



2024 Summer Programs

Garden to Table | Arts | Ecological Discovery | Tech

Age 3 - Rising 6th Graders | Sessions June 10th - August 8th



Welcome to Summer at Mountaintop

Summer Sessions

	June 10-14 (1 week)	June 17-28 (2 weeks, closed June 19)	July 1-12 (2 weeks, closed July 4)	July 15-26 (2 weeks)	July 29-Aug 8 (2 weeks, closed Aug 9)
Camps for Ages 3 through Rising Kindergarteners					
Sprout 2 week sessions	Not offered	Half: \$184 wk 1, \$230 wk 2 (total of \$414) Full: \$280 wk 1, \$350 wk 2 (total of \$630)	Half: \$184 wk 1, \$230 wk 2 (total of \$414) Full: \$280 wk 1, \$350 wk 2 (total of \$630)	Half: \$230/week (total of \$460) Full: \$350/week (total of \$700)	Half: \$230 wk 1, \$184 wk 2 (total of \$414) Full: \$350 wk 1, \$280 wk 2 (total of \$630)
Art 2 week sessions	Not offered	Half: 184 wk 1, \$230 wk 2 (total of \$414) Full: \$280 wk 1, \$350 wk 2 (total of \$630)	Half: 184 wk 1, \$230 wk 2 (total of \$414) Full: \$280 wk 1, \$350 wk 2 (total of \$630)	Half: \$230/week (total of \$460) Full: \$350/week (total of \$700)	Half: \$230 wk 1, \$184 wk 2 (total of \$414) Full: \$350 wk 1, \$280 wk 2 (total of \$630)
Camping Capers 1 week session	Half: \$230 Full: \$350	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered
Camps for Rising 1st through 6th Graders					
SEED (1 week session 6/10-6/14, 2 week sessions 6/17-8/8)	\$350	\$280 wk 1, \$350 wk 2 (total of \$630)	\$280 wk 1, \$350 wk 2 (total of \$630)	\$350/week (total of \$700)	\$350 wk 1, \$280 wk 2 (total of \$630)
Smash! (Cooking, Tech & Fiber Arts) 2 week session	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	\$350/week (total of \$700)	Not offered
Camps for Rising 1st through 3rd Graders					
Cooking Stories 1 week session	\$350	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered
Exploring the Arts 2 week sessions	Not offered	\$280 wk 1, \$350 wk 2 (total of \$630)	\$280 wk 1, \$350 wk 2 (total of \$630)	Not offered	Not offered
Exploring Drama 2 week session	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered	\$280 wk 1, \$350 wk 2 (total of \$630)

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.



Daily Schedule

8:10-8:30: Arrival period and outdoor play

8:30: Camp day begins

11:45-12:00: Half-day dismissal period

12:00: Lunch

12:45: Afternoon activities begin*

3:00-3:15: Dismissal for ages 3-rising K

3:15-3:30: Dismissal for rising 1-6 grade

3:30-5:30: After-camp care (\$75 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 Mary Reitsma, mreitsma@mountaintopmontessori.org.

How to Register

Applications are available after February 15 at mountaintopmontessori.org (check the "How to Register" page in the camp section of our website) or at our main office. Please submit your completed application and the \$230 deposit (payable to Mountaintop Montessori) to reserve your space. Applications can be submitted to our main office at 440 Pinnacle Place, Charlottesville, VA 22911, or by email to tbenzinger@mountaintopmontessori.org. All applications will be processed upon receipt of the camp deposit, and the remaining balance is due by June 1, 2024. You will receive an email confirmation 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, equipped with playgrounds, gardens, a chicken coop, art studio, and an 850 square ft. geodesic growing dome.

Each camp has a classroom and outdoor space to call home for the summer, an environment carefully prepared with materials to entice and inspire campers based on camp subject matter.

SEED

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 central 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. Campers travel by bus, and sites vary by week.



ecological **exploration**

Our 10-acre campus offers 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.

Cooking Stories

This camp is for readers, writers and lovers of cooking! Campers will enjoy reading and writing stories that are connected to food. These experiences will be linked to fun adventures they will have honing their cooking skills in the kitchen.



Rising 1st - 3rd graders | 2 week sessions | June 17th - July 12th
\$630/session

Art Exploration

This camp is for the creators, crafters, and lovers of all things art! Campers will make unique projects using a variety of media, and explore how art is connected to other disciplines like literature and math. They will also learn how artists communicate through art, and have the opportunity to express themselves through their own creations.



Rising 1st - 3rd graders | 2 week session | July 29th - August 8th
\$630/session

Drama Exploration

All the world's a stage! The focus of this camp will be on creative expression as campers explore the art of theater. There will be fun drama games, opportunities for original music compositions, costumes and set design. Campers will put on a performance at the end of the week.



Rising 1st – 6th graders | 2 week session | July 15th – July 26th
\$700/session

Smash!

Three camps get smashed into one!

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.



Fiber Arts

Campers will work on projects inspired by and incorporating natural materials. We place an emphasis on the process over the product to truly spark each individual's passion for creative expression. Projects will include hand-sewing, fabric dyeing, weaving and more.

Technology (rising 4th- 6th graders)

Campers in grades 4, 5 and 6 will participate in technology activities each morning in an environment that emphasizes fun and creativity. In the afternoons, they will join the arts and cooking programs.



Ages 3 – Rising Kindergarteners | 2 week sessions | June 10th - August 8th
Full day: \$700/session | Half day: \$460/session

Sprout



discover the joy of **dirty hands**

Feel the soil that helps our seeds to grow. Help to harvest 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 campus 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. Breathe in the scent of blooming flowers all around.



Ages 3 – Rising Kindergarteners | 1 week session | June 10th - 14th
Full day: \$350/week | Half day: \$230/week

Camping Capers



Summer and camping themed activities will bring joy and awaken the creative spirit in English and Spanish. 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 miniature tissue paper "campfires" around a tent.

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Full day: \$700/session | Half day: \$460/session

Art Exploration

Campers will have the opportunity to work on a variety of arts and crafts that allow for exploration and creative expression. We will explore the following themes over the four two-week sessions: nature and art, STEM activities and experiments, how colors work, and creating art inspired by children's picture books.

