

••••• Spend a Summer In Nature •••••

Five fun-filled units will expand children's imagination and learning throughout the summer. Exciting projects, experiments and time to explore will provide children with summer memories that will last throughout the year! Each study will include a focused Discovery Walk and plentiful time in outdoor spaces.

June 15—26: *Creating with Nature*

For two full weeks, children will create natural art projects, first gathering the objects in nature and then using them to create a Natural Art Museum. Creations will be on display for families to enjoy throughout the summer. School-age children will focus on photography in nature for their creative creations.

June 29—July 10: *Living in Nature*

This special unit will focus on the skills of living in nature including camping, cooking, and hiking. All classes will spend a day in nature, preparing lunches and using the outdoor environment as their classrooms.

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July 13—24: *Water Wonders of Nature*

Children will explore the streams/creeks on site and discover plant and animal life that thrive in area waterways. Children will also enjoy outdoor water play activities including giant bubble-making, making water rainbows, and adding water fun to playground activities. A Creek Study will be provided for preschool and school-age children.

July 27—August 7: *Nurturing Nature*

Taking time to nurture nature is a needed skill in today's world. Children will add plants to the discovery walk, learn about ways to recycle, effects pollution has on nature, and gain an appreciation of the gifts nature brings to daily living.

August 10—21: *The Sounds of Nature*

Guided by our in-house music teacher, Ms. Janice, children will make instruments from natural objects, listen to natural music available to us when outdoors, and create a musical performance using natural sounds.

"No Child Left Indoors" at the

▶ DANDELION "NATURE-AL" LEARNING SUMMER PROGRAM 2009



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Nature-al Learning '09

► Children will take walks through our 16 wooded acres, enjoy wading in our creeks, and make creations from materials found in the natural world around us. Programs will be held in large well-equipped air-conditioned classrooms and spacious outdoor play areas with plenty of time for outside water play. Outdoor events for families will round out the summer activities.



..... **Experiences for Children this Summer Include:**

Nature-al Creations

Ms. Angela, our art teacher, will help children explore nature through art experiences.

Musical Moments

Miss Janice, our music teacher, will continue to share her musical talents with children throughout the summer months.

T-Shirt Days

Staff and children are invited to wear their Dandelion T-shirts or wear green and/or yellow to show their Dandelion spirit!

Discovery Walk Days

Classrooms will take guided Discovery Walks down the nature trail during each of the five summer units of study.

Creek Days

Preschool through school-age will explore the creek areas on-site.

Water Play Days

Children will enjoy refreshing fun during outside water play which will include water tables, squirt bottles, sprinklers, and more. NOTE: School-age will have scheduled times to explore our creek area and scheduled trips to local pools.

Water Days Schedule :

Mondays-Room 1

Tuesdays-Room 2

Wednesdays-Room 3

Thursdays-Room 6

Fridays-Preschool/Room 4 (a.m.) & Room 5 (p.m.)



"On-Site Field Trips" for All Ages

A Palm Tree Moon Bounce will return for another summer to provide children with a new way to "commune" with nature — while bouncing in the great out-of-doors.

Pony-to-Go Petting Zoo will provide a new and unique selection of animals for children to enjoy.

A musical performance by a professional musician will entertain children of all ages (TBA).

School-Age Off-site Field Trips

School-agers will spend the summer bowling, ice skating, swimming and having lunch at local parks.

During July-August school-agers will enjoy weekly trips to local pools alternating traveling to the Brunswick Pool or Loudoun County Pool.

..... **Preschool-Hours-Only Summer Enrichment Program**

Dandelion offers a summer enrichment preschool program that includes:

- * A multi-age experience in a combined 3's and 4's classroom setting
- * Attendance on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week
- * An extended day experience, 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (includes "Lunch Bunch"—children provide own lunches)
- * A focus on readiness skills and summer fun!

..... **Family Fun**

Dandelion Keys Night: A special night out for families will be scheduled at the Keys ball park a **Saturday** game. Fireworks and Carousel rides will also be part of the festivities.

Family Discovery Walks: Families are invited to enjoy self-guided Discovery Walks on Friday evenings from 4—6 p.m.

Campfire Cookout Night: Families will be invited to participate in a campfire cookout after a walk down the Dandelion Discovery Walk nature trail.

