



2021 Summer Programs

Garden Exploration | Arts | Ecological Discovery | Music & Movement

Age 3 - Rising 6th Graders | Sessions June 21st - August 13th

Welcome to Summer at Mountaintop



Daily Schedule

- 8:10-8:30: Arrival period and outdoor play
- 8:30: Camp day begins
- 11:45-12:00: Half-day dismissal period
- 12:00: Lunch
- 12:45: Afternoon activities begin*
- 3:00-3:15: Dismissal for ages 3-rising K
- 3:15-3:30: Dismissal for rising 1-6 grade
- 3:30-5:30: After-camp care (\$70 per week)

*1:00-2:45: Designated rest period for campers ages 3 and 4. If your child will be 5 by September 30th and is no longer napping, please contact Mary Reitsma, mreitsma@mountaintopmontessori.org.

4-week Summer Sessions

	Session 1 (June 21- July 16)	Session 2 (July 19-August 13)
Camp for Rising 1 st -6 th Graders		
Ecology and Arts Camp	\$305/week (total of \$1,220)	\$305/week (total of \$1,220)
Camp for Ages 3 and 4		
Sprout	Half: \$215/week (total of \$860) Full: \$305/week (total of \$1,220)	Half: \$215/week (total of \$860) Full: \$305/week (total of \$1,220)
Camp for Rising Kindergarteners		
Up on the Mountain Camp	\$305/week (total of \$1,220)	\$305/week (total of \$1,220)

Scholarships: Outreach to a wide variety of families is a priority for Mountaintop. We have scholarships available for families who demonstrate need. Please contact Becky Harris, bharris@mountaintopmontessori.org, as soon as possible, as funds are most available early in the registration period.

Mountaintop COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

- ☑ Small cohorts of campers
- ☑ 4-week sessions to better maintain consistency of cohorts
- ☑ Mandatory masks for each camper and staff member
- ☑ Classrooms arranged to allow at least 6 ft of distance
- ☑ Frequent disinfection
- ☑ Daily health screening for campers and staff



How to Register

Applications can be found at mountaintopmontessori.org (check the "How to Register" page in the camp section of our website) or at our front office after February 8th.

Please drop off, mail, or fax (434-979-6258) your completed application to our front office (440 Pinnacle Place, Charlottesville, VA 22911). You will receive an email confirmation once your application has been processed. A deposit of \$215 (payable to Mountaintop Montessori) is due with the application to reserve the space, and the remaining balance is due by June 1st, 2021.

Questions about our registration process? Contact our registrar, Thérèse Benzinger, at 434-979-8886 or tbenzinger@mountaintopmontessori.org.

Ecology and Arts Camp

This camp combines the best components from our beloved SEED and arts camps from summers passed. Campers will spend part of their days enjoying ecological exploration, and the other part experimenting with various forms of art. Campers will be assigned to cohorts of no more than 12 children per session.



ecological Discovery

Sampling while gardening, like a golden raspberry ripe from the bush or the sweet crunch of a mouse melon, is a camper favorite! Our Big Garden, chicken coop, and fruit orchard invite students to explore biology and botany through sensory experiences. Our 10-acre campus is a certified wildlife habitat, offering a diverse spectrum of inhabitants to discuss and opportunities to practice environmental stewardship. Campers will see how our Virginia ecosystem changes week by week.

Exploring the arts

This camp is for the painters, the crafters, the weavers, and the lovers of all things art! Our 4-week sessions will allow campers ample time to explore a variety of mediums and techniques in our art studios. We place an emphasis on the process over the product to truly spark each individual's passion for creative expression.

Some cohorts will focus solely on visual art projects, while others will work on a blend of visual and aural arts. Aural arts will be introduced in the form of the Orff instruments and the ukulele. We will prioritize keeping household members together and children with similar dismissal times when assigning campers to cohorts.



Ages 3 & 4 | 4 week sessions | June 21st - August 13th
Full day: \$305/week | Half day: \$215/week

Sprout



discover the joy of **dirty hands**

Feel the soil that helps our seeds to grow. Prepare new garden beds to plant summertime favorites like tomatoes, cucumbers, and mint. Visit our chicken coop to care for our feathered friends.

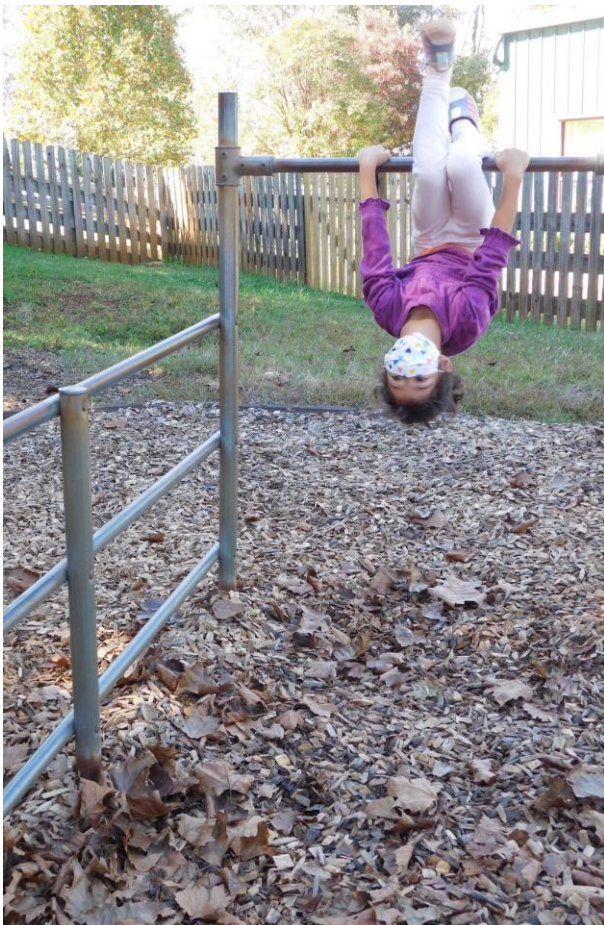
make **big discoveries** in the wide world

Get to know the animals that call our 10-acre certified wildlife sanctuary home. Listen carefully for the sounds of birds and insects. Staff members offer the gentle guidance that comes from years of experience being with children in the outdoors.

enjoy **new tastes** and fragrances

See the vivid colors of produce ripening in the garden. Breathe in the scent of blooming flowers all around.

Campers will be assigned to cohorts of no more than 9 children per session.



Up on the Mountain Camp

Campers will be assigned to cohorts of no more than 9 children per session.



let independence **shine**

This camp is designed to foster the independence a young child craves. Children will enjoy the freedom of choosing between a wide selection of hands-on materials thoughtfully arranged by their teacher to inspire creative projects, exploration of the natural world, and ignite their curiosity.

fresh air and summertime sun

Not only will this camp provide a rich indoor experience, it will also allow children a chance to explore our 10-acre campus. Our certified wildlife sanctuary offers a serene, green place to discover the wonders of the flora and fauna that call our campus home.



Facilities

Our 10-acre campus is a green island conveniently located atop Pantops and is certified as a cooperative sanctuary with Audubon International and the National Wildlife Federation, equipped with playgrounds, gardens, a chicken coop, art studio, and a 850 square ft. geodesic growing dome with a 2,300 gallon aquaculture tank.

Each camp has a classroom and outdoor space to call home for the summer, an environment carefully prepared with materials to entice and inspire campers based on camp subject-matter.