

Nature Preschool at River Bend Information Sheet

Wichita Falls, Texas

Date and Location:

Nature Preschool is held at River Bend Nature Center located at 2200 3rd Street Wichita Falls, TX., at the corner of Sunset Drive and 3rd Street.

Nature Preschool will be held outdoors with some inside activities. For example, preschoolers will spend the majority of their time outside and then return inside for snacks, bathroom breaks, etc.

Nature Preschool will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am – 12:00 pm in September and October.

Nature Preschool requirements:

Nature Preschool is for ages 3-5. Preschoolers must be at least 3 years old and capable of following instructions to keep themselves and other children safe. The child must be able to use the bathroom independently.

Nature Preschoolers will be placed in one group. They must be respectful to their teachers and other children in the preschool.

The preschool is nature-based with free play outside in all types of weather – except severe weather. The preschooler will be required to have appropriate clothing for the weather conditions for the day.

Nature Preschool registration:

Space is limited. The preschool will be filled on a first-enrolled basis and may fill up prior to the registration deadline. Preschool has a maximum of 12 preschoolers and a minimum of 10. If this minimum requirement is not met, that preschool session will be canceled.

You can complete registration and payment online at RiverBendNatureCenter.org. If you wish to fill out a paper copy of the registration form and make your payment in person, forms are available in the River Bend Gift Shop. Our hours are Mon.-Fri. 10 am - 6 pm, Sat. 10 am - 4 pm, and Sun. 12 - 4 pm. Registration forms along with payment are required for registration, and they are due on or before 6:00 pm the Wednesday before Nature School begins. No registrations will be taken after this deadline.

Items to bring:

Water bottle- Write your child's name on it.

Snack- Write your child's name on it. **Snacks will not be provided by RBNC.**

Backpack- Will be used to carry water and snacks and to help carry activities home each day.

Comfortable clothes, jacket, and close-toed shoes- They will get dirty during outdoor adventures. Also, due to most of the time being outside, proper clothing for weather conditions will be required.

Insect repellent/sunscreen- We will not be providing insect repellent or sunscreen, please apply before your child arrives.

Drop off and pick up:

Nature Preschool is from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; preschoolers may be dropped off no earlier than 8:45 am and must be picked up no later than 12:15 pm.

Parents will bring their preschoolers inside the Bryant Edwards Learning Center. Sign-in and sign-out will occur in the learning center each morning (drop-off) and noon (pick-up).

Only parents/guardians/designated adults listed on the preschooler's form will be allowed to pick up preschoolers. Please bring a photo ID.

No parents or guardians should visit the preschool during preschool sessions, except to drop off and pick up their child as it can be disruptive to the class.

If an early release of the preschooler is needed, parents or guardians must call ahead.

If you arrive later than 9 am, please check in at the Gift Shop.

Sanitization procedures:

Sanitization of all program areas and equipment will take place prior to use and at the end of each day.

Hand washing or hand sanitizing will be practiced before and after activities. Hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap, and water, or similar disinfectant will be readily available throughout preschool.

If a preschooler becomes ill, the preschooler will be sent home. Please do not send your child to preschool if they feel sick. Thank you for helping us keep everyone healthy.

Additional information:

Two adult staff members will facilitate the preschool.

Nature Preschool sessions will be held inside during the event of severe weather.

Please contact River Bend Nature Center with any questions.

Call River Bend at 767-0843. Due to limited space, refunds will not be issued.

Thank you for allowing your child to join us at Nature Preschool!