

The Children's Garden 2021 SUMMER CAMP – Mixed-Age Class

(For Children Ages 3 to 7 years)

The beautiful carefree summer days of childhood are vibrant and blooming at The Children's Garden!

Fill your child's day with creative movement, circle games, watercolor painting, natural handcrafts, singing, storytelling, puppet shows, and outdoor activity in the morning sunshine.

Join us and give your child the magic of a Children's Garden summer!



The centerpiece of our morning is play – free, creative and unstructured play, indoors and outdoors – the true work, joy and developmental training ground of early childhood. Children are welcomed into engaging experiences that nourish their senses, involve their innate desire for self-initiated movement, and inspire their budding imaginations.

Children will experience summer's bounty - foraging, building forts from found limbs and branches, sand and water play with pails, shovels and boats made of bark or leaves; bubbles, wood planks and tree stumps are among the children's playthings on the yard. Teachers provide a rhythm of activities designed to bring balance to a child's day, and a wealth of natural materials to give wings to the imagination. Our weeks include lively stories, singing and circle games, baking or cooking, painting, handcrafts, gardening and nature walks. Children have the opportunity to work in the garden, tending to the summer vegetables, flowers and plants.

The mixed-age class is led by teachers with over 20 years (combined) of experience, who've had Waldorf and Lifeways living arts and outdoor care training. Summer camp takes place in our school's shady-and-edible-filled play yard, extended outside space and extends into our beautiful neighborhood jewel, Grant Park, for wide open play and nature walks. If we are spending ANY time indoors this summer, our largest, inviting homey classroom will be where we cool off for a little while those days.

Please let us know if you have any questions about summer camp after looking over the registration packet. Contact us in the school office 404.624.8591 or via email office@thechildrensgardenpreschool

Happy Summer!

Sally, Lori & Melanie
Directors

The Children's Garden 2021 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION & INFORMATION



Camp Hours this Summer

- This year, we move to a **5-mornings/week camp**. Two camp sessions are offered, each a month long. Here are the dates: **June session** – Tuesday, June 1st - Wednesday, June 30th; **July session** – Thursday, July 1st - Friday, July 30th
- **Two holiday closures to note** – Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day Weekend & Monday, July 5th for Independence Day Weekend.
- **Daily camp hours** – Each morning, we start at 8:55-9:10am for drop off and finish with dismissal at 12:40-12:45pm. A large, hearty snack is served late in the morning. (Lunch is eaten at home).

Summer Camp Fees

- There is a non refundable **registration fee of \$50 per camp session** (for each child). It must be submitted **with** your child's camp registration form and acts as a non-refundable deposit to secure your child's spot.
- Each **month-long camp session is \$680** and includes camp tuition, all supplies and your child's nutritious snack.
- **Camp registration fees and tuition fees are strictly non-refundable.**
- Checks for registration fees should be made payable to The Children's Garden Preschool. **Camp tuition is invoiced & paid electronically.**

Summer Camp Registration Basic Information and Policies

- Registration for Summer camp is **first come, first served**. Space is limited.
- Summer camp registration is open to **children aged 3 to 7**, also known as "rising Robins" in the school and older (age 3+ as of summer, 2021).
- The summer camp program is staffed by our trained TCG teachers and assistants.
- **Camp sessions may not be split**. To accommodate and serve all families with such limited space per session, the school must register children on a whole-session basis.
- **Payment DEADLINE** for camp tuition fees is **Tuesday, May 18th, 2021**.
- Camp fees not paid in full by the May 18th due date may result in forfeiture of camp placement for the session or sessions registered.
- In the event TCG must regroup ages or cancel camp sessions, parents will be notified immediately. If TCG must cancel any session of camp due to the enrollment minimum not being met, a credit or refund will be issued to affected families.
- There will be **no refunds or credits for any days missed** by a registered child.
- With the **anticipated changes coming due to vaccine distribution and herd immunity, we expect to spend a small part of the day inside, as soon as July 1st**. This will be assessed first and the decision determined only after several factors including expert guidance, have been considered. If we must remain fully outdoor for camp, we are completely prepared and equipped to do so.
- We **will continue morning curbside/sidewalk drop off and pick up during camp**, Assuming we are able to have some morning indoor time, children will only be inside for a little cool off, inside play, clean up and story time (before returning outside for parent pick up).
- **Parents will continue to stay outside the building**, as we have done during the 2021-2022 year.

SUMMER CAMP RHYTHMS



Daily Rhythms

- ❖ 8:55 to 9:10 – Arrival: Morning Drop-Off
- ❖ Until 10:40 – Outdoor Play, Painting, Baking, Handwork and/or Nature Walk (depending on the day's rhythm)
- ❖ 10:45 to 11:10 – Welcome the Day/Circle
- ❖ 11:10 – Wash Hands & Snack time
- ❖ 11:45 to 12:25 – Outside Games, Clean up & Story **OR** Inside time for Bathroom & Hand washing, Cool-Off/Free Play, Indoor Clean up & Story
- ❖ 12:30 to 12:35 – If returning outside, walk to play yard with packs on; Good-Bye Circle with children
- ❖ 12:40 to 12:45 – Dismissal, parent pick up

Snacks

- ❖ Monday – TCG Trail Mix
- ❖ Tuesday – Fresh Organic Fruit Salad
- ❖ Wednesday – Cooked Grain served with butter, seasonings and herbs
- ❖ Thursday – Fresh Bread Baking or Cooking
- ❖ Friday – Fresh Organic Veggies from the garden & Homemade Hummus

Creative Activities

- ❖ Monday – Nature Hike & Handwork
- ❖ Tuesday – Cleaning Day (purposeful work: chores, tidying, cleaning, gardening)*
- ❖ Wednesday – Wet-on-Wet Watercolor Painting
- ❖ Thursday – Baking or Cooking (activity AND the snack that day)
- ❖ Friday – Water Play (outside on the yard in swim gear and water shoes)

***Purposeful Work** Children help with joyful class chores. They are involved in washing dishes & tables, sweeping, table setting, plant & garden care, paint board washing, laundry folding, serving at snack time and more.



The Children's Garden
A Community Preschool Program

2021 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Part I: Child and Parent/Guardian Information (Please complete one for each child)

Child Information

Child's Name: Last _____ First _____ Nickname _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Other information you'd like to tell us about your child: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian #1 Marital Status: Married Widowed Divorced Single Partnered

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone number: _____

Occupation: _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Marital Status: Married Widowed Divorced Single Partnered

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone number: _____

Occupation: _____

2021 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Part II: Registration & Sessions (Please complete one for each child)

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please select the sessions you are registering for (a minimum of a full one-month session is required to register). 2021 Summer Camp Session Dates - Camp is 5 mornings a week.

Session 1

June 1-4

June 7-11

June 14-18

June 21-25

June 28-30

(The Children's Garden is closed Monday, May 31 for the holiday weekend)

Session 2

July 1-2

July 6-9

July 12-16

July 19-23

July 26-30

(The Children's Garden is closed Monday, July 5 for the holiday weekend)

Registration Fee: \$50 (per monthly session). Please note that the Registration Fee is non-refundable and serves as a non-refundable DEPOSIT for camp. The Registration Fee is due with this Registration Form. As places are available first-come, first-served, this Registration Form and Fee will reserve your child's place. When registering prior to May 18, you will receive an invoice confirming your registration with the tuition amount due. After May 18, any late registrations require summer camp tuition due to be paid in full, upon TCGP approval of registration.

Camp Tuition: \$680 ea. X _____ # of Summer Camp Session(s) selected above = \$ _____
The payment deadline for camp tuition is Tuesday, May 18.

Parent/Guardian Agreement: I, _____, (please print name) desire to register my child in TCGP's Summer Camp. I understand that if registered, I will be responsible for paying the registration fee and tuition as outlined above. I understand that if tuition is not paid in full by May 18, any reserved space will be forfeited. I understand that the information contained in this application form is accurate to the best of TCGP's knowledge, but that TCGP reserves the right to make program or financial adjustments, if necessary to best serve the families and program at TCGP. I understand that by paying the registration fee I am reserving a place for my child at TCGP and that this fee is strictly *non-refundable*.

Signature of legal Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

PART III: The Children's Garden SUMMER CAMP Medical & Emergency Information Form

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM (one for each child)

Child Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Family Physician or Pediatrician: _____ Phone: _____

-----Medical History-----

1. Is your child under medical care? If so, please explain.

2. Is your child taking any medication? If so, please explain.

3. Does your child have any medical/physical/developmental challenges or problems we should be aware of? Please be specific. Include any and all allergies, therapies and current treatment.

4. Please tell us the date of the last Tetanus booster: ___/___/___ A current copy of your child's vaccination record is required to be on file in the office. If you file a state exemption, we require a copy.

5. Any surgical operations in the last year? If yes, please explain.

6. Any injuries or accidents in the last year? If yes, please explain.

7. REQUIRED: Provide us with TWO EMERGENCY CONTACTS to use, in case you cannot be reached.

1st choice: _____ Phone: _____

2nd choice: _____ Phone: _____

8. Please check if the following medicines may be administered to your child per your request:
____ Tylenol ____ Motrin _____ Benadryl _____ Homeopathics/BachFlower Remedy

What is your child's current weight? _____ lbs.

As parent and/or guardian, I do herewith authorize the treatment by qualified and licensed medical doctor, of the following minor in the event of a medical emergency which, in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger his/her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment or undue discomfort if delayed. This authority is granted only after a reasonable effort has been made to reach me.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Dates when release is intended: _____