

HIPPO CAMP

2008

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ARLINGTON MONTESSORI HOUSE

WHAT IS THE CAMP'S PROGRAM EMPHASIS?

For the children to have fun during the summer but at the same time learn new things and keep active. While our camp themes certainly have educational elements, the primary purpose of the camp is entertainment, social interaction, and play.

WHAT IS THE TYPICAL DAILY ROUTINE?

8:00 – 8:30 - Early Care Children Arrive
8:30 – 9:00 - Camper Arrive
9:00 – 9:30 - Free and Outdoor Play
9:30 – 10:00 - Clean-up and Gathering / Exercise Time
10:00 – 10:30 - Morning Ceremonies
10:30 – 12:00 - Theme-Related Session
12:00 – 12:45 - Lunch
12:45 – 1:00 - Closing Ceremony
1:00 - Camp Dismissal
1:00 – 1:15 - Aftercare Begins
1:15 – 2:45 - Quiet Time or Free Play
2:45 – 3:00 - Afternoon Gathering Time
3:00 – 3:45 - Free Choice and Snack Time
3:45 – 4:45 - Theme-Related Activity Time
4:45 – 6:00 - Outdoor Play & More Activities
6:00 - Camp Closes

WHAT ARE THE SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE OFFERED?

Sport activities, water activities, cooking and food preparation just to name a few. Other activities are being planned and will be added to the summer camp curriculum. There will be theme related projects and activities through out the summer camp sessions.

HOW ARE FIELD TRIPS COORDINATED?

At least one field trip or on site presentation will be held during each session. We plan the field trip or presentation to fit in with the theme we are discussing that session.

ARE PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED?

If we go on an out of school field trip, we do ask for volunteers to help drive and/or chaperone the children.

WHAT ARE THE HOURS AND RATES OF THE CAMP INCLUDING EARLY AND AFTERCARE?

Sessions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9	9:00 - 1:00 = \$ 175.00
(for each session)	8:00 - 6:00 = \$ 320.00
Session 3	9:00 - 1:00 = \$ 150.00
(no camp July 4, 2008)	8:00 - 6:00 = \$ 280.00

ARE LUNCHEES AND SNACKS PROVIDED?

Snack is provided by the school. Hot lunch is included in the price of tuition and is provided by Good Food. Check out their website at www.goodfoodco.com.

HOW IS THE MONTESORRI PHILOSOPHY INCORPORATED INTO THE HIPPO SUMMER CAMP?

This is *NOT* a Montessori curriculum, although the children will approach the activities from a Montessori perspective for consistency sake. For this reason, preference will be given to children with previous Montessori experience.

WHAT IS THE CAMP DIRECTOR'S BACKGROUND?

The summer camp director has been part of Hippo Summer Camp since it began in 1998. She has been the director as well as the lead teacher for the summer program, and has been employed with Arlington Montessori preschool for the past 11 years. She has had extensive early childhood and Montessori training and has received her Montessori certification.

WHAT IS THE TEACHER AND ASSISTANT'S EXPERIENCE?

Most of the staff have been classroom assistants during the school year, and we are delighted to have them in our summer program as well. We also have several staff members who have been a part of the Summer Camp program for many years. All of our staff have extensive classroom experience and a wide range of educational background..

WHAT ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL GROUND RULES?

We assume that every person deserves respect. We expect students to demonstrate kindness, courtesy, and respect toward the school and fellow students, parents, teachers, and staff. The goal is to establish a safe, warm, caring and fun environment within which we teach students positive and appropriate ways to handle situations, rather than to assume that misbehavior and punishment are inevitable.

HOW DOES THE STAFF HANDLE BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE ISSUES?

Our approach is based on mutual respect and trust. Neither corporal punishment nor physical or emotional intimidation is allowed. If anyone consciously or flagrantly violates the social contract regarding safety, kindness, and courtesy, our response is to identify the appropriate and natural consequences of their actions. For example, restricted independence (sitting next to the teacher or teacher selection of activity), withdrawal of privileges (not participating in a play period) or time out are used in such circumstances.

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