2020 Summer Programs

Garden to Table | Ecological Exploration | Arts | Music & Movement | Spanish

Age 3 - Rising 6th Graders | Sessions June 8th - August 14th
Welcome to Summer at Mountaintop

![Image of children enjoying outdoor activities]

**Daily Schedule**

- 7:30-8:10: Before-camp care ($20 per week)
- 8:10-8:40: Arrival period and outdoor play
- 8:40: Camp day begins
- 11:45-12:00: Half-day dismissal period
- 12:00: Lunch
- 12:45: Afternoon activities begin*
- 3:10-3:30: Dismissal period
- 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 Shelby Snedeker, ssnedeker@mountaintopmontessori.org.

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### Summer Sessions by Week

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**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.
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 16th.

Please drop off, mail, or fax (434 979 6258) your completed application to our front office (440 Pinnacle Place, Charlottesville, VA 22911). We do not accept applications sent via email.

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, 2020. You will receive a confirmation via email once your application has been processed.

Questions about our registration process? Contact our registrar, Thérèse Benzinger, at 434 979 8886 or 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 to call home for the summer, an environment carefully prepared with materials to entice and inspire campers based on camp subject-matter.
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.
Exploring the Arts
July 6th-17th
(2-week session)

This camp is for the creators, crafters, and lovers of all things art! Explore camp favorites such as sculpey, origami, and sewing “felties.” Enjoy learning about ceramics as you mold and glaze your very own clay dish or tile. Weave on small handlooms, make soaps, create beads and jewelry, learn to make paper using recycled and natural materials—and then use it to try your own calligraphy!

Let the Pigeon Print!
July 20th-24th
(1-wk session)

Campers will learn basic printmaking processes that are easy and fun as they draw inspiration from the Pigeon and other new and old children’s stories. We will work with a variety of materials and tools, and bring home beautiful print works each day from this literature-enriched camp.

Aboriginal Arts
July 27th-31st
(1-wk session)

Campers will learn about the extraordinary art and artists of Australia, take a field trip to the Kluge-Ruhe Museum, and learn to draw and paint our own stories, dreams, and maps. We will make individual pieces to take home and conclude with a large group-made mural.
Three camps get smashed into one!

**Music and Movement**  Try your hand at the Orff instruments or the ukulele. Campers will be given the time and space to explore musical concepts through singing and creative movement.

**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.

**Art**  The natural world offers extraordinary color palettes and textures during the summer. Enjoy art lessons that draw inspiration from the flora and fauna on campus and beyond.

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Rising 1st – 6th graders  | 1 week sessions, $295  |  June 22nd – July 3rd

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Experience the full range of materials in the Montessori curriculum. Students delve into their favorite subjects while maintaining their academic progress of the previous year. They discover new interests in our art, music and movement studios, and our garden & greenhouse! The summer elementary classroom is offered at the end of summer, guided by members of our elementary faculty, and serves as a great way to begin the transition back to school.

The classroom is open to current Mountaintop students, students attending another Montessori classroom in the upcoming academic year, or students who have previously attended a Montessori classroom within recent years.
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. Pick and prepare fresh fruits and veggies for snack time. Breathe in the scent of blooming flowers all around.
Spanish

**Colombia** June 8th-12th

We'll learn to dance the traditional Colombian rhythm, cumbia, listen to stories, build a daily routine with songs, hands-on projects, and by playing vocabulary games, all while we explore the Colombian culture.

**Mexico** August 3rd – 7th

Join us to learn Spanish in fun and creative ways. Campers will explore hands-on materials that build vocabulary, play pre-Hispanic instruments, and enjoy creative movement while learning Mexican culture and traditions.

art & music

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.