



# 2022 Summer Programs

Garden to Table | Arts | Ecological Discovery | Tech

Age 3 - Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders | Sessions June 14<sup>th</sup> - August 12<sup>th</sup>



# Welcome to Summer at Mountaintop

## Summer Sessions

	June 14-17 (1 week, closed June 13)	June 20-July 1 (2 weeks)	July 5-15 (2 weeks, closed July 4)	July 18-29 (2 weeks)	August 1-12 (2 weeks)
<b>Camps for Ages 3 through Rising Kindergarteners</b>					
Sprout (2 week sessions)	Not offered	Half: \$215/week (total of \$430) Full: \$315/week (total of \$630)	Half: \$172 wk 1, \$215 wk 2 (total of \$387) Full: \$252 wk 1, \$315 wk 2 (total of \$567)	Half: \$215/week (total of \$430) Full: \$315/week (total of \$630)	Half: \$215/week (total of \$430) Full: \$315/week (total of \$630)
Art & Music	Half: \$172 Full: \$252	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered
<b>Camps for Rising 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders</b>					
SEED (2 week sessions)	\$252	\$315/week (total of \$630)	\$252 wk 1, \$315 wk 2 (total of \$567)	\$315/week (total of \$630)	\$315/week (total of \$630)
Smash! (Cooking & the Arts, 2 week sessions)	Not offered	Not offered	\$252 wk 1, \$315 wk 2 (total of \$567)	\$315/week (total of \$630)	Not offered
Exploring the Arts (2 week sessions)	Not offered	\$315/week (total of \$630)	Not offered	Not offered	\$315/week (total of \$630)
<b>Camps for Rising 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Graders</b>					
SEED (2 week sessions)	\$252	\$315/week (total of \$630)	\$252 wk 1, \$315 wk 2 (total of \$567)	\$315/week (total of \$630)	\$315/week (total of \$630)
Smash! (Cooking, Tech & the Arts, 2 week sessions)	Not offered	Not offered	\$252 wk 1, \$315 wk 2 (total of \$567)	\$315/week (total of \$630)	Not offered
Exploring the Arts (2 week session)	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	\$315/week (total of \$630)

**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

- Mandatory masks for each camper and staff member
- Frequent disinfection
- Daily health screening for campers and staff



## Daily Schedule

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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 30<sup>th</sup> and is no longer napping, please contact Mary Reitsma, [mreitsma@mountaintopmontessori.org](mailto:mreitsma@mountaintopmontessori.org).

## How to Register

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Applications can be found at [mountaintopmontessori.org](http://mountaintopmontessori.org) (check the "How to Register" page in the camp section of our website) or at our front office after February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 1, 2022.

Questions about our registration process? Contact our registrar, Thérèse Benzinger, at 434-979-8886 or [tbenzinger@mountaintopmontessori.org](mailto:tbenzinger@mountaintopmontessori.org).



## 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.

# SEED

## garden **to table**

Cook with seasonal ingredients harvested straight from our Big Garden on campus. Our chicken coop provides fresh eggs for baking and a place to recycle kitchen scraps. Sampling while gardening, like a golden raspberry ripe from the bush or the sweet crunch of a mouse melon, is a camper favorite!



## nature adventures

Venture into Virginia's local streams, farms, orchards, and forests on our bi-weekly field trips. Whether campers wade into cool waters at a natural pool, journey underground through a limestone cave, or enjoy lessons on herbalism while hiking, there are endless discoveries to be made at the beautiful sites we visit. Sites vary by week.



## ecological exploration

Our 10-acre campus is a certified wildlife habitat, offering a diverse spectrum of inhabitants to observe and discuss. Our program creates opportunities for campers to develop strong connections within our living, ever-changing ecosystem, and to practice environmental stewardship.

# Smash!

## Three camps get smashed into one!

### Cooking

Enjoy a cooking class that uses all of your senses. Campers will learn practical knife skills, measuring, how to follow a recipe, and the value of seasonal, fresh ingredients.



### The Arts

Campers will work on a blend of visual and aural arts. We place an emphasis on the process over the product to truly spark each individual's passion for creative expression. Aural arts will be introduced in the form of the Orff instruments and the ukulele.

### Technology (rising 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders)

Campers in grades 4, 5 and 6 will participate in technology activities each morning. The theme for the first session (July 5-15) is graphic design, and the theme for the second session (July 18-29) is web design and programming. In the afternoons, they will join the arts and cooking programs.



Rising 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders | 2 week session | June 20<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Rising 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders | 2 week session | August 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
\$630/session

### Art Exploration

This camp is for the creators, crafters, and lovers of all things art! Campers will make unique projects using a variety of media, and explore how art is connected to other disciplines like literature and math. They will also learn how artists communicate through art, and have the opportunity to express themselves through their own creations.



Ages 3 – Rising Kindergarteners | 2 week sessions | June 20<sup>th</sup> - August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Full day: \$630/session | Half day: \$430/session

## Sprout

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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.

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Ages 3 – Rising Kindergarteners | 1 week session | June 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>  
Full day: \$252/week | Half day: \$172/week

## Art and Music

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Summer and camping themed activities will bring joy and awaken the creative spirit. Children will spend part of each day singing traditional camp songs, learning to square dance, and playing music. The other half will be spent doing traditional crafts such as making clay pots and beads, creating jewelry, and building a tee-pee.