



Who We Are

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ARBORETUM is a local gem. Beloved for its wooded trails, native wildflowers, children’s garden, and scenic views, the Arboretum has long been a retreat for families, gardeners, and nature lovers of all ages.

Our mission is to engage in teaching, research, and service emphasizing the ecology and biodiversity of Alabama. Our plant collection contains native and exotic species, and our programs promote management, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources and appreciation of nature.

Exciting plans are underway to enhance the Arboretum’s facilities, revitalize our education outreach programs, and add festivals and arts events to introduce many more Tuscaloosa residents to the Arboretum.

We want the community to be full participants in planning and implementing the changes envisioned for the future of the Arboretum.

Our Vision

WITH YOUR HELP, we hope to

- Enhance and expand the teaching, research, and outreach programs of the Arboretum while keeping the sense of place that has made it special
- Develop a program for conserving plants native to Alabama and participate in national and international plant conservation efforts
- Become nationally recognized as a leader in hands-on science education and teacher training by serving a diverse audience through programs for all ages
- Model and teach best practices in natural resource management, conservation, and sustainability
- Provide enhanced opportunities for appreciation of nature through the arts and recreation
- Engage the local community as partners in Arboretum activities and programs
- Achieve the highest level of accreditation through ArbNet, an international organization of arboreta

How You Can Help

BY JOINING THE FRIENDS OF THE ARBORETUM, you can help us accomplish these goals and more.

Already, under new leadership, the Arboretum has upgraded and renovated facilities, enhanced its sustainability efforts, and increased its utilization of technology. Plans are underway to revitalize its family education programs, create experiential learning internships for UA students, and more.

In the near future, the Arboretum also hopes to establish a new visitor and education center, restore freshwater and forest resources, and upgrade greenhouses and roads.

We hope you’ll join this exciting endeavor and become a vital part of one of our community’s greatest assets.



Dr. Eben Broadbent and undergraduate student Kathryn Shay install a recording unit at the Arboretum to capture birdcalls. They will use the recordings to better understand how birds migrate.

The University of Alabama Arboretum is located at 4801 Arboretum Way, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404. It is open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and closed on major holidays.

Contact: (205) 553-3278 / ua.arboretum@ua.edu
Website: www.arboretum.ua.edu

Yes! I want to join the Friends of the Arboretum!

I have provided my contribution of \$_____ for the below membership level:
(Please check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildflower Membership - \$20.00 – | <input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Membership - \$250-\$499 |
| student ID required. | <input type="checkbox"/> Hickory Membership - \$500-\$999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Azalea Membership - \$50-\$99 | <input type="checkbox"/> Longleaf Membership - \$1,000-\$2,499 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dogwood Membership - \$100-\$249 | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Society Membership - \$2,500-\$4,999 |

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| Address _____ | Email _____ |

Return pledge cards to Friends of the Arboretum, The University of Alabama, Box 870268, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487. If you would like to join at the Wildflower level, please include a photocopy of your student ID.

You may also join online at www.give.ua.edu. Search for the fund “Friends of Arboretum” and enter your desired gift amount.

Questions? Contact Macy Vintson, Director of College Support Boards, College of Arts and Sciences at mpvintson@ua.edu or 205-348-7009.



Join the Friends of the Arboretum!

Members receive an array of benefits. Each gift level receives the benefits listed plus all benefits that precede it.

Wildflower \$20 - student ID required

Azalea \$50-\$99

- Newsletter
- Car decal
- Recognition on Arboretum website and newsletter

Dogwood \$100-\$249

- Arboretum inspired gift
- Discounted education programs and events
- Invitation to special member events

Magnolia \$250-\$499

- Free reservation of Arboretum Pavilion or Children's Garden

Hickory \$500-\$999

- Private tour with the Arboretum Director
- Free reservation of Tree Platform

Longleaf \$1,000-\$2,499

- Classroom experience—a plant specialist will visit the classroom of your choice for a science lesson
- Free reservation of Arboretum Amphitheater

Oak Society \$2,500-\$4,999

- Additional customized benefits including sponsored tree

Druid Circle \$5000 and above

- Additional customized benefits including sponsored area

Custom corporate sponsorships and benefits are available upon request. Possible opportunities include advertisements, event sponsorship, named trees, and dedicated areas at the Arboretum.

For more information about Friends of the Arboretum, contact Macy Vintson, Director of College Support Boards, mpvintson@ua.edu, 205-348-7009

For information about the many ways to support the College of Arts and Sciences, contact Kathy Yarbrough, Director of Development kathy.yarbrough@ua.edu, 205-348-0696



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