**INTO THE WOODS NATURE PRESCHOOL**

**CONTRACT FOR ENROLLMENT 2024-2025**

Please read all the conditions of enrollment as outlined on this contract and select your payment plan. Both parents must sign, date and provide addresses and phone numbers requested on this “Contract for Enrollment” (Contract). If there are circumstances that prevent both parents from signing, please contact Into the Woods Nature Preschool. Please sign and return all pages of this Contract to Into the Woods Nature Preschool along with the required deposit. Remember to print a copy for your records as well.

**Enrollment and Deposit:**

I wish to enroll my child (name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DOB\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

with Into the Woods Nature Preschool for the 2024-2025 school year. Monthly tuition is paid in advance on the first day of the month. I agree to accept the terms of this Contract and the rules and regulations of Into the Woods Nature Preschool. By signing this, I acknowledge that I have received, and read a copy of the 2024-2025 Into the Woods Handbook and agree to the conditions for enrollment contained within. By signing this, I also acknowledge that I have received and read the Into the Woods Required Clothing document and agree to provide the exact clothing described within that document as well as provide a full set of extra clothes to be stored on site.

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My child has the following allergies/food restrictions (if none, write none) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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My child has the following medical conditions (if none, write none) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Child`s Physician** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If either parent cannot be reached, the following person(s) are authorized to be contacted in case of illness, accident or emergency:

Name Relationship Cell Phone

**Liability Waiver:** I understand that this school operates entirely outdoors and that there are risks which naturally occur whenever children play outside. I release Dorothea Gironda-Sandmann, Into the Woods Nature Kindergarten and its teachers from liability for injuries that may occur as a result of my child attending Into the Woods Nature Kindergarten. My child is in good physical health and I will provide appropriate clothing for the weather.

**Parent/Legal Guardian signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Media/Image/Video Permission:**

Into The Woods Nature School wants to share the great things your children are doing! As part of this, we may publish photographs, videos, and work samples (including quotes) on our social media, website or promotional printings. These items will never be accompanied by your child’s name being used in print or verbally unless it is mentioned by a teacher or another child in a video taken at our nature preschool. This form also gives permission for photos, videos, or work samples to be used for educational purposes (for example, if one of our employees or volunteers needs a photo, video or work sample for a class project in the case of continued education courses.) In the case of these educational purposes, your child’s real name will NOT be used. If you do not give permission, your child may still be partially present in photographs, be present in photographs where they are not facing the camera, or have their face blurred out in photos of other children. This allows us to protect your child’s privacy without excluding them from class activities or making them sad by asking them to leave an activity so the activity can be documented. If you have any special privacy concerns (i.e., custody issues, foster care arrangements, etc.) please let us know so we can take special care to protect your child’s privacy.

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**(Parent/Guardian Signature)**  **(Date)**

Into the Woods Nature Preschool, for ages 3-6, will run Monday through Friday during the school year from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families can choose to enroll one to five days per week.

I would like to enroll my child in the following classes for the 2024-2025 school year. (Please circle your choice):

**Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday**

1. **Tuition Payment Plans**: I understand that the Into the Woods tuition is an annual fee payable in ten monthly payments.

**OPTION 1: ONE CLASS PER WEEK\***

August 2024 – May 2025:

Tuition $ 138.67 per month

\*A one-time non-refundable deposit/holding fee of $100.00 is required to reserve a place in class and will be applied to your first month’s tuition.

**OPTION 2: TWO CLASSES PER WEEK\***

August 2024 – May 2025:

Tuition $ 277.33 per month

\*A one-time non-refundable deposit/holding fee of $100.00 is required to reserve a place in class and will be applied to your first month’s tuition.

**OPTION 3: THREE CLASSES PER WEEK\***

August 2024 – May 2025:

Tuition $ 416.00 per month

\*A one-time non-refundable deposit/holding fee of $100.00 is required to reserve a place in class and will be applied to your first month’s tuition.

**OPTION 4: FOUR CLASSES PER WEEK\***

August 2024 – May 2025:

Tuition $ 554.67 per month

\*A one-time non-refundable deposit/holding fee of $100.00 is required to reserve a place in class and will be applied to your first month’s tuition.

**OPTION 5: FIVE CLASSES PER WEEK\***

August 2024 – May 2025:

Tuition $ 693.33 per month

\*A one-time non-refundable deposit/holding fee of $100.00 is required to reserve a place in class and will be applied to your first month’s tuition.

1. **Return of Contract:** This contract must be signed by all financially responsible parties and returned, along with the holding fee, no later than June 30, 2024, to reserve a space for your child in the 2024-2025 school year. After that date, space will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis.
2. **Tuition Liability:** You must give at least 30 days’ notice before changes to your child’s schedule which would affect tuition. Each month’s tuition is due by the first day of that month and must be paid via **Zelle**. PAYMENTS MADE AFTER THE FIFTH DAY OF THE MONTH WILL BE ASSESSED A $5 PER DAY LATE CHARGE UNTIL PAID.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this Contract. I understand that Into the Woods Nature Kindergarten take place entirely outdoors and that there are risks which naturally occur whenever children are playing outside. By signing this Contract, I agree to release Dorothea Gironda-Sandmann, Into the Woods Nature School and all its staff from all liability for any injury while my child is in attendance or as a result of participating in Into the Woods’ outdoor education programs. I warrant that my child is in good physical health and that I will provide the required clothing each day for the all-weather outdoor program.

Parent 1 signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dorothea Gironda-Sandmann signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**INTO THE WOODS NATURE Preschool**

**WINTER**

**CLOTHING REQURIMENTS 2024-2025**

**Goal:** *To keep your child warm and dry, so he or she can thoroughly enjoy the experience of playing in and exploring the nature forest environment. In order to ensure that your child has enough warm clothes in his/her cubby, please make a habit of checking your child’s cubby once a month.*

**Boots**

You are required to send your child in Oakiwear, Bogs Boots or comparable boots as they are the best for keeping kids feet warm and dry while playing outside during winter. In winter we find that boots with a drawstring that can close at the top works best for keeping water out.

**Socks**

Silk, wool or some form of thermal socks work best. **Please do NOT send your child to school during winter with regular socks as these are not sufficient to keep their feet sufficiently warm.** We highly recommend SmartWool.

**Head**

A well-fitting wool hat is best. Please do not rely on hoods as they inhibit a child’s ability to hear and tend to not stay in place.

**Mittens**

Mittens keep hands warmer and are easier to get on than gloves. You are required to send your child in mittens that have a zipper up the back of the hand or a Velcro closure. This makes it easier to get the mittens on and off when little hands are cold and wet. If your child prefers gloves, we require neoprene gloves.

**Under Layers**

It is helpful to have a range of under layers to keep your child warm and comfortable in various temperatures.

*Base layer: a thin layer of silk, wool or Capilene long underwear.*

*Mid-weight: a middle weight layer of wool or Capilene.*

*Heavy weight: a thick layer of wool or stretch fleece leggings.*

When it is fairly warm, you will find that a base layer under rain pants and fleece or rain coat is sufficient. During the really cold months, using all three layers under the rain pants is necessary to keep your child warm and dry (rain pants can only do so much when you child is playing in the creek!) On top, a base layer and mid-layer are helpful under a fleece coat and rain coat.

**Pants**

Rain pants are a crucial layer and are required for the months of October through April. They keep your child comfortable even when it’s not raining because the ground will be cool and/or damp. We highly encourage true rain pants and not “snow pants”. Snow pants are warm but tend to absorb water easier. It is crucial that the pants have a closure (Velcro, elastic, cord and toggle) at the ankle to cinch the pants tight over boots to keep water out. You must send your child in **Jan & Jul fleece lined rain pants**, we found these to be the most cost effective while giving the protection that works best for our area.

**Coat**

Layers are important here. A fleece coat is a great layer that works in cold weather and warmer weather. In addition, your child will need a good waterproof coat. They work together well for warmth and to keep dry. It is crucial that the waterproof coat have a system for cinching at the wrist to keep water out. We require that your child have a **Jan & Jul fleece lined jacket** in moderately cold temperatures and an additional winter coat in very cold weather.

**General suggestions**

* Layers, layer, layers! The ideal way to keep your child comfortable as he/she romps through the woods. Make sure the layers are loose fitting so the child’s own insulating layer of body heat will not be constricted.
* Please put your child in pants with elastic waistbands – no zippers, snaps, belts or suspenders as these greatly complicate pottying!
* Washing: It is best with waterproof outdoor clothing to not over-wash them. It greatly reduces the waterproof quality. We recommend simply wiping or hosing off really dirty clothes and only occasionally machine washing rain coats and pants. Do **NOT** put waterproof clothing in the dryer. It is also good to avoid putting silk, wool or Capilene in the dryer.
* **Extra clothes**: You are required to keep a full set of extra clothes in your child’s cubby in case a change of clothes is needed during the school day. These extra clothes do not need to be the name brands mentioned above and can be purchased at a second hand store to save money. They type of extra clothes needed will change as the seasons change. Please factor this in when purchasing clothes. For example, an extra set of long underwear, mittens, and fleece coat are needed during the cold months.

**Brands we recommend**

Jan & Jul is a reasonably priced brand that works well in our climate. Bogs, Columbia, Oakiwear, Outdoor Research, REI, Lands End, Gordini, SmartWool are all great brands.

**SUMMER CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS**

**Goal:** To keep your child comfortable and safe during hot summer months.

**General suggestions**

* Light breathable fabrics are best to keep your child comfortable.
* Water shoes, rain boots or other water friendly footwear is essential as your child will be playing in the creek, rain and mud on a daily basis. Please keep in mind that plastic/rubber rain boots may chafe your child’s legs with extended wear so long socks should be worn with this..
* Lightweight two piece rain suit or a raincoat, this should have elastic around the wrists and legs.

**BUGS**

All children do not have the same reaction to bug bites and all parents do not have the same views on the use of bug spray. Please provide the bug spray of your choice for use on your child, if any. Both bug spray and sunscreen should be applied before drop off in the morning, we will reapply as needed. All containers should be clearly marked with your child’s name. Bug spray will not be shared between children, so as to respect the personal preference of each parent. We have found that Sawyer Picaridin insect repellent lotion works very well for a large variety of bugs and are easier to apply.

**TOYS**

Please do not send **ANY** toys to school with your child. We try to stimulate children’s imaginations by using natural objects as much as possible. Bringing toys to school distract from this effort and also puts a burden of responsibility on the school.

**INTO THE WOODS NATURE PRESCHOOL**

**2024-2025 SCHOOL HANDBOOK**

Into the Woods Nature Preschool provides an entirely outdoor education program that is distinguished by its commitment to 100% outdoor time nature immersion, interest-led flow learning, emergent curriculum, inquiry-based teaching style and an emphasis on authentic play. Our program is designed to integrate children with nature and engage them in quality outdoor activities, which is designed to emulate their innate curiosity about the natural world. Our teaching style encourages children to learn through direct experience with nature. Friedrich Fröbel, a German educator, opened the world’s first outdoor kindergartens (children’s gardens), more than 50 years ago with the belief that young children should play in nature, away from an emphasis on too many numbers and letters. The United States has seen a rapid growth in Nature Preschools in recent years and in 2023 there were an estimated 800 nature preschools serving 25 600 children.

**TEACHING PHILOSOPHY AND CURRICULUM**

We believe that children, especially those between the ages of 3 and 6, learn best through direct experience with the natural world. Our goal is to tap into their sense of wonder about nature while teaching basic environmental and natural science principles. We promote individual empowerment and group bonding. We teach respect for all living beings and how to minimize our impact on the earth. Our lesson plans flow organically from what nature presents us with each day.

**COMMITMENT TO YOUR CHILD’S PHYSICAL SAFTY AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**

As naturalists we are committed to inspiring and teaching respect for the earth and all its creatures. This includes modeling and fostering respect for self and for others at all times. We shun competitiveness in favor of cooperative activities, guiding children into co-creative adventures. We have a zero tolerance policy for hitting, grabbing, pushing, name calling, aggressiveness or any other demeaning behavior. If any of these behaviors occur, we will immediately remove the instigating child to a calm place where the child’s concerns can be heard one-on-one. We empower children in learning how to work with others while simultaneously enhancing their individuality. We will speak respectfully to your child and model appropriate responses to the range of your child’s emotions. We will hold and carry your child if necessary to their feelings of safety. If your child ever reports any type of negative experience at Into the Woods, we ask that you bring it to the Director’s attention immediately so we can all communicate and work as a team to support your child’s concerns or feelings.

**DRESSING APPROPRIATELY**

Dressing your child appropriately is CRITICAL to the success of our program. We adhere to the motto: There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing choices. For details about the clothing we require you to dress your child in, please review the Into the Woods Clothing

Requirements document.

Here are a few simple guidelines for clothing:

* Please label all of your child’s clothing – if you don’t wish to permanently mark the clothing, you can tie a colored ribbon to the clothing.
* Dress your child in clothes they can get messy in.
* Do not use one-piece clothing as it is difficult to remove when children have to use the bathroom.
* Clothing and footwear should be loose fitting and roomy to allow the body’s own insulating layer to surround the skin.
* It is mandatory that you keep a full set of extra clothes in a cubby.

In the winter months, we require children be dressed in the following:

* Bogs boots or comparable brand with drawstring closing at the top.
* Jan & Jul, Columbia Omnitech or Bugaboo winter jacket.
* Jan & Jul, Oakiwear, Lands End or REI fleece lined rain pants
* Two-piece silk or wool long johns as a base layer and a middle layer.
* Thick fleece top and bottoms as the top layer.
* Silk or SmartWool sox.
* Side or top zip mittens or neoprene gloves.
* Hat

**Remember that this is an entirely-outdoor school.** Make sure that you and your child are both okay with that. Remember too that your child may not experience cold in the same way that you do and to resist overdressing them. Send extra clothes and know that we will be very diligent about when to insist they put on more outer wear. Most important, keep YOUR attitude positive about blustery cold rainy days as some of our most fun days have been in this type of weather!

**TOILET PROFICIENCY**

Although we can handle occasional accidents, all children MUST be mostly toilet-proficient in order to attend out school (other than those enrolled as a toddler with special permission). Children must be able to know when they have to go to the bathroom and be able to communicate that. We regularly prompt the children to check in with themselves about whether they have a need to go potty.

**SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE**

Into the Woods Nature Preschool will operate Monday through Friday from August through May regardless of the public school academic calendar. We will only be closed for the following times during the school year: Thanksgiving and the day after; one week during winter break; and the one week of Rutherford School District’s spring break. We **DO** hold classes on all the state and federal holidays, except Labor Day and Memorial Day.

**DROP OFF/PICK-UP AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL**

* When you arrive each morning, please wait at the entrance until I come out and greet you.
* At pick-up, you will come to the edge of the woods closest to the driveway entrance to get your child.
* Please be prompt in your pick-up.
* If childcare providers are picking up, please emphasize both the need to drive slowly on the road outside the school and the need for prompt pick-ups.

**TUITION**

Tuition is due by the first day of each month and no later than the fifth. There is a $5 per day late fee for late payments. Payments should be made through **Zelle**.

We require one month’s notice for any changes that may affect your child’s schedule at Into the Woods. You will be responsible for any tuition due during that one month. See the “Contract for Enrollment” for complete details.

Tuition charges are as follows (2024-2025 rates):

1 Day per week: $138.67 per month

2 Days per week: $277.33 per month

3 Days per week: $416.00 per month

4 Days per week: $554.67 per month

5 Days per week: $693.33 per month

(Per hour charge is $8.00)

**FOOD**

* The school will provide fruit and a treat for snack time while parents will be providing their child’s lunch each day. This decision was made so that parents can make their own best dietary choices for their children. Your child will have a snack at approximately 10:00 am and lunch at 12:30 pm and we will make sure they drink lots of water.
* Please send a metal water bottle with your child’s name on it that we can keep on site.
* **If your child has food allergies, please let us know.**

**COMMUNICTING WITH TEACHERS**

If you need to communicate some future plans about your child such as absences, late arrivals, early pick-ups, vacation times, medical information, or family situations, please do so by emailing our office at intothewoodsnature@gmail.com. If you need to convey time sensitive information such as imminent absence, late arrival or change to pick-up plans, please text me at **630-885-9768**. Please do not pass along logistical information at pick-up or drop off.

**SICK CHILD POLICY**

* We are fine with children coming to school with sniffles, sneezes, coughs or stuffy nose, since we are outdoors which means less chance of passing germs than in an indoor setting.
* We do not allow children to attend if they have had a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting within the previous 24 hours.

**ABSENCE POLICY**

* SICK DAYS: If your child is sick and cannot attend school, please text me at **630-885-9768**. Please do not send an email after 8pm or before 8am.
* If you know in advance that you will miss a day (vacation days, etc.), please send an email to [**intothewoodsnature@gmail.com**](mailto:intothewoodsnature@gmail.com). There are no make-ups for vacation days.
* Please do not pass information to the teacher at pick-up or drop off about upcoming absences, as it is a hectic time and I may forget.
* We are the rare preschool that allows make-up days for classes missed due to illness; however, in order to gain this credit you must text or send an email when you know your child will be out sick. You will then have one month in which to make up that missed sick day. You can choose any other day that fits in with your schedule, as long as you clear it with us first. Days missed due to illness and days missed due to dangerous driving conditions are the only situations where we offer a make-up day.
* **We are a yearlong program with tuition fees calculated at a monthly rate. Monthly fees are still payable even should your child be absent for family vacations.**

**EXTREME WEATHER CLOSURE**

Into the Woods follows the Lake Lure Classical Academy calendar. You can find out whether LLC has cancelled for a snow day or a late arrival day by checking the radio, their Web site, or by calling their office for a recorded message.

* If LLC is cancelled due to extreme weather, Into the Woods is also cancelled.
* If LLC has called for a late arrival day due to unsafe morning driving conditions, Into the Woods classes will do the same.
* In cases when LLC is closed for break or a Holiday, but Into the Woods is open, I will email or text all impacted parents ONLY if school is cancelled.
* Days missed due to extreme weather or dangerous driving conditions can be made up at any time during the school year; snow days will not be added to the end of the school year.

**EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

In the event of an emergency, such as a severe weather situation occurring during school hours, the following protocols will be followed:

* If the situation is safe, teachers and students will remain in place at the school waiting for parent’s to return to pick up their children.
* If the situation requires imminent evacuation of the school, I will first contact parents and request that they promptly return to pick up their child.
* If the situation requires immediate evacuation of the school, I will move the children from the school according to the evacuation plan detailed below.

\* If cell phone service is still working, I will communicate our location to parents as soon as possible.

**\*** If cell phone service is disabled, parents should look for their children per the evacuation plan detailed below.

Evacuation Route: (NOTE – The school will be evacuated only in situations where remaining at the school is not safe.)

* We will take shelter in the basement of the house on the property**.**

**INTO THE WOODS FAMILY**

Maintaining the school grounds is an ongoing process and parents are encouraged to join at least one of the work parties that are held throughout the year. This is also a good way to connect with other parents in an informal way. Children are welcome and we will provide childcare during the work party.

**GROUP INFO**

The school uses group messaging to communicate and share pictures of our children.

**APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLLMENT**

We accept applications for enrollment throughout the year and these applications are put on an Early Notification List. At the end of May we invite prospective families to see the school site and have their questions answered. If after the visit both your family and Into the Woods teachers agree that your child is a good fit with the school, you will be required to sign the “Contract for Enrollment” to secure your child’s place in the following school year.