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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in attending Sunflower Preschool for our 2024 Summer Camp! We are excited to be offering an outdoor-oriented Summer Camp again this year. Please read the 2024 Summer information first before filling out the attached sheet.

Please fill out the sign-up sheet (page 3), indicating your preferred session(s) and return as soon as possible – spaces are filled on a rolling basis, and priority will be given to currently enrolled and returning families. We need all schedules turned in by February 15th to determine Summer staffing patterns. Please get your schedules in as early as possible, as spaces fill up fast. All schedules can be returned via email or dropped off at Sunflower.

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Session 1: June 3rd – June 14th; Bugs & Insects

Session 2: June 17th – June 28th; Bugs & Insects

Session 3: July 8th – July 19th; Oceans, Water, & Rainforests

Session 4: July 22nd – August 2nd; Oceans, Water, & Rainforests

Thank you,

Marisa, Hana, Marcia, Sunny, Jules and Fiona



*For more information on tuition and Summer routines please read the attached Summer 2024 Packet. Remember to save this for future reference. *



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SUMMER CAMP 2024

The Sunflower Preschool Summer Camp has been a well-run, outdoor oriented, engaging and fun summer experience for young children since 1985. Each day at Sunflower we emphasize the simple joys of summer with lots of time for: water play, gardening, walks, outdoor projects and child-directed exploration of our multi-dimensional play areas and gardens. At the same time, we offer a Montessori-based classroom with a science themed curriculum.

During the summer months we study bugs, insects, the rainforest, oceans, ocean animals, and the natural environment. In addition to the child-directed classroom setting, we have a Science Room designed as a hands-on Children’s Museum for further discovery. Our staff at Sunflower is year-round and comprised of well-educated professional teachers.

For more information about our Summer Camp please email us at sunflowerpreschoolboulder@gmail.com or call **303-494-2012** to set up an observation and/or sign-up for Summer 2024. For more details on our curriculum and our philosophy visit our website at www.sunflowerpreschoolboulder.com.

SCHEDULE, TUITION & FEES :

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- **Session 1:** June 3rd – June 14th; Bugs & Insects
- **Session 2:** June 17th – June 28th; Bugs & Insects

We are closed July 1st – July 5th for 4th of July Break

- **Session 3:** July 8th – July 19th; Oceans, Water, & Rainforest
- **Session 4:** July 22nd – August 2nd; Oceans, Water, & Rainforest

We are closed August 5th - August 9th for teacher prep days

- Fall semester begins Thursday, August 15th.

Schedule and Tuition Per Summer Camp Session(2 weeks) – Summer 2024

TIMES	Tuition
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00-2:00	\$750

*Please note that all fees and tuition are non-refundable.

*We accept cash, check or Zelle payment. Please find us on Zelle by using our email address: sunflowerpreschoolboulder@gmail.com



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SUMMER CAMP SIGN-UP 2024

Please indicate which session(s) and schedule your child will be attending this Summer

CHILD’S NAME: _____

CHILD’S DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Session 1: Monday, June 3rd – Friday, June 14th _____ **M-F 9am-2pm**

Session 2: Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 28th _____ **M-F 9am-2pm**

Session 3: Monday, July 8th – Friday, July 19th _____ **M-F 9am-2pm**

Session 4: Monday, July 22nd – Friday, August 2nd _____ **M-F 9am-2pm**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY February 15th. THANK YOU!

50% Tuition is due for all children attending Summer Camp by March 1st, and the other 50% is due by April 1st.



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Sunflower Preschool Summer Camp 2024

WELCOME!

The Summer program emphasis at Sunflower is on outdoor activities. At Sunflower we like to spend much of the summer outdoors (especially in the cool mornings). We enjoy taking walks (to nearby Martin Park), gardening, and learning about native plants and animals. We have indoor and outdoor craft projects and planting projects. We have ample water play, and create castles in the sandbox. Summers are low-key and relaxing. We look forward to having you this summer.

SUMMER CURRICULUM

We have created an outdoor classroom at Sunflower with many different gardens, the berm ecosystem, and stimulating play areas. Gardening, ecology, and the environment are all integral parts of the Sunflower curriculum throughout the school year. However, Summer is the time of year to explore the outdoors through hands-on, experiential and child-directed free play. We encourage this exploration through frequent walks, large blocks of uninterrupted outdoor play, gardening, outdoor art/science activities, water play, and the theme curriculum. The Summer 2024 curriculum will be bugs, insects, and the rainforest, oceans and ocean animals, and water.

TUITION

DUE FOR SUMMER CAMP - 50% tuition is due by March 1st; the other 50% is due by April 1st. Please be prompt with your payments regardless of vacations. If you sign up for Summer Camp after April 1st, the total tuition is due upon enrollment.

CHANGES OF VACATION PLANS/ REFUNDS/ MISSED DAYS

We **cannot issue refunds** if you change your plans. We do not give make up days or refunds for missed days. We understand that summer plans often change, however, we need summer camp schedules **by February 15th.**



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SUMMER CAMP REMINDERS: PLEASE SAVE!!

***SUNSCREEN**

Colorado sun is very strong, and the skin cancer statistics for the state are alarming. EVERY CHILD NEEDS SUNSCREEN EVERY DAY, THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. Parents please apply the first coat on your child at the start of the day (before school if possible), and teachers supervise the reapplication of sunscreen throughout the day as needed. All children need to have a labeled bottle of sunscreen at school. We are required by law to store sunscreen in separate containers not in the children's cubbies or lunchboxes.

***SUMMER CLOTHING**

Colorado weather can change rapidly. Children often need light clothing, a swimsuit, sweat pants and a jacket all the same day. Make sure that your child has a complete change of clothes at school, and wears appropriate layers every day. A hat daily to protect from the sun is required. (Please buy a few hats so one is always in your child's cubby). Summer shoes are a big issue because children take their shoes off constantly throughout the day. Your child needs shoes s/he can take on and off independently of a teacher.

***LABEL EVERYTHING!** Please put your child's name in all clothing, hats, towels, etc. Remember summers are fun, wild and messy so clothing should be suitable for mud and sand play, as well as hot or cool wet weather.

***Water Play / Sprinklers**

We have water play each day at Sunflower, which includes water tables, a mister in the sandbox, and some days sprinklers and a water slide!

Please send your child in quick dry clothing with good sun protection, as they'll likely get wet several times throughout the day. Bathing suits are also okay, but it's easiest for children if they don't need to change often. Extra clothing is needed each day

Children need sandals, water shoes or easy on/off athletic shoes, clothing that can get wet. Practice at home so your child can take his/her shoes off and on by themselves. Bare feet are allowed in the front grass and sandbox only. This rule is for your child's protection. Please discuss this with your child.

***FIELD TRIPS**

We take weekly walking trips to Martin Park.



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***UNATTENDED PLAY**

Children may not play unattended in the play yard when parents are in the school. Also, **children may not go past the red line or out the front gate without a parent or babysitter.** Please discuss this safety rule with your child.

***BERM**

Please do not allow your child to play on the berm or play on any of the berm rocks and around the fountain area.

***TUITION**

50% of the total tuition is due by March 1st and the other 50% is due by April 1st.

***WATER BOTTLES**

Labeled, easily managed, child sized water bottles are required for each child during the summer months. The labeled bottle will be stored in each child's labeled cubby and used for walks to the park, etc. Please note, children need a drink with their lunch every day, in addition to their labeled water bottles.

***LATE PICKUP**

All children need to be picked up promptly. Remember to read the late fees policy sheet in your enrollment packet or posted on the bulletin board. **(LATE FEES WILL BE CHARGED).**

***LUNCH**

Children need a nutritious lunch in a labeled lunch box. Please include a cloth napkin, utensils, protein, fruit/veggie and a drink. Keep it cool with an ice pack. For more info please see our lunch handout sheet.

***TOILET LEARNING**

Children should be potty-trained before starting at Sunflower. We do realize that enrollment commitments may need to be made before potty-training has been completed and understand that some transition time may be necessary. We are a child-directed environment in the Montessori tradition where children are encouraged to be independent within our multi-dimensional Indoor/Outdoor environment. Children who are potty-trained at enrollment tend to be more successful at Sunflower. If you have any questions about your child's potty-training please speak to a Sunflower teacher before enrollment to develop a potty-training plan.

Fully potty-trained children are able to: go to the bathroom when they need to, use the bathroom during potty calls, sit on the toilet independently, pull their pants off and on, flush the toilet, and wash their hands. As noted above, at Sunflower we understand that potty-training is a process.

Younger children who enroll may still need help with some of the above, however we do expect that children show improvement and demonstrate attempts at independence. In the event that a child has repeated accidents, the teachers and parents will develop a plan which may include: the parent coming to Sunflower to change their child when an accident occurs, evaluating potty-training techniques and



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consistency at home, and/or taking a brief period where the child stays at home until they are able to use the potty. Since 1981 we have welcomed children with unique needs and learning styles including children with special needs. We do not discriminate against children with disabilities according to the American Disabilities Act. If a child is unable to use the bathroom due to a disability, Sunflower will not discriminate against the child.