



2019 Summer Programs

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

Age 3 - Rising 6th Graders | Sessions June 10th - August 9th

Welcome to Summer at Mountaintop



Daily Schedule

- 7:30-8:00: 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.

Summer Sessions by Week

	June 10-14	June 17-21	June 24-28	July 1-5 <i>*no 4th</i>	July 8-12	July 15-19	July 22-26	July 29 - Aug 2	Aug 5-9
SEED	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$228	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$285
Sprout (full/half)	\$275/ \$215	\$550/\$430		\$495/\$387		\$550/\$430		\$550/\$430	
Journey (full/half)	\$275/ \$215	\$275/ \$215							
Smash!			\$285						
Art				\$513		\$285	\$285		
Elem Class								\$285	\$285

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.



Rising 1st – 6th graders | 1 week sessions, \$285 | June 10th - August 9th

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.



Age 3 – rising kindergarteners | 2 week sessions | June 10th - August 9th
Full day: \$275/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. Pick and prepare fresh fruits and veggies for snack time. Breathe in the scent of blooming flowers all around.



Age 3 – rising kindergarteners | 1 week sessions | June 10th - 21st
Full day: \$275 | Half day: \$215

Journey to Mexico

Experience the
Spanish language &
a rich **cultural**
immersion

Language learning is a key element, whether campers are listening to stories, venturing into the lush campus gardens, exploring hands-on materials that build vocabulary, singing songs, taking joy in creative movement, or learning about Mexico's native culture.



Rising 1st – 6th graders | 1 week session, \$285 | June 24th – 28th



Two camps get smashed into one!

Culinary Arts 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.

Music and Movement Learn new chords and harmonies on the ukulele. Try your hand at the Orff instruments. Campers will be given the time and space to explore musical concepts through singing and creative movement.

smash!

the arts

Art Exploration

July 1st-12th

Try your hand at ceramics by molding and glazing a plate before firing it in our kiln. Enjoy a diverse spread of fine arts crafting, including soap-making, jewelry design, origami, beading, sculpey creations, and basket-weaving. Experiment in a variety of new mediums and techniques with an emphasis on the process.

Folk Art: Fusing Culture & Imagination

July 15th-19th

Explore traditional folk art from around the world. Make a Guatemalan doll or a Japanese watercolor fan. Weave together a story quilt and build a whirligig. Discover the diversity of art across cultures by trying projects like the Hojalata tin art from Mexico or creating animals like those of Indian Gond art.

Mixed Media

July 22nd-26th

With mixed media art goes beyond just a painting on a wall. Experiment with unique materials to create recycled sculptures, a project using found objects, or repurpose an old book. Create 3-D pieces like puppets or something new you dream up. Styles and techniques are combined to create truly original artwork.



Elementary Classroom

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.



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.



Summer Preview & Open House

Sunday, May 19th

Who: New, potential, and returning campers

When: Stop by any time from 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

There will be fun activities for all, and registered campers can pick out a t-shirt! This is a great time for new or potential campers to get comfortable with our campus and meet the camp staff, and for returning campers to enjoy some pre-summer fun. We will also be accepting registration paperwork.

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.

Some children find it helpful to visit campus before the start of camp to get comfortable with their surroundings. Contact us today to schedule a tour. 434 979 8886 or ssnedeker@mountaintopmontessori.org



How to Register

Applications are available at mountaintopmontessori.org or at our front office. Please drop off, mail, or fax (434 979 6258) your completed paperwork to our front office (440 Pinnacle Place, Charlottesville, VA 22911).

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, 2019. 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.