



## **Purpose**

To meet the developmental needs of the whole child by initiating a life-long, meaningful relationship with the natural world in a high quality early childhood environment.

## **Philosophy**

Teachers will attend to children's needs for autonomy, connection to others, and acquiring/mastering skills while creating an environment where children are self-motivated to focus deeply on purposeful activities.

## **Curriculum**

Curriculum will be inquiry-based and student-driven. The inherent wonder, complexity, and beauty of the natural world will serve as a catalyst for each child's growth and development. Children will "learn by doing" through child-initiated play and active hands-on exploration of their environment where they gather information, pursue new questions, and construct their own theories of how the world works.

Teachers will be observant, flexible, and creative facilitators and mentors who model an ethic of respect and love for all life.

Nature will be the foundation for the curriculum. Direct experience in nature is critical in meeting the social, physical, emotional, and cognitive needs of children. Our curriculum is based on Ohio Early Learning Content Standards and developmentally appropriate practices.

## **Licensed by the State of Ohio**

We are a fully licensed, nine-month preschool offering morning or afternoon classes for three- to five-year olds. Children must be three years old by September 1 of the year they enroll and must be toilet trained. Our school year begins September 6, 2016, and ends May 23, 2017. We require a commitment for the entire school year.

## Class Options/Tuition

Classes are composed of mixed age groups of three - to five-year - olds. There are four options available:

- **Two mornings per week**  
Tuesday and Thursday  
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Tuition (2016-2017 school year): \$2,820
- **Three mornings per week**  
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Tuition (2016-2017 school year): \$4,250
- **Two afternoons per week**  
Tuesday and Thursday  
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Tuition (2016-2017 school year): \$2,820
- **Three afternoons per week**  
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Tuition (2016-2017 school year): \$4,250

**There are several plans for tuition payment; inquire for more information.**

## Application

CNC member registration opens January 26th. If your child is accepted into the program, you will receive a confirmation letter via email. A membership at the family level or above is required to enroll for preschool.

## Enrollment Deposit

The \$250.00 deposit is required at time of application. Your child is not officially enrolled until this deposit is received by CNC. The deposit will be applied to your total prior to calculating your remaining payments. If your child enrolls and does not attend the Nature Preschool, the \$250 deposit is not refunded.

If a student withdraws for any reason other than a medical problem (verification from a licensed physician required) or relocation, parents are personally liable to pay the full tuition for the balance of the school year.

## Contact Information

Please contact Tisha Luthy at Cincinnati Nature Center for more information and to schedule a personal meeting about CNC's Nature Preschool.

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