



Nature School at Camp Albemarle | 2024-2025 Session Offerings

Preschool classes and afternoon homeschool classes run September 3, 2024 to May 16, 2025
Kindergarten – 7th grade classes run August 19, 2024 to May 23, 2025

****Our school schedule may be different from Carteret County Public Schools. We will try to align major school breaks but we will have additional and different teacher workdays and half days.****

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

****Registration fees go towards a short-sleeve nature school shirt for new students and curriculum and supplies for each class.****

****There is a 15% sibling discount. Contact the Nature School Director for scholarship information. Lower and Middle school students must first apply to the NC Opportunity Scholarship and show proof of ineligibility before applying for a Nature School scholarship.****

Preschool Class | 3 & 4 year old

- 2-day session: Tuesday and Thursday | 9am to 12pm | \$1855 per year | 3 & 4 year old mixed class
- 3-day session: Monday, Wednesday and Friday | 9am to 12pm | \$2600 per year | 3 & 4 year old mixed class
- 5-day session: Monday - Friday | 9am to 12pm | \$3940 per year | 4 year old class only

Must be 3 on or before August 31, 2024 for the 2- day and 3- day sessions and 4 for the 5-day session

All preschool students must have independent bathroom skills – this includes using a full-sized toilet with a stool independently. Students may not come in pull ups.

Our preschool program follows an emergent curriculum which allows for flexibility in learning activities. Teachers utilize children's natural interests, curiosities, and seasonal nature changes to guide their curriculum development. Free play is built in as a crucial part of our program and provides endless opportunities for cognitive, physical, social, and emotional learning. During free play, the teachers' guide students through problem solving moments that naturally arise through students' social interaction. We utilize a positive discipline approach rooted in Conscious Discipline and Responsive Classroom. Our program also emphasizes faith development through the sharing of daily devotions, blessings at snack time, opportunities for student-led prayer, and singing songs about the Bible and Jesus. Our goal is for our preschool students to know that God loves us and is always with us, that God created the world around us, and that we can talk to God and bring him our worries and our thanks.

The student to teacher ratio is 10:2. A \$100 non-refundable registration and supply fee is required with confirmation of enrollment for new students and \$75 for returning students.

Lower School & Middle School (K-7th Grade)

Half Day Kindergarten (Please contact Katie via email katie@campalbemarle.org if you are interested in half day Kindergarten)

Monday through Friday | 8:30am to 12:30pm | \$4,750 per year

Must be 5 on or before August 31, 2024 to enroll in Kindergarten

Our half day Kindergarten program is for students who plan on homeschooling or enrolling in public school after Kindergarten. Half day students will not be guaranteed a spot in 1st grade at Nature School for the next school year.

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 a supporting teacher. 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 & Middle School K-7th Grade

Monday through Friday | 8:30am to 2:30pm | \$6,400 per year

Must be 5 on or before August 31, 2024 to enroll in Kindergarten

Lower & Middle School is Nature School's private K-7th school, with the goal of going through 8th grade for the 25/26 school year. NC state standards are met in math and language arts while social studies and science follow a faith-based curriculum that progresses sequentially through all the science topics covered in elementary and middle school. Our approach is rooted in daily nature immersion, capturing students' inborn curiosity about the natural world to foster deep connections to God and nature. Our school utilizes Responsive Classroom and Conscious Discipline methods to support social emotional growth. Lower school grades have access to cabin classrooms, but classes do take place predominately outside.

Class sizes averages 18 students (15 full day and 3 half day Kindergarten), 15 students (1st-3rd) and 10 -15 students (4rd-7th). K-5th have a lead teacher and one supporting teacher per class. 6th and 7th rotate teachers based on subject. 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, new families will receive a link to sign-up for an interview to confirm their child's spot. This interview must take place within one month of the confirmation of a spot and allows us to ensure that Nature School is a good fit for the child and family and that we have the ability to meet the learning and behavior needs of the child.