

Parent Information Sheet

Homeschool Enrichment, 6-12 year olds, Forest Children Program, Fall 2008 – Spring 2009

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Days and Times: August 26, 2008 through May 28, 2009

Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9:30 am -3:00 pm (arrival time: between 9:15 and 9:30)

Breaks: Nov 21-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 5, April 10-20

Admission and Enrollment: We are accepting 6 to 12 year olds previously enrolled in the 2007-2008 program. New children may apply by filling out our Student Application. If you're interested in our 3.5 to 5 year old program, please request information on that.

Tuition:

	Annual Tuition	Monthly Payment Plan	Early Bird Annual Tuition (by May 15, 2008)	Early Bird Monthly Payment Plan
One child	\$2,520	\$280	\$2,250	\$250
Two children	\$4,185	\$465	\$3,915	\$435

Early Bird Discount: We offer a \$270 discount for the year for families who turn in all their paperwork by May 15, 2008. Required paperwork: 1) signed contract, 2) deposit, 3) copy of homeschool registration card, 4) liability waiver. This reduces the annual payment due to \$2,250 for one child, or monthly payments due for families by \$30/month.

Deposit: There is a nonrefundable deposit equivalent to one month's payment (eg, \$280 for one child, or \$250 for one Early Bird child) to hold your child's space in this program for all parents, which applies to the yearly tuition above. For those parents on the Payment Plan, this deposit will be credited to the last month's payment. The deposit along with the parent contract represents your commitment to this full session. If you withdraw your child before May, you will forfeit your deposit.

Payments: We appreciate receiving the Annual Tuition up front, which you can turn in with your contract or by September 1 (any deposit paid previously reduces the Annual Tuition by that amount). If you choose the Payment Plan option (circle on the Parent Contract), payments are due the 1st of the month for each month, September 1 to May 1. These payments may be given to the Bookkeeper, in cash or check payable to Forest Children Program. There is a late fee: after the 7th of the month; you must include \$5 for each week the tuition payment is late.

Volunteerism: Each family is requested to volunteer their time to the program. The program relies heavily on volunteer labor for the board; program committee; fundraising (the program needs to raise roughly \$10,000/year in addition to tuition to cover our operating expenses); school performances; deep cleaning; tithing 24 hours/year (total as a program) back toward the use of Earthaven facilities, in firewood preparation, Council Hall landscaping, etc.

Parent meetings: Your attendance is requested as a parent at monthly parent meetings to provide a communication loop between the parents and the coordinator about the children's progress, and an annual Parent Salon in early 2009.

Homeschool enrollment with the state: We are a homeschool enrichment program, not a legal replacement for school. As required by NC law, if your child is 7 years or older, your family must be registered as a home school with the state. To register, go to the North Carolina Division of Non-Public Education website, www.ncdnpe.org/hhh103.htm. For more information and support around homeschool enrollment, contact Ema or David, 664-0445.

Questions: Call Thrisa at (828) 669-5127, or email fcp ~AT~ earthaven.org.