

Summer Forest School programs for Ages approx. 3-8

Steps To Enroll

- Email Directly: contact@thechildselement.org
- Please copy and paste this into email, and add your info:

New Students:

- Child's Name:
- Child's Birthdate:
- Child's Age:
- Parent #1 First and Last Name:
- Parent #1 Phone Number:
- Parent #1 EMAIL address:

If you already have a Brightwheel account, please provide the email address associated with Brightwheel

- Parent #2 First and Last Name:
- Parent #2 Phone Number:
- Parent #2 EMAIL address:

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- Any Medical or Behavioral information we need to be aware of:
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- Which LOCATION you want to attend:
- Which Summer BLOCK you want to attend:
- Which DAYS you want to attend consistently each week:
 - Note: changes in your child's summer schedule are not allowed once enrolled.
- How did you hear about this program?

Previously Enrolled/Continuing Students:

- Child's Name:
 - Parent #1 First and Last Name:
 - Which LOCATION you want to attend:
 - Which Summer BLOCK you want to attend:
 - Which DAYS you want to attend consistently each week:
- Once enrollment is reviewed and accepted, parents are required to accept invites to download the Brightwheel App for:
 - Invoicing
 - Complete enrollment forms
 - Fill out child's profile
 - Billing
 - Messaging and Communication with Teachers and Director
 - Turn messaging notifications on

Note: you are **not** automatically enrolled for Future School Years or Future Summers. You must resend this information through email if you would like to enroll for future school years or Summer terms.

Locations:

- Please see website for locations, inquire within for exact meeting locations

Tuition:

- Payments are due in full upon enrollment. Your spot is not secure until Payment is made. No exceptions.
- Invoices are sent through Brightwheel once enrollment is accepted.

Makeup Day Policy:

- No makeup days offered for Summer Term when children are sick or by family's choice of absence
- No makeup days offered for weather-related closures during Summer Term
- Makeup days **ARE** offered for June 19, July 4 (if they fall on a weekday) when scheduled **BEFORE** Summer Term starts. (Juneteenth and Independence Day)

- Once Summer term starts, makeup days for June 19 and July 4 cannot be schedule

Withdrawal of Enrollment:

- You can terminate your child's enrollment at any time, however, payments that have already been made cannot be refunded. This includes Summer tuition. No exceptions, thank you for understanding.

What does this class consist of?

- Class are solely outdoors, led by trained and experienced Teachers (teachers are CPR/First aid certified, background checked, and receive continued training from our Director)
- Child-interest-Led within a gentle daily structure
- Age Appropriate Crafts
- Nature lessons, naturally arising, as well as planned
- Social and Emotional guidance, (ie listening to a story and raising hand, respectful communication, emotional regulation and expressing feelings, confidence building, peer connections, asking for help, independence building,
- Walks in Nature, climbing and exploring
- Free Play
- Mud Kitchen
- Age Appropriate Building & Fort Making
- Age-Appropriate Storybooks and nature literature
- This class does not include: a strongly set curriculum, as we believe these ages of children need ample free-play, with detailed teacher attention on individual development

More info:

- Children must be potty trained (we do potty break reminders throughout the day and can assist children while allowing privacy)
- Children are required to bring a backpack with a clean change of clothing (socks, underwear, pants, tshirt.
- Children are required to bring a large lunch-style snack

- Children are required to bring a medium sized Water Bottle (no ice in water during cold months)
- Children should wear clothing they are comfortable to move freely in, that can get dirty, wet, & muddy
- Children are required to wear **long pants** that are durable (jeans/ overalls)
- Children are required to wear hiking boots, or tennis shoes (rain boots not suggested), however, children are encouraged in warm weather to take their shoes off during play to connect into the earth once we arrive to our class spot
- Prompt drop off at 8:30am and pickup at 12:15 is required.
- Groups depart from the drop off spot promptly at 8:45am.
- If families are late for drop off, they are required to walk their children in to meet up with the group. As teachers are guiding class time after they hike in at 8:45, it can be difficult for parents and teachers to coordinate meet up, so please be patient if they aren't immediately responding to a late drop off/meet up.

Additional Gear for Summer:

- Waterproof Rainsuit, with light clothing underneath and a light sweatshirt, on days when **rain is in the forecast** the ground is significantly wet and muddy
- Waterproof Shoes when rain is in the forecast
- Jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts for the cooler mornings
- Sun hats
- Please apply sunscreen and/or bug spray prior to class time, if you desire