

Nature School at Camp Albemarle | 2022-2023 Session Offerings

Preschool classes and afternoon homeschool classes run September 6, 2022 to May 19, 2023

Kindergarten – 5th grade classes run August 22, 2022 to May 26, 2023

Preschool Class | 3 & 4 year old

- 2-day session: Tuesday and Thursday | 9am to 12pm | \$190 per month | 3 & 4 year old mixed class
- 3-day session: Monday, Wednesday and Friday | 9am to 12pm | \$265 per month | 3 & 4 year old mixed class
- 5-day session: Monday - Friday | 9am to 12pm | \$405 per month | 4 year old class only

Must be 3 on or before August 31, 2022 for the 2- day and 3- day sessions and 4 for the 5-day session

All preschool students must have independent bathroom skills

Our preschool program uses an emergent curriculum to allow flexibility in activities focused on the children's natural interests, curiosities and passions. Play is a crucial part of our program as it is a learning process that provides opportunities for cognitive, physical, social and emotional skills guides children on problem solving and assists with language development. The student to teacher ratio is 10:2. A \$100 non-refundable registration and supply fee is required at the time of enrollment.

Homeschool Programs

Sprouts Class | 5 & 6 year old

Tuesday and Thursday | 1pm to 4pm | \$190 per month

Must be 5 on or before August 31, 2022

Sprouts class is geared towards homeschool families looking for a program to supplement learning at home. Critical thinking, problem solving, and teamwork in an outdoor environment are the focuses of this class. Play, outdoor exploration, and nature and science concepts are implemented in the daily activities. The student to teacher ratio is 12:2. A \$100 non-refundable registration and supply fee is required at the time of enrollment.

Eco-Explorers

- 7 & 8 year old class: Tuesday | 1pm to 4pm | \$110 per month
- 9, 10 & 11 year old class: Wednesday | 1pm to 4pm | \$110 per month
- 12, 13 & 14 year old class: Thursday | 1pm to 4pm | \$110 per month

Must be the age of the class on or before August 31, 2022

Eco-Explorers is geared toward homeschool families looking for a program to supplement learning at home. Weekly projects could include aspects of nature writing and art and STEM topics, as well as emergent learning, hike and time for free play and nature exploration. The student to teacher ratio is 14:2. A \$100 non-refundable registration and supply fee is required at the time of enrollment.

Private School

Half Day Kindergarten

Monday through Friday | 8:30am to 12:30pm | \$475 per month

Must be 5 on or before August 31, 2022 to enroll in Kindergarten

New for the 2022-2023 school year is a half day Kindergarten program for students that may not be ready for a full day program. Half day students will be in a combined class with full day students, averaging between 14 to 18 students. Students will participate in language arts, math, science, unstructured free play in nature and will eat lunch at school. The half day class will not participate in history or Spanish instruction, or additional reading time and unstructured free play. There will be a lead teacher with one supporting teacher. There will be a second supporting teacher if the class is more than 14 students. A \$200 non-refundable registration and supply fee is required at the time of enrollment. Once a spot is confirmed as available, families have 1 month to complete the interview process. See the FAQ page on the website for more information on the interview process.

Lower School K-5th Grade

Monday through Friday | 8:30am to 2:30pm | \$635 per month

Must be 5 on or before August 31, 2022 to enroll in Kindergarten

Lower School is Nature School's private elementary school, offering grades K-5th for the 2022-2023 school year. NC state standards are met through a progressive, integrated and experiential curriculum that covers all academic subjects while nurturing the unique skills and abilities of each student and providing time for them to learn at their own pace. Our approach is rooted in daily nature immersion, capturing students' inborn curiosity about the natural world to foster deep connections to God, nature and each other. Lower School will have access to an indoor space but class will take place predominantly outside. Class size averages 12 students (1st-5th grade) with 1 lead teacher and a supporting teacher that assists with the class at various times of the day. 4th and 5th grade is a combined class. The Kindergarten class will average 14 - 18 students, some of those half day students, and will have 1 lead teacher and one supporting teacher. There will be a second supporting teacher if the class has more than 14 students and this person will leave after lunch when the half day Kindergarten students leave. A \$200 non-refundable registration and supply fee is required at the time of enrollment. Once a spot is confirmed as available, families have 1 month to complete the interview process. See the FAQ page on the website for more information on the interview process.

**There is a 15% sibling discount on additional children.
Contact the Nature School Director for scholarship information.**