

FRIENDS OF RYE NATURE CENTER'S Forest Kindergarten

Fall, Winter, Spring 2016-2017

Thursdays 3:15 - 4:45



The Friends Rye Nature Center's Forest Kindergarten program is based on Swiss concepts and the principles of place-based education to encourage children's connection with the natural world and nurture their curiosities.

This class will be held entirely outside in our outdoor classroom area and the Nature Center grounds, with the exception of extreme weather or thunderstorms. Children should come equipped with warm/waterproof clothing and footwear every day. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 3:15-4:45 pm.

Some examples of activities and lessons include:

- Learning the use of basic tools such as knives, saws, hammers, and drills.
- Using natural materials to create tools and use them in outdoor learning.
- Practicing survival situation essentials such as tracking animals, shelter construction, and fire building. Fires will be made using different methods including wood friction, flint and stone, and even steel wool and a battery.
- Foraging basics, dangerous and useful plant identification, and nut-free springtime edibles.
- Exploring nature cultures and folk lore. We will hear stories around the fire, learn cutting edge explanations of natural phenomena, and more on "stage rock" at the outdoor classroom.



Fall Session (10 classes)

September: 15, 22, 29

October: 6, 13, 20, 27

November: 3, 10, 17

Members: \$400/child

Non-members: \$475/child

Winter Session (11 classes)

December: 1, 8, 15, 22

January: 5, 12, 19, 26

February: 2, 9, 16

Members: \$440/child

Non-members: \$522/child

Spring Session (12 classes)

March: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April: 6, 20, 27

May: 4, 11, 18, 25

Members: \$480/child

Non-members: \$570/child

Family memberships begin at \$100 for the year.

You may sign up for one, two or all three sessions. If you would only like to sign up for one session at a time, you may add other sessions later depending on availability.

Registration Form

To Enroll:

1. Completely fill out this form. Please use a separate form for each child.
2. Write a check or money order payable to "Friends of Rye Nature Center." If paying by cash, please stop by the Nature Center.
3. Mail or drop off your completed registration form and payment. Rye Nature Center is located at 873 Boston Post Road, Rye, NY 10580.

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent 1: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Parent 2: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: PAID \$ _____ CASH OR CHECK #: _____ DATE: _____

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Emergency and Medical Form

Emergency Contact Information

(Parents will be called first in the event of an emergency. Please list an emergency contact other than yourself and your spouse.)

Child's Name: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Medical Information

Is your child subject to asthma, allergies, diet restrictions, and limits on activities? Yes No

If YES, please explain: _____

Does your child have any medical conditions? Yes No

If YES, please explain: _____

Does your child have any learning, emotional, or behavioral challenges? Yes No

If YES, please explain and let us know the best way to connect with your child and/or address

the challenges: _____

Are there any other circumstances concerning your child that we should know about?

Cancellation Policy

No refunds or credits will be given towards other programs, camps, or events if you cancel your enrollment.* In the event you need to cancel, a tax receipt will be issued to you indicating that your fee for the program was converted to a charitable donation. **Membership is non-refundable.**

I, _____, agree to the above cancellation policy.

(Print Parent/Guardian Name)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

*Please check your child's calendar and schedule carefully prior to enrollment.

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**Friends of Rye Nature Center's
Forest Kindergarten Program
2016-17 Consent/Contract Agreement**

Dear Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC):

This letter confirms that I wish to enroll my child, _____, in the Friends of Rye Nature Center's Forest Kindergarten Program 2016-17. As part of my child's enrollment in this program:

- In a medical emergency, I give the FRNC staff permission to take my child to a hospital for examination and treatment of injuries and/or to receive other necessary care.
- I understand that the FRNC reserves the right to cancel this contract at any time if the staff finds that the program is not suitable for my child due to repeated, unacceptable behavior and that any refund will be at the FRNC's discretion.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Dear Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC):

This letter confirms that my child, _____, will be participating in the Friends of Rye Nature Center's Forest Kindergarten Program 2016-17. As part of my child's enrollment in this program:

- I give my child permission to participate in all activities associated with the Forest Kindergarten under supervision of FRNC Staff. Activities include but are not limited to: using a drill, hammer, and nails for simple construction, using a wedge and sledge to split wood, "bouldering" and rock scrambles, hiking/making a clubhouse on top of the quarry area (near shelter), using a rope to pull tools up a rock face, climbing trees, and edible plant tasting and identification, using a pocket knife to remove bark and make wood shavings.
- I understand that all classes will be held outside and that my child should come dressed and prepared for outdoor activities.
- My child agrees to participate in this program, understanding that the majority of class will be held outside.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Photo Consent (optional):

I, on my behalf, and on behalf of my child, consent to the use of my child's image by FRNC for any and all purposes, including without limitation: video, photographs, publication and any trade or advertising purposes, providing such uses are not made so as to constitute a direct endorsement of any product or service.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date