

NATURE'S CLASSROOM
STUDENT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

April 24 – April 28, 2023

This form is to determine how many students are planning on attending Nature's Classroom in April. Right now it seems so far away, but we want to plan ahead and budget for the trip.

★ There is a parent information session on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 in the Eliot Café at 6 pm.

Please indicate if you are intending on sending your child on this amazing field trip by checking the appropriate choice. If your child does not want to attend now, but changes their mind throughout the year, they can still attend. Just let us know. (This is not the formal permission slip.)

_____ I **plan** for my child to attend Nature's Classroom at Camp Incarnation in Ivoryton, CT. as part of the outdoor education program in April 2023.

OR

_____ I **do not plan** for my child to attend Nature's Classroom at Camp Incarnation in Ivoryton, CT. as part of the outdoor education program.

OR

_____ I am undecided at this time, but I am aware of the cost.

Name (student) _____

Parent's / Guardian's Name _____

Best Phone Number or email to reach you _____

The cost of the trip is \$360:

- Attached is a suggested monthly payment plan.
- You are responsible to pay the entire amount by April 6th
- _____ I have included the October payment of \$50 with this form.

Date _____

Signed _____

Sibling Discount

Nature's Classroom is a field trip we support 100% and feel students benefit from it in a variety of ways. We encourage all students to attend. We also realize that the cost can put a strain on the family budget, especially when there are multiple children in the family that are in the same grade. We **automatically** offer each sibling a \$50 discount when both attend. The final cost per child will be \$310 instead of \$360. We hope this helps. If you need more assistance, please contact Sarah Winger at swinger@clintonpublic.net or submit a written note as soon as possible. We truly want every child to have a great experience at Nature's Classroom in April.

Financial Assistance Program

Donations are always welcome!

There may be children who would like to take part in Nature's Classroom, but who are not able to fully pay for the experience. If you would like to contribute to our scholarship fund, please send your contribution to school in an envelope marked Attention: Mrs. Sarah Winger (6-1) for Nature's Classroom. We truly appreciate your generosity.

Do I qualify for financial assistance?

- Do I qualify for free or reduced breakfast/lunch?
- Have you or someone in your family recently lost a job?
- Have you suffered a medical hardship?
- Did I participate in the fundraiser?

No child should be prevented from having the Nature's Classroom experience due to finances. If your financial position is such that you need some assistance toward the total cost, please indicate this below to receive more information.

I wish to receive information about financial aid for my child _____.

All personal matters and information is strictly confidential.

Signature (for financial aid) _____

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SUGGESTED PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Stated below is a payment schedule, which we hope will make the payments as convenient as possible for you.

Total cost	=	\$360.00
Less Deposit	-	<u>\$50.00</u>
Balance due	=	\$310.00

*The ***suggested payment*** schedule consists of six payments spread out over the next six months. Payment are:

October:	\$50
November	\$50
December	\$52
January	\$52
February	\$52
March	\$52
April	\$52

The fundraising credit will be available in January. At that time we will send home updated balances.

***You still have the option of paying in full at any time.**

***You also may pay any amount that works for you at any time during the year by Thursday, April 6th.**

Please make all checks payable to the Jared Eliot Activity Fund.

All payments will be sent directly to the main office to Betsy Rock. She will be keeping track of all payments.



FAMILY PACKET

Please review this document in its entirety. Pages 5-8 must be completed and returned to your student's teacher by the designated deadline (set by the school teachers).

Dear Families,

We're thrilled that your child is joining us at Nature's Classroom. This Family Packet will help students and families get ready for the Nature's Classroom experience. In this packet you will find answers to frequently asked questions and other important information.

Your child's physical, mental, and emotional safety are our number one priority during their time with us. During instructional activities and mealtimes, your child will be supervised by enthusiastic and experienced Nature's Classroom staff who have undergone background checks and training to provide your child with an inspiring and safe experience. Our staff are also certified in CPR and First Aid. During free-time and nighttime, students are in the care of their teachers and parent chaperones.

If you have any questions about the trip, please contact your school directly. If you have any questions that your school is unable to answer, please feel free to reach out to us at info@naturesclassrooms.com or (603) 539 8053.

We can't wait to share the field-trip of a lifetime with your student!

Sincerely,
The Nature's Classroom Team

Nature's Classroom Locations

Location	Host Site	Address
Freedom, NH	Camp Cody	9 Cody Rd, Freedom, NH 03836
Ocean Park, ME	Ocean Wood Camp	17 Royal St, Ocean Park, ME 04063
Groton, MA	Grotonwood Camp	167 Prescott St, Groton, MA 01450
Yarmouthport, MA	Camp Wingate Kirkland	79 White Rock Rd, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675
Lakeside, CT	Camp Washington	190 Kenyon Rd, Lakeside CT 06758
Ivoryton, CT	Incarnation Camp	253 Bushy Hill Rd, Deep River, CT 06417

Overview of the Program

Nature's Classroom is a residential outdoor education program that focuses on science and engineering, social and emotional learning, and teambuilding. Each program is customized to support student learning in the classroom. Our hands-on lessons focus on building critical thinking skills and exploring the connections between the natural and human-made world.

We work with each school group to help design a program that best fits the needs and outcomes of the group. Each program is rooted in the following components: Field Group, Class Choice, Large Group Activities, Evening Programs, Meals, and Free Time.

Students at Nature's Classroom are always supervised by adults and a medical staff member is available on site 24/7.

Below is an example of a typical day:

7:00 Wake up 7:30 Morning Meds
7:40 Set/ 8:00 Breakfast
9:15 Field Group or Large Group Activity
11:30 Free Time
11:40 Set & Lunch Meds 12:00 Lunch
1:15 Class Choice
2:45 Class Assignment/ Snack
3:00 Class Choice
4:30 Free Time
5:10 Set & Dinner Meds 5:30 Dinner
6:45 Evening Activity
8:30 Quiet Sing Nighttime Meds 8:45 Back to Cabins

Medications

In an effort to minimize interruptions, we typically dispense medications during meal times. If your child receives daily medications outside of these times we will of course administer as ordered by your child's doctor. All "Scheduled" medications will be overseen and distributed to your child by a medical staff member. Children are not permitted to keep medications on their person, and this includes prescription and over-the-counter medications (Tylenol or cough drops). Emergency medications (e.g. Epi-pens and rescue inhalers) will be available to your child at all times. When possible, children are encouraged to self administer under the care and guidance of trained medics or staff members.

All medications need to be sent **in the original bottle / packaging with the PHARMACY LABEL, Doctor's name, student's name, medication, strength, dosage, and usage instructions on the bottle / packaging**, if applicable. Please place the bottle / package in a clear ziplock bag with your child's name, school, date of birth and **fill out the medication document on page 8 of this packet**. School teachers will collect medications prior to departure so **please do not pack medications in your child's bag**. We have basic medicines (Tylenol, cough drops, tums, etc) and first-aid supplies for students who may need them throughout the trip.

Food Allergies / Dietary Needs

Our facilities can accommodate a variety of dietary needs. There is a section in this packet for you to indicate any dietary allergies, restrictions or preferences. If you have concerns about your students' dietary needs while at Nature's Classroom, please contact us as soon as possible.

Visitors and Communication

We ask you not to visit your student during their field trip. Visiting parents/guardians can distract students and may make some students homesick. Students are not permitted to have cell phones at Nature's Classroom. This is to encourage them to enjoy life "unplugged" - live in the moment and appreciate their surroundings. If there is an emergency and you need to reach your child, please contact your student's school teacher, or you can contact us at (603) 539-8053.

Behavior Expectations

Below is a copy of our Nature's Classroom Behavior Expectations. We require every student and their family to read the expectations and sign an acknowledgement statement.

We are committed to providing a safe, positive experience for all students. As part of the Nature's Classroom community, students are expected to be familiar with and follow these behavior expectations. Students who are unable to follow them may be disciplined and sent home at the discretion of the school. Parents/Guardians are then expected to pick up their student(s).

Please discuss these expectations with your student prior to the field trip.

- Students must remain with their group and instructor or teacher/chaperone at all times. Students should never be alone in camp or leave the property alone.
- Students must remain in the cabins with chaperones after lights-out.
- Students may not have in their possession any prohibited items (please review the Packing List).
- All medications should be given to the school teacher or medical staff.
- Students are asked to take care of the property and report any damages.
- Students should use equipment for its intended purpose and in a safe manner.
- Physical fighting or altercations are not tolerated and may result in immediate separation/dismissal without refund.
- Bullying is not tolerated and all suspected bullying instances will be dealt with firmly and may result in immediate separation or dismissal without refund of tuition.
- All school rules will be enforced at Nature's Classroom.