



COMPASS ACADEMY

A Farm and Garden Co-Op

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to support parents and families on their journey towards physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing through education and immersion into natural living and spiritual traditions.

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2024 SPROUTS PROGRAM

Ages 3-5 • Crozet, Virginia

Immersed in farm and garden life, children will be given the space for self discovery and learning within a consistent weekly rhythm. We provide nature-based activities, and follow a Reggio Emilia approach of following the children's interests. This is an outdoor program with farmhouse learning spaces for harsh weather days. Organic lunch and snacks are provided. You may choose a custom weekly schedule as available. Available to families who are on staff, or part of a volunteer committee only.

2024 schedule

First Day: September 3, 2024 // Last Day: December 20, 2024
Monday-Friday: 9/10AM - 2:30PM; w/ 2:30-5PM Afternoon Program

daily rhythm

9:00-10:00AM Drop Off Window, Morning Activity, Snack

10:00AM Welcome Circle

10:30AM Immersive Experience (Farm & Garden Activities, Chores and Nature Hikes)

12:00PM Lunch, Free Play & Garden Exploration Time

1:00PM Immersive Experience (Cooking, Gardening, Handcrafts, Music, Art)

2:00PM Snack & Read Aloud

2:30PM Pick Up OR Transition to 2:30-5PM Afternoon Garden Program



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ABOUT

The Compass Center Foundation's Compass Academy is a farm and garden program with the goal of bringing the values of self-care, community and interconnected living back to childhood education. We believe children thrive when they feel their days are filled with purpose, when they are surrounded by people working toward a common goal, and when they are given the time and space to figure things out on their own. Our program is outdoors and located on a working farm and orchard. Kids will learn life skills, be involved in food production and animal care, and spend time observing nature and playing. Kids need to dress appropriately! We will utilize our indoor discovery rooms for warming up/cooling down and special activities.

FOOD AND SNACK

How we eat plays a huge role in our moods, energy levels and overall health. Integrative nutrition and self care are important aspects of our curriculum, so it comes naturally that we want to provide nourishing meals during the program as part of the overall learning experience. We will be providing lunch and snacks for the children. We will not serve the children refined sugar, but we will provide a nutritious sweet every once in a while. Lunch will usually consist of a warm soup in cold weather months or sandwiches in hot weather months, roasted chicken or sausage, crackers, olives or hard boiled eggs, biscuits or muffins, and fresh fruit and vegetables. If you have other special food requirements or allergies please let us know. This means you don't need to pack a lunch box!

TUITION & PAYMENTS

The following amounts are for the Fall 2024 session, from September 3rd through December 20th.

Full time Monday - Friday tuition is \$3300

Part Time: 3 days/week tuition is \$2025

Part Time: 2 days/week tuition is \$1350

We have limited spaces for custom schedules. Please inquire! Daily tuition for custom schedules is \$45/child.

A deposit of 25% of the full fall session is due to reserve a set schedule, and remaining payment is due on a monthly schedule. There is a one time \$100 food and supply fee for every child attending at least 3 days/week.

There is a one time \$60 food and supply fee for every child attending less than 3 days per week.

Payment is accepted by Cash, Venmo (@compasscenterlearning) or by check made out to The Compass Center Foundation, 5455 Jones Mill Rd. Crozet, Va 22932.

CLOTHING AND GEAR

We want your child to enjoy their time with us, and being warm and dry while we explore outdoors is essential to a positive experience! It is important to get into the habit of checking the weather as you help your child dress for the day. Please arrive for outdoor weather, we will help them adjust layers as the day progresses.

In addition to their backpack with water bottle, please make sure they wear the following clothing and gear each day that they join us:

Summer: Shorts and a T-Shirt with closed-toed sandals like Keens. Please pack an extra set of clothes, and a bathing suit (optional).

Rain days: Rain pants and rain jacket, socks with tall waterproof boots.

Winter: Base layers and insulated snow pants, fleece jacket mid layer and water resistant outer jacket (layers to remove if we get hot), wind proof winter hat and gloves, insulated waterproof boots, wool socks.



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2024 SPROUTS MOM'S DAY OUT REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Child: (First:) _____ (Last:) _____

Nickname: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____ M / F

Mailing Address: _____

Parent/Guardian 1: (First:) _____ (Last:) _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian 2: (First:) _____ (Last:) _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Which sessions are you applying for?

_____ Fall 2024 _____ Winter/Spring 2025

Which program(s) are you applying for?

Daytime Program 9am - 2:30pm _____ Circle Days Requested: M / Tu / W / Th / F

Afternoon Garden Program 2:30pm - 5pm _____ Circle Days Requested: M / Tu / W / Th / F

Child's Interests & Notes or Comments:

Please list any life threatening allergies:

Please list any and all health and learning diagnoses:

Please tell us if there are any food sensitivities or preferences that we should know about:



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FALL 2024 FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

- This is the Fall 2024 financial agreement. The 2025 financial agreement will be published in September.
- Fall Afternoon Classes (14 weeks): \$350 for the session, which equals \$25/class and includes materials.
- Afternoon Garden Program: \$10/child per hour
- Daytime Co-Op and Sprouts Program: M-F is \$3300. 3 days/week is \$2025. 2 days/week is \$1350. Please inquire for a different number of days. The daily rate for drop-ins is \$45. Must be paid 24 hours in advance to reserve space. Non refundable. There is a one time \$100 food and supply fee for every child attending at least 3 days/week and a one time \$60 food and supply fee for every child attending less than 3 days per week. This includes any necessary books, instruments and other learning materials. 25% of tuition is due to reserve your schedule. The remaining balance will be divided into 3 payments and each of those four payments will be due on the first of the month in September, October and November.
- Payments are accepted via Venmo (@compasscenterlearning), cash, or check (made out to The Compass Center Foundation and mail to: 5455 Jones Mill Road, Crozet, VA 22932).
- Refund policy: There are no refunds offered for your reserved Fall 2024 schedule for any reason. If your student is suspended from the program, refunds will not be given on any previously paid tuition amount, and you are not obligated to pay any remaining unpaid tuition amount.
- Cancellation policy: If your student needs to withdraw from the program for any reason, you are still obligated to your tuition amount.
- If your child is absent for any reason on a day that you had reserved, we do not offer refunds.
- We follow Albemarle County Public Schools school closures for community emergencies and inclement weather school. Refunds are not offered if our program is cancelled due to school closures for weather or other community emergencies.
- If payment is not received in time, a \$5/day late charge will be incurred.
- There is a \$35.00 returned check fee on all checks returned by the bank.
- I, _____ have read and agree to the above terms and conditions.

SIGNATURES

Name of child: _____

Parent/Guardian 1: (First:) _____ (Last:) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For two household families:

Parent/Guardian 2: (First:) _____ (Last:) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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LIABILITY WAIVER

You are opting to participate in a homeschool enrichment cooperative program hosted by The Compass Center Foundation. This program utilizes outdoor spaces on a working orchard and farm. Every effort has been made to ensure the spaces are safe for our activities and that the supervising adults are equipped to handle emergencies through CPR and First Aid training. However accidents do happen. We ask that you agree to hold harmless any owner, director, manager, staff or independent contractor of The Compass Center Foundation and Henley's Orchard for any accident resulting in physical injury or death.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an accident, injury or other health crisis requiring immediate medical attention, our staff will first evaluate whether care can be administered on site or if an EMT is required. If it is deemed necessary to involve EMT specialists, 911 will be called as soon as possible, whether or not the parent or Emergency Contact has been notified. The Emergency Contact below will be called as soon as possible following the 911 call. By signing below you are agreeing to allow The Compass Center Foundation staff to use their best judgement in emergency care for your child until the Emergency Contact or EMT arrives.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

We will first contact the parents listed on page one of these registration forms. Below is the person you want us to contact if you are not available in the case of emergency.

Emergency Contact Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relation to Child: _____

Parent Signature: _____



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SUNSCREEN POLICY

- During the spring/summer/fall months when sunburns are a possibility, you are responsible for applying the first application of sunscreen on your child before drop off.
- We will reapply sunscreen on your child(ren) after lunch, only if you request it by checking the line below.
- We will not use your sunscreen. We will use sunscreen purchased by The Compass Center Foundation that is chemical-free and nontoxic to our staff and the children. We use Badger. 365 and Sun Bum brands.
- Your child still has the option to opt out in the moment as we will always ask their permission before touching them to apply sunscreen. If it becomes a problem and they are getting sunburned, we will trouble shoot with you.

___ I would like you to reapply sunscreen on my child(ren) after lunch on days when sunburn is a possibility. I agree to send \$5 on Venmo (@compasscenterlearning) to cover the cost of sunscreen application for my child this season.

___ Please do not apply sunscreen to my child.

MOSQUITO AND TICK SPRAYING

In an effort to prevent vector born illnesses, we will be assessing the need to contract with a landscape insecticide company to treat our outdoor areas with permethrin once a month while the children are not present. However, the chickens and ducks are doing a splendid job at keeping the tick and mosquito populations down, so we still have not had to spray since moving into this space in June 2023! Please check the box to acknowledge that you have read this notice and are aware of our plans.

___ I understand that the outdoor area where my child will be playing may be treated with permethrin on a monthly basis during warm weather months.

NATURAL BUG REPELLENT

We will be asking your child if we can apply natural bug repellent to them (as needed) during their time with us, unless you opt out by checking the line below. Even if you do not opt out below, your child always has the option to opt out in the moment while they are with us. We will always ask their permission. If it becomes a problem and they are opting out and getting bitten, we will trouble shoot with you.

___ I do not want natural bug repellents applied to my child.

SIGNATURES

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian: _____

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____