



# COMPASS ACADEMY

A Farm and Garden Program

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to transform the childhood education experience to not only promote academic success but also instill the values of well-being, intuitive living, financial freedom, community, and interdependence. We are passionate about creating a farm and garden learning environment - the perfect place to spark children's curiosity and offer self-directed learning opportunities through real life experiences. Our hope is to guide children toward a life of wellness and financial freedom in their pursuit of passion and purpose.

## OUR 2024 PROGRAMS

- Daily Program (Ages 3-11)
- Summer Camp (Ages 3-11)
- Special Events
- Spiritual Parenting Book Club

## CONTACT

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## SUMMER CAMP 2024

Ages 3 - 11 • Crozet, Virginia

Immersed in homestead, farm and garden life, children will be given the space for self discovery and learning within a consistent daily rhythm. We offer weekly and daily themes to inspire learning and to spark social-emotional development. This is a mostly outdoor program with heated farmhouse learning spaces for harsh weather days. Organic lunch and snacks are provided. You may choose a custom weekly schedule as available.

### schedule

June 25th - August 15th, 2024  
Tuesday - Thursday; 10AM - 3PM

### our program teaches...

- Language Arts, Science & Arithmetic through Storytelling, Reading, Journaling, Outdoor Cooking, Nature Exploration and Gardening
- Creative Expression through Play, Movement, Art and Music
- Emotional/Relational Skills through Group Play, Discussion and Project Collaboration

### daily rhythm

10:00AM Drop Off, Snack, Welcome Gathering  
10:45AM Immersive Experience (Art, Garden, Farm, Cooking)  
12:00PM Lunch, Free Play & Garden Exploration  
1:00PM Immersive Experience (Nature Study, Group Projects)  
2:15PM Snack & Read Aloud with Journaling  
2:45PM Closing Circle  
3:00PM Pick Up



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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 accommodate all food allergies. 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, roasted chicken, crackers, 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!

## SUMMER TUITION & PAYMENTS

\$165 per week. Or, \$55/day, reserved in a recurring nature throughout the whole summer. Fee includes organic snacks, lunch & supplies.

For those families reserving just one or a few weeks this summer, payment is due in full to reserve space. For full time summer students: One week's fee is due upon registration. Remaining balance due 30 days prior to start of camp.

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 make sure they bring/wear the following clothing and gear each day that they join us:

Summer: Shorts and a T-Shirt. Please pack an extra set of clothes, a bathing suit, and two types of shoes during the summer - sturdy closed toed shoes and summer sandals (crocks or tevas are great)

Special gear for cool and wet days: Rain pants and rain jacket, socks with tall waterproof boots.

Winter: long underwear with pants and shirt overtop, 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 water resistant gloves, insulated waterproof boots, socks.



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## ABOUT ROBIN SHIRLEY

Founder and Director

Robin Shirley is a mom to a 4 year old boy and 6 year old girl. She is CPR and First Aid Certified. Robin is also certified as an Integrative Nutrition Health Coach with a background in Business Management from Virginia Tech. Robin was born and raised in Virginia and plans to spend the rest of her life enjoying the beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

After being diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis and Lyme disease at age 11, Robin embarked on a lifelong mission to take back her health through integrative nutrition and other natural approaches. Robin founded a company called Take Back Your Health in 2011 and has been running health conferences and retreats for the last 13 years. She believes that there is a lot of room for improvement when it comes to how we set up our children for a healthy and successful life. Her experience with the integrative health model will guide the development of The Compass Center Foundation's programs.

"There is a lack of connection in the childhood education experience - connection to self, connection to others, connection to nature, connection to wellbeing, and connection to community. I am passionate about bringing this connection back to the childhood education experience.



## ABOUT JILLIAN KOSCIELNIAK

Lead Educator

Jillian Koscielniak is a wife, mother, educator and adventure enthusiast. She was a K-3 educator for over 12 years before deciding to homeschool her own daughter to focus on their unique values as a family. Her days are now filled with wild and free adventures, traveling and savoring everything her hometown of Charlottesville has to offer.

Jillian worked from 2009 to 2021 as an educator for grades K-3 at Adelphi Elementary in Prince George's County. She received her Bachelor of Early Childhood Education & Special Education from Bowie State University. She received a Masters of Science in Education from Walden University.

## TESSA LUECKE

Lead Educator

Tessa was most recently a teacher at Wild Seedlings Playschool where she shared her passion for child led learning within the natural world with children ages 1-4. She focused on teaching language and communication skills, motor skills and self-care skills.

Tessa studied at Virginia Commonwealth University before receiving an Associate Certificate in Childhood Development and a certificate in Early Childhood Education.

Tessa has been an assistant teacher at several notable local schools and kids programs including Montaintop Montessori, Hillside School, Living Earth School and One Forest. Throughout these roles she has gained extensive experience in supervising forest play, teaching outdoor safety, wildlife and plant ID and respectful observation, storytelling, lesson planning, and making space to nurture children's natural curiosity.





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## JENNY HAHN

Music Educator

Jenny is a homeschooling mother of six, professional musician and teacher, and avid reader. She is passionate about stories and teaching children and teens to express themselves in music and writing. Jenny received her Bachelor of Arts in Music in 2000 from Brigham Young University.

She has taught private and group music classes as well as developed music curriculum for students ages 4-7.

Most recently, Jenny worked as the Junior Director for a volunteer-run school where she oversaw operations for over 40 students. While there, she also taught Astronomy, Spanish and Shakespeare. Jenny produced and directed several performances including 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', 'A Comedy of Errors,' 'Much Ado About Nothing' and 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'

She is currently the Children's Program Director at her church where she oversees the children's program and trains and supports classroom teachers.



## GRETA HAHN

Art Educator

Greta is 16 and has been homeschooled her whole life. She is an artist, a music lover, and avid reader. She is so excited to help kids learn about color theory and explore all sorts of mediums



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## SUMMER 2024 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule Requested:

Recurring Schedule:  Full time (Tuesday-Thursday)  Custom (Circle Days Requested: Tues./Wed/Thurs.)

By the Week:

6/25 - 6/27 Down on the Farm

7/2 - 7/4 Garden Arts and Crafts

7/9 - 7/11 Farm Babies

7/16 - 7/18 Insects, Bugs and Creepy Crawlies

7/23 - 7/25 Camping & Survival Skills

7/30 - 8/1 Storybook Farm Play & Games

8/6 - 8/8 Farm & Garden Cooking

8/13 - 8/15 Lemonade Stand Business School

Deposit Amount and payment method: \_\_\_\_\_

Venmo: @compasscenterlearning OR Checks made payable to The Compass Center Foundation 5455 Jones Mill Rd.

Crozet, VA 22932

Child's Interests & Notes or Comments:

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## SUMMER 2024 TUITION AGREEMENT

- Summer operating times for Compass Academy are Tuesdays - Thursdays; 5 hours from 10:00am to 3:00pm.
- Summertime fees are as follows: \$165 per week. Or, \$55/day, reserved in a recurring nature throughout the whole summer.
- Fee includes organic snacks, lunch & supplies.
- For those families reserving just one or a few weeks this summer, payment is due in full to reserve space.
- Full time summer students: One week's fee due upon registration. Remaining balance due 30 days prior to start of camp.
- 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).
- We require a one month cancellation notice on any reserved schedule for your family.
- 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 inclement weather school closures and refunds are not offered if our program is cancelled due to school closures for weather. We begin at 10am, so 1-2 hour school delays will not affect us.
- Refunds will be made in case Compass Academy is unable to operate for any outstanding reason.
- 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 childhood 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 CONTACTS

This 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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## ALLERGIES AND MEDICATIONS

Name of Child: (First:) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last:) \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ M / F

Please list any life threatening allergies:

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Please list any life threatening medical conditions and/or life saving medication your child needs to have constant access to:

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

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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 and Beautycounter 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 an landscape insecticide company to treat our outdoor areas with permethrin once a month while the children are not present. 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: \_\_\_\_\_