



# WILDFLOWERS NATURE SCHOOL

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Letting the innate wonder  
of nature be the  
context for learning



## **NATURE AWARENESS HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Ages 5-12

Class Size: Max 7, min. 5

Total Classes & Events: 15

Class Fee: \$450

Can pay in 4 installments of \$115/mo Mar-June

Or pay \$400 by March 10th to get about a 12% discount

Class days & time: Thursdays 9:15-12:15

Dates: Session III: 3/10/11 – 6/12/11

Discount 10% off for carpooling or 1 sibling

### Classes held:

March 10, 17, 31  
April 7, 28  
May 12, 19  
June 2, 9

### Events held:

March 12, 19  
May 1, 7, 10  
June 11-12

Description: This program is held at Wildflowers Nature School on 4 ½ acres of gardens, orchard, forest, creek, and wetland overlooking the Atascadero Valley. Returning kids to the natural play in the woods, with guidance from a professional nature educator, will bring kids into a deeper relationship with the natural world. It's all about dancing in the WONDER of nature. Exploring mysteries further and further, the older kids mentor the younger and with a small group of 7, we become a small tribe in the forest, assisting each other in our quests. Weekly journaling in their special spot will bring out art and writing skills, knowledge of botany and mapping, and bonding with one place over the seasons. Some of the activities we might possibly do include: gardening, making hot compost, harvesting wild foods, "lostproofing", exploring weather & habitats, weaving cattail leaves, building with cob, making cordage, building shelters, learning about fire, introducing knife use, cooking on fire, woodworking, birding, practicing animal "forms", or a number of other activities. Exploring what presents itself in nature may guide our days, as nothing could be richer. 7 events are included in this session including: field trip to Schollengerger Park, Equinox Campfire, 2 community days (sustainable building projects, compost workshops, gardening, etc.), May Day celebration, and Summer Solstice Campout. Families may attend field trips if they wish, but aren't required to. But the other events (not classes) require at least one adult to escort child.

Materials needed: rainpants, raincoat, boots (all weatherproof), warm winter coat, hat, gloves, warm pants (some days may need long johns or tights under). In heat spells, swimsuit, short sleeves, & sunhat. Please put sunscreen on before sending to school, especially after equinox. We're 100% outside, regardless of weather. Please send with or have child wear rubber boots every class.