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**Birmingham Botanical Gardens Presents
The 2008 Children's Summer Workshop Series
Spots still available for fun, fascinating summer camps**

BIRMINGHAM, AL– Instead of sitting on the couch playing video games all summer, Birmingham area children have the opportunity to get outdoors and learn in a beautiful, natural setting. Birmingham Botanical Gardens presents The 2008 Children's Summer Workshop series. The stellar lineup of Summer Workshops, designed to educate and excite Birmingham area children, officially begins on June 2. The camps are open to the public and there are still some spots remaining. The workshops are a fun learning experience for children entering 5K-5th grades.

In a time when the youth in urban America seem to be confronted with so many negative influences ranging from violence, drugs, and a general sense of apathy and laziness, the Summer Workshops are the perfect chance for parents to put their kids in a safe and educational environment. Working with nature and being outdoors has a positive effect on mental and physical health for everyone from 1 to 100. The children will be able to learn a variety of skills ranging from painting, yoga, and cooking. Many will study topics such as Monet, survival, bugs, and woodland animals.

The classes are limited to twenty children each and last for one week. The fees cover cost with the any remaining supporting education programs at The Gardens. Morning workshops are only \$100 for non-members and afternoon slots are only \$90. Members receive a 20% discount.

For a marginal cost, children get to spend part of their summer vacation learning about gardening, the outdoors, and their environment while supporting one of Birmingham's most valuable public resources. Instructors are state certified or otherwise qualified. Each child will also get an *Earth Creations* t-shirt. Anyone may register online at www.bbgardens.org or call 205.414.3958.

About Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum with over 10,000 different plants in its living collections. The Gardens' 67.5 acres contains over 25 unique gardens, 30+ works of original outdoor sculpture and miles of serene paths. The Gardens features the largest public horticulture library in the U.S., conservatories, a wildflower garden, two rose gardens, the Southern Living garden, and a Japanese garden with a traditionally crafted tea house. Education programs run year round and over 11,000 school children enjoy free science-curriculum based field trips annually. The Gardens is open daily, offering free admission to over 325,000 yearly visitors.