Family Field Science Schedule

Class takes place on Wednesday from 9:00-2:50 at local parks and/or SVEC.

Rhythm of the Day:

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Meet at Park OR have workshop stations at SVEC.

Younger students will have their own group learning time as they journal and complete sit spots, book discussions, and/or art activities.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Transportation to local park, lunch, and time for free exploration at the park.

12:30 1:30 p.m

Meet for lunch, story connected to the theme of the day.

Group game and whole group welcome circle.

1:30-2:30 pm.

Thematic teacher guided lessons in both age groups.

Examples include: nature hikes, experiments, data collection, and land connection activities.

2:30-3:00 p.m.

Closing gratitude and wondering circle

Families are responsible for transporting their own children and are expected to stay on site.

Family Forest School counts for 3 weight of class. For more information please contact the main office.



FAMILY FOREST SCHOOL MIGHT BE A GOOD FIT IF:

- You value emergent, experiential learning through play and place-based experiences with your children.
- You like spending time outside learning with children in all weather.
- You want to be part of a nurturing, multi-age community that supports you as a homeschool family. Younger siblings are welcome.
- You'd like resources and support from educators in meeting your homeschooling goals

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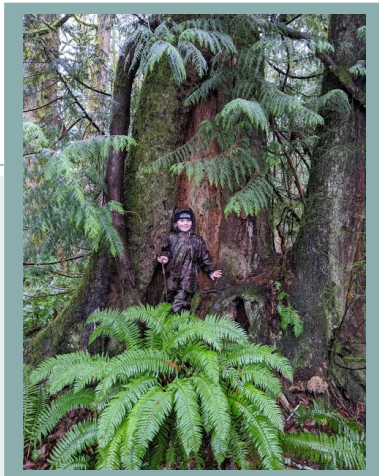
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K-5 Half Day (2 weight)
K-5 Full Day (3 weight)

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WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING:

"Family Forest School has been a nurturing, child-led community, that has inspired my child to look closely at the natural world, and empowered them to ask questions and learn through our local environment. It's been a community for us, a place for me to talk with other parents and for my child to develop lasting friendships.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

You are your child's first and best teacher. Being out in the woods with your child means you get to know your child's friends and their parents too. Many families have found Family Forest School a great way to build a network of like-minded homeschooling friends.



The teacher's role is to set up learning experiences and invitations surrounding literacy, science, social studies and PE. These invitations help the children explore, observe, question, experiment, discover and play. The primary educator can then use the children's questions and curiosity to extend out of class learning in areas that are of interest and relevance.



WHAT WE LEARN:

- Place-based study of natural and human history
- The tools of a scientist, researcher, and citizen
- Naturalist skills; integrating the use of writing, art and science to record data and observations
- Process-based art using traditional, found, and natural materials
- Using literature and writing to tell stories
- Student led time to build relationships and pursue interests
- Teamwork and how to be part of a community
- Outdoor safety and recreation
- The role of nature and the environment in social justice issues

