



COMPASS ACADEMY

A Farm and Garden Homeschool Learning Co-Op

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to transform the childhood education experience to not only promote academic success but also instill the values of spiritual and physical well-being, entrepreneurship, financial freedom, community, and interdependence. We are passionate about providing a farm and garden learning environment 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.

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INFORMATION PACKET

Ages 6-11 • 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 incorporate an accredited Waldorf-inspired curriculum, and lean into 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 snack are provided. You may choose a custom weekly schedule as available.

2025 Schedule

First Day: Monday, January 6th // Last Day: Friday, June 14th
Monday - Friday Day Program: 9:00AM - 2:30PM
After School Garden Program: 2:30PM - 5:00PM (\$10/hour/kid)

Our Program Offers...

- Language Arts & Social Studies through Conversation, Storytelling, Reading, Journaling, Guest Community Teachers and Weekly Lessons.
- Science through Immersion, Farm Animal Care, Gardening, Nature Exploration, Research, Cooking and Baking.
- Arithmetic through Gardening, Cooking, Games, Math Gnomes and Weekly Math Lessons.
- Creative Expression through Play, Movement, Art and Music
- Social/Emotional Skills through Group Play, Discussion and Project Collaboration

Daily Rhythm

9:00-10:00AM Drop Off Window, Morning Activity, Snack
10:00AM Morning Circle and Lesson
10:30AM Immersive (Farm/Garden Activities, Nature Hikes)
12:00PM Lunch, Free Play & Garden Exploration Time
1:00PM Afternoon Class (Life Skills, Handcrafts and Art, Language Arts, Science, Math Enrichment)
2:20PM Snack and Closing Circle
2:30PM Pick Up OR Transition to 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. 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! See gear recommendations below. 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!

Winter/Spring 2025 TUITION & PAYMENTS

WINTER - SPRING 2025 TUITION (JAN 6th - JUNE 14th)							
	SEMESTER TOTAL	DEPOSIT	DUE JAN 1ST	DUE FEB 1ST	DUE MAR 1ST	DUE APR 1ST	DUE MAY 1ST
5 DAYS	\$5,775	\$500	\$1,155	\$1,155	\$1,155	\$1,155	\$1,155
4 DAYS	\$4,620	\$400	\$844	\$844	\$844	\$844	\$844
3 DAYS	\$3,465	\$300	\$633	\$633	\$633	\$633	\$633
2 DAYS	\$2,310	\$200	\$422	\$422	\$422	\$422	\$422
1 DAY	\$1,155	\$100	\$211	\$211	\$211	\$211	\$211

Rates above are for the 9:00AM to 2:30PM daytime program. The Afternoon Garden Program from 2:30PM to 5:00PM costs an additional \$10/hour/child. Invoices are sent monthly via Quickbooks, 15 days before the due date.

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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WINTER/SPRING 2025 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 program(s) do you wish to apply for?

Afternoon Class(es) 1pm - 2:30pm Class Name(s) _____ M / Tu / W / Th / F

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

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

My child uses the bathroom independently. My child requires assistance with bathroom use.

If your child requires bathroom assistance, please describe: _____

I want you to include the following contact information in the Compass Academy Family Phone Book:

First Names Last Names Emails Phone Numbers

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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WINTER/SPRING 2025 FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

- This is the 2025 Winter/Spring financial agreement.
- Afternoon Classes are \$25/class. You must pay per semester. Fee is inclusive of all supplies.
- Afternoon Garden Program: \$10/child/hour. Invoices will be sent at the end of each month for hours used. You must record the pick up time on the sign-in sheet or you will be billed through to 5PM. Payments are due within ten days of receipt of invoice. a \$5/day late fee will be charged.
- Daytime Co-Op and Sprouts Program tuition is as listed in the information packet. Tuition is now inclusive of the food and supply fee. Deposit is due to reserve your child's schedule. The remaining balance is divided into 5 payments due on the first of the month in January, February, March, April and May.
- Payments are accepted via Quickbooks invoicing, or check (made out to The Compass Center Foundation and mailed to: 5455 Jones Mill Road, Crozet, VA 22932).
- Refund policy: There are no refunds offered for your reserved schedule for any reason. If your child 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 personal 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 School closures due to community emergencies and inclement weather. Refunds are not offered if our program is cancelled due to school closures for weather or other community emergencies.
- If an invoice is not paid in time, a \$5/day late charge will be incurred.
- There is a 5 minute grace period for pick up, after which there will be a \$1/minute late pick up fee.
- 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.

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.

MEDIA POLICY

We use photos of the children interacting in our space to promote our program on our website and on various social media channels.

___ You may use any photos of my children

___ You may use photos of my children where their face is visible only in profile

___ You may use photos of my children only when their face is not visible

___ You may not use photos of my children

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

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____