



Nature School at Camp Albemarle | 2026-2027 Session Offerings

*Preschool classes run August 31, 2026 to May 13/14, 2027
Kindergarten – 8th grade classes run August 17, 2026 to May 20, 2027*

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 | \$2145 per year | 3- & 4-year-old mixed class
- 3-day session: Monday, Wednesday and Friday | 9am to 12pm | \$3000 per year | 3- & 4-year-old mixed class
- 5-day session: Monday - Friday | 9am to 12pm | \$4550 per year | 4-year-old class only

Must be 3 on or before August 31, 2026 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.

Please note that our 5-day class catering to 4-year-olds does have a slightly more academic focus on Kindergarten preparation.

The student to teacher ratio is 10:2. A \$150 non-refundable registration and supply fee is required with confirmation of enrollment for new students and \$125 for returning students.

Lower School & Middle School (K-8th Grade)

Lower & Middle School K-8th Grade

Monday through Friday | 8:30am to 2:30pm | \$7700 per year

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Must be 5 on or before August 31, 2026 to enroll in Kindergarten

Lower & Middle School is Nature School's private K-8th school. 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 average 15 students. K-5th have a lead teacher and one supporting teacher per class. Middle school (6th-8th) share supporting teachers. A \$300 non-refundable registration and supply fee is required at the time of enrollment for new students and \$225 for returning students. Once a spot is confirmed as available, new families will receive a link to sign-up for a tour to confirm their child's spot. This tour 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.