

Ventura Wild Forest Preschool Programs

2023-2024 Program Offerings

Program Description

Children growing into some independence will enjoy this opportunity to join our small 4:1 ratio child to adult groups to explore, play and connect in natural settings. There are so many opportunities for natural learning activities from watching bugs to climbing on logs, walking on rocks to finding walnuts and acorns. We wander into nature discovering all the diversity of the season, and then settle into a lovely sense of belonging and joy. Through games, stories, songs and the magical teaching moments presented by nature, your children gain awareness, knowledge and skills that last a lifetime.

Los Pajaritos

Los Pajaritos shares the same program description, but is taught in both Spanish and English – with the goal of exposing non-Spanish speakers to the Spanish language, and encouraging native speakers to use and broaden their language skills in an outdoor nature-based setting.

La clase bilingüe del viernes será en forma similar al resto del programa preescolar, pero se impartirá en español e inglés – con el objetivo de exponer el idioma español a quienes no hablan español y alentar a los hispanohablantes a usar y ampliar sus habilidades lingüísticas en un entorno natural al aire libre.

Los niños jóvenes disfrutarán de esta oportunidad junto a un pequeño grupo para explorar, jugar y conectarse en la naturaleza. El grupo tendrá un máximo de 12 personas, con una proporción de 4 niños por cada adulto. Los participantes podrán aprender y disfrutar de la naturaleza – desde observar insectos hasta trepar en troncos, caminar sobre rocas y encontrar semillas. Las actividades incluyen juegos, historias, canciones y momentos de enseñanza presentados por la naturaleza – esenciales para desarrollar conocimientos y habilidades que duran toda la vida.

About Our Locations

All programs visit Hayden Preserve, Foster Park, and plan monthly field trips to other natural locations in Ventura County.

Hayden preserve is a private, teaching preserve managed by Ventura Land Trust. Because of its small size, it is not open to the public for recreational purposes. Instead, this preserve serves as a restoration project, where students can participate in stewardship projects and observe the many birding and other wildlife opportunities the preserve hosts. This is also a location where we have the opportunity to establish other creative and sensory projects, such as our mud kitchen.

Foster Park is a beautiful and dynamic part of our watershed, where the Ventura River flows through, dividing the visitor area from the wild riparian environment. This park lends access to large grass areas, climbing trees, shade, water play, hiking, native habitat, and so much more.

Program Pricing

Pricing is for our Fall 2023 Semester only at this time. Once enrolled, you will have a reserved spot to continue with the program in our Spring 2024 Semester (the remainder of the school year).

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