.M.

Are flower buds and leaf buds the same? What does a flower look like up close? Do all flowers smell good? We'll be drawing and painting this month.

April Showers

Presented by The Cottonwood Gulch Foundation
APRIL 26 🌿 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

April is the notorious month of rain in some parts of the country. Why isn't it raining here? And what does the weather forecast ahead? Adults delve deeper into New Mexico's climate patterns while kids test out some weather experiments. Then we'll come together and build our own weather stations that you can take home.

May Flowers

Presented by The Cottonwood Gulch Foundation
MAY 31 🌿 1 – 3 P.M.

Bzzzz, bzzz. What's that sound? Is it a plane? A weed wacker? No- it's a pollinator. Adults learn the importance of pollinators- bees, hummingbirds and butterflies to name a few, while kids try to collect some critters for a first-hand look. Families will go home with a sweet reminder of the importance of pollination.

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WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK

Weekend Family Workshops & Nature Walks

Bachechi from Bottom to Top

Presented by The Cottonwood Gulch Foundation

JUNE 28 ☞ 8 – 10 A.M.

What runs, plays, flies, swims, and sits in Bachechi in the summer? We'll take a look at our Open Space from top to bottom with the help of our Nature Packs and Master Naturalists. Adults will receive some ideas for keeping learning fun in the summer, while kids will discover true curiosity for what's around them.

What is the Taste of Rain?

Presented by Nature, Nurture, Play

AUGUST 16 ☞ 10 – 11:30 A.M.

What is the Taste of Rain? Participants will try to figure out how to answer this question, create our own rain music and watch a few clouds.

Discovering Darkness

Presented by The Cottonwood Gulch Foundation

AUGUST 30 ☞ 7:30 – 9:30 P.M.

Do you find yourself saying goodbye to the parks when the sun goes down? Come learn about the creatures that live in the night, and grow an appreciation for what happens after sunset. Adults and kids will do several activities that enhance our night senses.

Shade and Shadows

Presented by Nature, Nurture, Play

SEPTEMBER 7 ☞ 12 – 1:30 P.M.

As the sun moves lower in the sky at the beginning of autumn, we'll take a look at how our shadows are changing and trace some shadows, too. Shade tag is also on the agenda. If you are tagged, you get a hug!

Green Design

Presented by The Cottonwood Gulch Foundation

SEPTEMBER 27 ☞ 9 – 11 A.M.

Many of the buildings and structures around us were designed based on observations in the wild. Adults will learn some elements of green design at our open space, as well as ideas that can be tried at home, as kids create their own design to withstand nature's challenges.

Living off the Land

Presented by The Cottonwood Gulch Foundation

OCTOBER 25 ☞ 1 – 3 P.M.

How did people live here before there were grocery and hardware stores? Use your hands to make a helpful tool then taste some foods that redefine fresh in this interactive hike that explores some uncommon or unknown uses for plants you see every day.

Birds on the Move

Presented by Nature, Nurture, Play

NOVEMBER 1 ☞ 10 – 11:30 A.M.

During this nature walk, participants will make their own (cardboard) binoculars and visit the pond to see what we can see. Come learn to use real binoculars and learn bird calls of New Mexico birds.

Can I Touch It?

Presented by Nature, Nurture, Play

NOVEMBER 16 ☞ 12 – 1:30 P.M.

Exploring the feel of natural materials, from tree bark to feathers. We'll also talk about appropriate risk as a way to build children's competence.

We're All Connected

Presented by The Cottonwood Gulch Foundation

NOVEMBER 29 ☞ 1 – 3 P.M.

What does a tree matter to a duck? Why is a rock important to a fungus? Participants will make connections between the animals and plants in the Bosque during this last exploration of the year. Kids will enact an exciting example of the food web at Bachechi before they go on a hunt to connect the dots of our ecosystem.

For more information about this series or to register for the workshops and nature walks, visit www.berncogov/openspace. All these events will take place at Bachechi Open Space (9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW). Space is limited, so register today!