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Phipps Tropical Forest Congo Festival Celebrates Ecology and Culture with Family Fun

Pittsburgh's premier public garden to offer African-inspired activities and more, free with admission.

Pittsburgh, Pa. – On Saturday, July 11, 2015, families are invited to [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) for a day of fun at the Tropical Forest Congo Festival, a celebration of Africa's rich cultures and natural treasures. Free-with-admission, activities will be held from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and include:

Sounds of Africa: Duquesne University School of Music

Guests will be greeted in Palm Court by Duquesne University School Music students, who will be filling the air with the sounds of instruments played in the Congo.

Discovery Stations: Pot-a-Plant and Cultural Crafts

Kids will love potting their own plants and unleashing their creativity with African-inspired crafts.

Congo Ecology: Duquesne University

Curious minds can get all the facts on Congo forest ecology by visiting a special education station hosted by the knowledgeable students of Duquesne University.

Fruit Tastings with Café Phipps

Festival-goers will be delighted by the taste of fruits that grow in the tropical forest.

African Rainforest Medicinal Plants | 1: 30 p.m.

Guest presenter Annette Paluh will wow guests with a talk about traditional medicinal uses of plants.

Botany in Action: Phipps-Supported Plant Research

Participants can get an inside look at the global research Phipps supports to grow a greener world.

The festival is free to attend with the price of Conservatory admission, which is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students, and \$11 for children ages 2 – 18. Members and kids under 2 enter at no cost. [Tropical Forest Congo](#) is sponsored in part by [Duquesne University](#). More: phipps.conservatory.org.

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About Phipps: Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: phipps.conservatory.org.