



## **Sunbeam Nature Camps**

June - July 2022

**Weekly Sessions for Children ages 1.9 - 8**

**9am-1pm, 1:30pm-5:30pm**

**\$275 per week for ages 3.3-8**

**\$320 per week for ages 1.9-3.3**

### **Session 1 & 2 Soil: Worms and Other Earthly Delights**

June 6 - 10

June 13 - 17

### **Sessions 3 & 4 Garden Magic: Fairies & Mythical Creatures**

June 20 - 24

June 27 - July 1

### **Sessions 5 & 6: Flight: Butterflies, Bees, Planes and Kites**

July 5 - 8

July 11 - 15

### **Sessions 7 & 8: Water!**

July 18 - 22

July 25 - 29

Teacher inservice Aug 1 - 12

Fall school year starts Aug 15th

FAQ's:

**What is the framework for your camp sessions?**

Our curricular design is shaped by what children need most for optimal development: play, movement, connection, and investigation.

Camp sessions are structured by our consistent daily routines, our farm and garden tasks, and activities are based on a chosen theme, with a lot of wiggle room for children's own explorations and creative pursuits to emerge.

Additionally, our focus on relationships and social justice means that there is plenty of unstructured, yet supervised and supported play time for children to create imaginary worlds, negotiate role-taking, leading/following, collaboration, and communication. In other words, we give ample time for free play, which is the true work of the child.

**What are the costs?**

For toddlers 1.9 to 3.3 yo:  
\$680 per 2-week session (morning only)

For preschoolers and school-aged children:  
\$550 per 1/2day 2-week session

10% discount for signing up for two or more sessions  
10% discount for signing up for both morning and afternoon sessions  
5% discount for siblings

This means that the full time program 9-5:30 for a full month costs \$1760.  
If this is cost-prohibitive we can work it out, we don't want to turn anyone away due to cost.

Option A  
9:00am - 1:00pm

Option B  
1:30-5:30pm

Option A & B (for children 3.3y+)\*  
9:00am - 5:30pm  
\*extended morning care 8:00-9:00am available too, \$18 per morning

**What are your Covid and wellness policies?**

At this time, the plan is that children and teachers will not be masked in our summer programs. Via the application, we screen each family to learn about their approach to pandemic safety and vaccinations. After they are accepted, we ask that attendees stay home if they are experiencing any symptoms of illness (sniffles, sneeze, cough, fever, vomit, etc). Attendees should stay home if anyone in the family has had exposure to someone who has tested positive for Covid in the last seven days. Anyone experiencing illness can return to camp after symptoms have subsided and with a negative Covid test (rapid is fine for symptoms; PCR is necessary for positive case exposure).

**What are the ages, and will the children be divided by age?**

In our summer sessions we enroll the same ages available in our school year program, ages 2 years - 8 years. Groupings will be based on the ages of campers enrolled. Toddlers (1.9-3.3, morning only) will be their own cohort. In the toddler and preschool camps, priority will be given to families who are enrolled for the fall 2022 school year.

**Can toddlers/preschoolers have the option of attending 2 or three days per week?**

Yes; children ages 1.9 - 3.3yo can attend MWF or TTH in the morning only, or they can attend the full five days, morning only.

Children ages 3.5 - 5 can attend morning or afternoon MWF or TTH or the full five days, morning or afternoon.

**Where does the camp take place?**

Everyday we will meet at our farmstead on 1002 Bodega Ave, just a few minutes west of downtown Petaluma. We are a 100% outdoors program with the exception of unsafe weather, such as AQI > 90, winds > 35 mph, and temperatures > 100 degrees. We will have sufficient shade and the program will emphasize self care and listening to our bodies to get enough water, keep hats on, reapply sunscreen, and take rest breaks when needed.

**Is food provided?**

We ask that children bring their own zero-waste lunches (with cold packs) and snacks. We will provide extra water and will have extra snacks on-hand to give to students when needed, with the occasional all-fruit popsicle and/or iced tea service provided.