

# EXPLORATION KITS



**FREE!** Borrow Exploration Kits for 2 weeks.  
We will deliver and pick up at your school!

## Choose from Two Themes

The Exploration Kits are designed to align with the NGSS Performance Expectations for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 1-LS1-1 and K-2 ETS1-2 and the FOSS Terrarium Investigation of the Plants and Animals Unit. The Kits contain: a presentation board, activities, books, and learning tools to highlight specific plants that live in the habitats at the Oak Park Conservatory.

**Plant Super-Powers:** This kit highlights leaves of the plants that have structural 'Super-Powers' that enable them to thrive in their habitats. The Kit also encourages innovative thinking giving students an opportunity to ask how those structural super-powers might be used to solve a human problem.

**Traveling Seeds:** Seeds travel or disperse in different ways depending on their shapes and sizes. Students will learn about the journey of seeds through hands-on exploration and discovery.



Email [coordinator@fopcon.org](mailto:coordinator@fopcon.org) to request a kit or learn more!

**Oak Park  
Conservatory**  
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## Field Trips at the Conservatory:

*Schedule your school  
tour today!*

Children will:

- walk through each habitat
- see the different soils
- sense the moisture differences in the air on their skin
- see the similar structural characteristics of plants in each habitat up close and in person
- witness even more amazing super-powers of these real-life plants

**FREE 45 minute tours** led by our trained docents through the three showrooms: the Mediterranean, Tropical, and Desert rooms. Weather permitting, tours will also include the outdoor Elsie Jacobsen Discovery Garden which is an example of a native Illinois ecosystem.

*Come Visit!*

Schedule a tour online at [www.FOPCON.org](http://www.FOPCON.org). Or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 708-725-2460 or [coordinator@fopcon.org](mailto:coordinator@fopcon.org)

The Oak Park Conservatory is a historic property within the Park District of Oak Park. The Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3), organization whose mission is to promote interest in the Oak Park Conservatory, offer educational and recreational opportunities and support projects that benefit the Oak Park Conservatory.

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