



# 2023 Summer Programs

Garden to Table | Arts | Ecological Discovery | Science

Age 3 - Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders | Sessions June 12<sup>th</sup> - August 10<sup>th</sup>



# Welcome to Summer at Mountaintop

## Summer Sessions

	June 12-16 (1 week)	June 20-30 (2 weeks, closed June 19)	July 3-14 (2 weeks, closed July 4)	July 17-28 (2 weeks)	July 31-Aug 10 (2 weeks, closed Aug 11)
Camps for Ages 3 through Rising Kindergarteners					
Sprout (1 week session 6/12-6/16, 2 week sessions 6/19-8/10)	Half: \$215 Full: \$325	Half: \$172 wk 1, \$215 wk 2 (total of \$387) Full: \$260 wk 1, \$325 wk 2 (total of \$585)	Half: \$172 wk 1, \$215 wk 2 (total of \$387) Full: \$260 wk 1, \$325 wk 2 (total of \$585)	Half: \$215/week (total of \$430) Full: \$325/week (total of \$650)	Half: \$215 wk 1, \$172 wk 2 (total of \$387) Full: \$325 wk 1, \$260 wk 2 (total of \$585)
Art (2 week sessions)	Not offered	Half: 172 wk 1, \$215 wk 2 (total of \$387) Full: \$260 wk 1, \$325 wk 2 (total of \$585)	Half: 172 wk 1, \$215 wk 2 (total of \$387) Full: \$260 wk 1, \$325 wk 2 (total of \$585)	Half: \$215/week (total of \$430) Full: \$325/week (total of \$650)	Half: \$215 wk 1, \$172 wk 2 (total of \$387) Full: \$325 wk 1, \$260 wk 2 (total of \$585)
Art & Music	Half: \$215 Full: \$325	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered
Camps for Rising 1 <sup>st</sup> through 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders					
SEED (1 week session 6/12-6/16, 2 week sessions 6/19-8/10)	\$325	\$260 wk 1, \$325 wk 2 (total of \$585)	\$260 wk 1, \$325 wk 2 (total of \$585)	\$325/week (total of \$650)	\$325 wk 1, \$260 wk 2 (total of \$585)
Smash! (Cooking, Science & the Arts, 2 week session)	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	\$325/week (total of \$650)	Not offered
Exploring the Arts ( <b>for rising 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup></b> , 2 week session)	Not offered	\$260 wk 1, \$325 wk 2 (total of \$585)	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered
Exploring Drama (2 week session)	Not offered	Not offered	\$260 wk 1, \$325 wk 2 (total of \$585)	Not offered	Not offered

**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](mailto:bharris@mountaintopmontessori.org), as soon as possible, as funds are most available early in the registration period.





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

## How to Register

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, 2023.

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, equipped with playgrounds, gardens, a chicken coop, art studio, and a 850 square ft. geodesic growing dome.

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 central 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 offers 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.



Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders | 2 week session | June 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>  
\$585/session

## Art Exploration

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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.



Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders | 2 week session | July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>  
\$585/session

## Drama Exploration

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All the world's a stage! The focus of this camp will be on creative expression as campers explore the art of theater. There will be fun drama games, opportunities for original music compositions, costumes and set design. Campers will put on a performance at the end of each week.



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\$650/session

# 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.

### Science

Campers will learn and explore scientific concepts in an environment that emphasizes creativity and collaboration. They will participate in fun, hands-on science activities designed to encourage discovery and inspire exploration of the natural world.





Ages 3 – Rising Kindergarteners | 2 week sessions | June 12<sup>th</sup> - August 10<sup>th</sup>  
Full day: \$650/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. Help to harvest 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 campus 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 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Full day: \$325/week | Half day: \$215/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 miniature tissue paper "campfires" around a tent.

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# Art Exploration

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Campers will have the opportunity to work on a variety of arts and crafts that allow for exploration and creative expression. We will explore the following themes over the four two-week sessions: nature and art, STEM activities and experiments, how colors work, and creating art inspired by children's picture books.

