



2026 Summer Camp Info

Join us this summer as The Treehouse will be holding a summer program from June 23rd - August 14th, 2026. This year, we are changing our enrollment process; families may now choose to enroll by blocks (shown below). The Treehouse is a Waldorf-inspired Forest School and we will remain true to this approach throughout the summer. Each camp will be in our Forest Garden and include a daily oral story, free play and unique activities based on the theme. If you are enrolling in the Fall of 2026, this is a perfect opportunity to get your family acclimated to The Treehouse before school starts on September 1st, 2026!

How To Register for Summer Camps:

- Review this Summer Camp Info Packet in entirety
- Fill out the respective Summer Camp Application via Brightwheel based on your child's age **A \$35 Application Fee is required to be considered for Summer Camp Enrollment*
 - [Acorn Summer Camp Application](#) (6 weeks - 23 months)
 - [Sapling Summer Camp Application](#) (2 & 3 year olds)
 - [Oak Summer Camp Application](#) (3-5 year olds)
- Submission of an application does NOT guarantee your child's enrollment as applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis
- You will be contacted once your application is received to confirm your child's enrollment and their requested schedule; you will then receive an enrollment contract via AdobeSign
- Please be prepared to submit your child's Material Fees as soon as your child's enrollment is confirmed
- If you fail to submit payment for Material Fees, then your child's spot will be opened up to another camper
- If registering more than one child, please fill out a separate application for each child

Treehouse hours are from 8:30am-4:30pm with early drop offs and various pickup options available!

Block One: Fiber and Nature Arts Camp (June 23rd - July 17th):

This will be a camp of constant creation inspired from our natural world. Students will be creating natural plant dyes to color various materials. We will be felting, weaving, making paper, and we wouldn't think of leaving out Tie-Dye! Students will spend time painting in nature, learning the fine art of watercolor painting, hand making candles and working with clay. In addition, through music, movement, and storytelling, we will further inspire the foundation of children's artistic and creative forces.

Block Two: Homesteading Camp (July 20th - August 14th):

While learning how to live off the land we love, students will see how the earth and elements are here to support us. We will learn about the transformative nature of the sun by drying herbs from our garden and making sun tea. Our organic vegetable garden and budding food forest will offer food for preservation. We will have the joy of engaging with herbs and medicinal plants while making apothecary kits and homemade salves. Depending on development, students may build homes for creatures in our outdoor classroom and observe how all life is connected on the Homestead. Through all of these activities we will learn not only how Mother Earth gives to us, but how we can give back to Mother Earth.

New! Tuition Tiers

We're introducing a [tiered tuition model](#) to make our program more accessible and equitable. Supported Tuition (3.5% increase) helps families for whom standard tuition is a hardship; Standard Tuition (6% increase) covers the full program cost; and Abundance Tuition allows families to contribute extra to support others and become a tax deductible donor recognized on our Donor Tree. This approach gives families choice while sustaining our nature-based learning community.

Each year, tuition increases go to supporting staff raises, continuing to provide Financial Aid and our school's financial health. While deciding our tuition and staff salary increases, we take into account similar schools, job market rates, ERDC rate increases and Cost-of-Living Adjustments.

If meeting these new tiers is difficult for your family to manage, please do not hesitate to view our Financial Aid information below. We have a deep passion and commitment to making this education affordable to all, and are working on breaking down more barriers each year.




A [Supported Tuition Application](#) is required when selecting the Supported Tuition Tier in your application.

If you qualify for the Supported Tuition tier and would like to request additional financial aid, please see our [Financial Aid Handout](#) for more information.

Acorn Summer Camp Weekly Tuition and Schedule Options

Ages 6 weeks - 23 months

Weekly Tuition Rates for 2026 Summer Camps:

 Supported Tuition A reduced-cost option for families who need financial support			
5 Day M-F 4:30 pickup: \$684.59 3:30 pickup: \$599.02	4 Day M/T/Th/F 4:30 pickup: \$547.67 3:30 pickup: \$479.21 12:30 pickup: \$397.92	3 Day M/T/W M/W/F W/Th/F 4:30 pickup: \$410.75 3:30 pickup: \$359.41 12:30 pickup: \$298.44	2 Day T/Th 4:30 pickup: \$273.84 3:30 pickup: \$239.61 12:30 pickup: \$198.96
 Standard Tuition The true cost of your child's participation in our program			
5 Day M-F 4:30 pickup: \$701.13 3:30 pickup: \$613.49	4 Day M/T/Th/F 4:30 pickup: \$560.90 3:30 pickup: \$490.79 12:30 pickup: \$407.53	3 Day M/T/W M/W/F W/Th/F 4:30 pickup: \$420.68 3:30 pickup: \$368.09 12:30 pickup: \$305.65	2 Day T/Th 4:30 pickup: \$280.45 3:30 pickup: \$245.39 12:30 pickup: \$203.76
 Abundance Tuition (Choose Your Contribution)			
A pay-it-forward option for families with the capacity to contribute more. Suggested contribution is 2.5% - 7% above the Standard Tuition, but any amount is accepted and appreciated.			

A note on tuition rates and billing:

Although we will be enrolling in blocks, you'll see that summer camp tuition is still listed in weekly rates. Each block is 4 weeks. For proper accounting, you will be billed for the summer camp dates you attend each calendar month.

For example, if you enroll in Block One (June 23rd-July 17th), you will receive an invoice for dates enrolled June 23rd-30th on May 1st with a due date of May 12th. Then, you'll receive an invoice for dates enrolled July 1st-17th on June 1st with a due date of June 12th. All of this will be carefully detailed in your Summer Camp Enrollment Contract.


Sapling Summer Camp Weekly Tuition and Schedule Options

Ages 2-3 years old

Weekly Tuition Rates for 2026 Summer Camps:

 **Supported Tuition** A reduced-cost option for families who need financial support

5 Day M-F	4 Day M/T/Th/F	3 Day M/T/W M/W/F W/Th/F	2 Day T/Th
4:30 pickup: \$641.80 3:30 pickup: \$561.58	4:30 pickup: \$513.44 3:30 pickup: \$449.26 12:30 pickup: \$342.30	4:30 pickup: \$385.08 3:30 pickup: \$336.95 12:30 pickup: \$256.72	4:30 pickup: \$256.72 3:30 pickup: \$224.63 12:30 pickup: \$171.15

 **Standard Tuition** The true cost of your child's participation in our program

5 Day M-F	4 Day M/T/Th/F	3 Day M/T/W M/W/F W/Th/F	2 Day T/Th
4:30 pickup: \$657.31 3:30 pickup: \$575.14	4:30 pickup: \$525.84 3:30 pickup: \$460.11 12:30 pickup: \$350.56	4:30 pickup: \$394.38 3:30 pickup: \$345.09 12:30 pickup: \$262.92	4:30 pickup: \$262.92 3:30 pickup: \$230.06 12:30 pickup: \$175.28

 **Abundance Tuition** (Choose Your Contribution)

A pay-it-forward option for families with the capacity to contribute more. Suggested contribution is 2.5% - 7% above the Standard Tuition, but any amount is accepted and appreciated.


Oak Summer Camp Weekly Tuition and Schedule Options

Ages 3-5 years old | Preschool and Kindergarten

Weekly Tuition Rates for 2026 Summer Camps:

 **Supported Tuition** A reduced-cost option for families who need financial support

5 Day M-F	4 Day M/T/Th/F	3 Day M/T/W M/W/F W/Th/F	2 Day T/Th
4:30 pickup: \$599.02 3:30 pickup: \$524.14	4:30 pickup: \$479.21 3:30 pickup: \$419.31 12:45 pickup: \$308.07	4:30 pickup: \$359.41 3:30 pickup: \$314.48 12:45 pickup: \$231.05	4:30 pickup: \$239.61 3:30 pickup: \$209.66 12:45 pickup: \$154.03

 **Standard Tuition** The true cost of your child's participation in our program

5 Day M-F	4 Day M/T/Th/F	3 Day M/T/W M/W/F W/Th/F	2 Day T/Th
4:30 pickup: \$613.49 3:30 pickup: \$536.80	4:30 pickup: \$490.79 3:30 pickup: \$429.44 12:45 pickup: \$315.51	4:30 pickup: \$368.09 3:30 pickup: \$322.08 12:45 pickup: \$236.63	4:30 pickup: \$245.39 3:30 pickup: \$214.72 12:45 pickup: \$157.75

 **Abundance Tuition** (Choose Your Contribution)

A pay-it-forward option for families with the capacity to contribute more. Suggested contribution is 2.5% - 7% above the Standard Tuition, but any amount is accepted and appreciated.

Diaper & Wipe Fee

- All children in diapers will be charged a Diaper & Wipe Fee (*d/w fee*) as The Treehouse provides all diapers and wipes unless you supply your own cloth diapers. This fee is calculated based on your child's schedule.
- The cost is:
 \$3.20 per day for 4:30 pickups | \$2.80 per day for 3:30 pickups | \$1.60 per day for 12:30/12:45 pickups

Additional Fees

- Non-refundable Material Fees: \$10 per week of camp you enroll
 - Material Fees are due upon enrollment confirmation.
- Late Pickup Fee:
 - If you pick up your child over 5 minutes late you will be billed the hourly rate for your child's classroom as tardiness greatly affects our rhythm of the day and teacher:child ratio.
 - If you are 6 or more minutes late for a 4:30 pickup, you will be billed the hourly rate for your child's classroom for the 6 minutes plus an additional \$1 for every minute thereafter as this is our last pickup time and any late pickups prohibit our teachers from closing the school on schedule.
- Maintenance Fee: There will be a \$20 maintenance fee each time your child's registration is changed after your original registration has been processed and confirmed.
- No Sign In/Out Fee: There will be a \$2 fee any time you fail to sign your child in or out on Brightwheel.
- Late Tuition Payment Fee: 1-3 days late: \$10.00 | 4-7 days late: \$20.00 | 8-10 days late: \$30.00 | Over 10 days late: 1% interest of total tuition per day until paid in full.



Summer Program Changes

Our summer program has a few important scheduling notes:

- We are no longer enrolling for summer camps on a weekly basis. Instead, families can choose to enroll for the two various camp themes (listed on page 1). Schedules will remain consistent from week-to-week for each camp block. I understand that I have reserved certain days of the week and will only be able to attend those days. Missed days will not be reimbursed in any way.
- Summer closures that fall on your child's enrollment day will be included in your tuition. This helps cover the staff for their much earned vacations, sick days, and professional development days.
- We have two staff meetings scheduled during summer camps: Tuesday, June 23rd and Tuesday, July 21st. We will not be offering 4:30 pm pickups for any classrooms on these dates; 3:30 pm pickup will be the latest offered. **If your schedule includes 4:30 pickup on Tuesdays, your tuition will remain the same, as student tuition covers 100% of our staff's payroll. Please mark your calendars accordingly.**

Extending your child's pickup time

If you would like to extend your child's pickup time after your child is already registered please email the Office Manager for approval. The cost of extending your child's pickup time is as follows:



 Supported Tuition Tier		
Acorn Class \$17.60 per hour	Sapling Class \$16.60 per hour	Oak Class \$15.50 per hour
 Standard Tuition Tier		
Acorn Class \$18.00 per hour	Sapling Class \$17.00 per hour	Oak Class \$16.00 per hour

Daily Drop Off Times are between 8:30 am - 9 am for all schedule options.

Early Drop Off Request

For Sapling and Oak classrooms only at this time. You may request an early drop off at 7:30 am, 7:45 am, 8:00 am or 8:15 am **with Office Manager approval as it depends on our morning ratios and teacher scheduling.**

The cost for early drop off per day is as follows:



 Supported Tuition Tier		
Acorn Class	Sapling Class	Oak Class
Not available at this time	7:30 drop off: \$16.60 7:45 drop off: \$12.45 8:00 drop off: \$8.30 8:15 drop off: \$4.15	7:30 drop off: \$15.50 7:45 drop off: \$11.63 8:00 drop off: \$7.75 8:15 drop off: \$3.88
 Standard Tuition Tier		
Acorn Class	Sapling Class	Oak Class
Not available at this time	7:30 drop off: \$17.00 7:45 drop off: \$12.75 8:00 drop off: \$8.50 8:15 drop off: \$4.25	7:30 drop off: \$16.00 7:45 drop off: \$12.00 8:00 drop off: \$8.00 8:15 drop off: \$4.00

Typical drop off time is 8:30 am - 9 am. Dropping off any minute before 8:30 am without Office Manager approval will result in being charged an \$5 early drop off fee.

Adding Drop-in Days or Additional Camps

If space allows, you are welcome to add days throughout the summer. Please contact the office for approval if you would like to add a “drop-in day” to your child’s enrollment or if you would like to enroll them in an additional camp.

The cost of adding a day is as follows:

 Supported Tuition Tier		
Acorn Class	Sapling Class	Oak Class
4:30 pickup: \$136.92 3:30 pickup: \$119.80 12:30 pickup: \$99.48	4:30 pickup: \$128.36 3:30 pickup: \$112.32 12:30 pickup: \$85.57	4:30 pickup: \$119.80 3:30 pickup: \$104.83 12:45 pickup: \$77.02
 Standard Tuition Tier		
Acorn Class	Sapling Class	Oak Class
4:30 pickup: \$140.23 3:30 pickup: \$122.70 12:30 pickup: \$101.88	4:30 pickup: \$131.46 3:30 pickup: \$115.03 12:30 pickup: \$87.64	4:30 pickup: \$122.70 3:30 pickup: \$107.36 12:45 pickup: \$78.88

Please consider donating to our Financial Aid Fund with a tax-deductible donation through our [Betterworld](#) account. Any amount is helpful to share this education with others.