

Nature School at Camp Albemarle | 2023-2024 Session Offerings

Preschool classes and afternoon homeschool classes run September 5, 2023 to May 17, 2024
Kindergarten – 5th grade classes run August 21, 2023 to May 24, 2024

****Our school schedule may be different from Carteret County Public Schools.****

****Due to number of spaces available, students in our preschool program are not guaranteed a spot in our Lower School program****

Preschool Class | 3 & 4 year old

- 2-day session: Tuesday and Thursday | 9am to 12pm | \$200 per month | 3 & 4 year old mixed class
- 3-day session: Monday, Wednesday and Friday | 9am to 12pm | \$280 per month | 3 & 4 year old mixed class
- 5-day session: Monday - Friday | 9am to 12pm | \$425 per month | 4 year old class only

Must be 3 on or before August 31, 2023 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 for new students and \$75 for returning students.

Homeschool Programs

Sprouts Class | 5 & 6 year old

Tuesday and Thursday | 1pm to 4pm | \$200 per month

Must be 5 on or before August 31, 2023

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 for new students and \$75 for returning students.

Eco-Explorers

- 7 & 8 year old class: Tuesday | 1pm to 4pm | \$115 per month
- 9, 10 & 11 year old class: Wednesday | 1pm to 4pm | \$115 per month
- 12, 13 & 14 year old class: Thursday | 1pm to 4pm | \$115 per month

Must be the age of the class on or before August 31, 2023

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 for new students and \$75 for returning students.

Lower School (K-5th Grade) – see back of page

Lower School

Half Day Kindergarten

Monday through Friday | 8:30am to 12:30pm | \$495 per month Sept-May and \$165 for August (\$4,620 per year)

Must be 5 on or before August 31, 2023 to enroll in Kindergarten

Our half day Kindergarten program is 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 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 receive less instruction in history and science, will miss additional reading time and unstructured free play compared to the full day students. There will be a lead teacher with two supporting teachers. A \$200 non-refundable registration and supply fee is required at the time of enrollment for new students and \$175 for returning students. Once a spot is confirmed as available, families have one 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 | \$670 per month Sept-May and \$225 for August (\$6,255 per year)

Must be 5 on or before August 31, 2023 to enroll in Kindergarten

Lower School is Nature School's private elementary school, offering grades K-5th. 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 18 students (Kindergarten), 15 students (1st-2nd) and 12 students (3rd-5th). Kindergarten has a lead teacher with two supporting teachers and 1st-5th grade has a lead teacher and one supporting teacher per class. 4/5th grade will be a combined class. A \$200 non-refundable registration and supply fee is required at the time of enrollment for new students and \$175 for returning students. Once a spot is confirmed as available, families have one 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.

Lower School (K-5th) families may apply for the Opportunity Scholarship through NCSEAA.