

REGISTRATION FORM

To Register*: Visit massaudubon.org/arcadia, call 413-584-3009, or mail or bring this form with payment to Arcadia Nature Preschool, 127 Combs Road, Easthampton, MA 01027.

Child's Information

Child's Name: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Age (as of 9/1/15): _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address (if Different): _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address (if Different): _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Registration Information

Class Options (Please indicate your first and second choice)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; 9 am–12 pm | \$4,080 (or \$3,960, if paid in full by 9/4/15) 1st 2nd

Thursday, Friday; 9 am–12 pm | \$2,720 (or \$2,640, if paid in full by 9/4/15) 1st 2nd

Occasionally we allow families to sign up for both sessions and attend five days per week. Check here if you are interested in having your child/children attend both sessions.

Do you have another child who has attended Arcadia Nature Preschool? Yes No

Does your child have any special strengths or needs that we should know about? Yes No

Please provide details, here:

Payment Information

Tuition Amount Paid Today (Minimum \$50 Deposit per Child): \$ _____

Mass Audubon Family Membership Purchase/Renewal (\$65): \$ _____

Total Amount Paid Today: \$ _____

Method of Payment: __ Check (Payable to Mass Audubon); __ Credit Card: VISA MasterCard Discover

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ 3-Digit Security Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

"I agree to allow Mass Audubon to charge my credit card in the amount specified above and understand that refunds will only be provided in accordance with the Refund Policy stated in this brochure."

*For identity and safety assurances, fax and e-mail submissions are not accepted.

Arcadia Nature Preschool



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For Children Ages 3–5

Celebrating 40 years
of connecting children to nature!

 **Mass Audubon**
Protecting the Nature of Massachusetts

About Arcadia Nature Preschool



Arcadia Nature Preschool was founded in 1976 on the premise that happy and rewarding early childhood experiences with nature form the foundation for the development of caring and aware adults.

This is true today more than ever before.

Our Classroom

Set on 723-acre Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, our magnificent outdoor classroom offers limitless opportunities for investigation, observation, and discovery throughout the changing seasons.

Our Curriculum

Outdoor exploration is an important part of our curriculum: We immerse ourselves in nature, exploring plants and animals through hands-on studies. A balance of structured and unstructured time, including play time, allows children many opportunities to develop social skills.

Our Approach

Teachers act as positive role models, demonstrating skills children need to solve problems independently. By recognizing and reinforcing positive behaviors, we nourish each child's self-confidence.

Our Staff

All preschool staff members are certified by the Department of Early Education and Care, and have many years of experience teaching young children. They are certified in first aid and CPR, and regularly attend professional development classes as members of Mass Audubon's statewide Education Department.

Class Size

Class size is limited to 18 children per session.

Academic Year

The academic year runs from mid-September to early June; vacations and holidays coincide with the Easthampton Public Schools' calendar.



Enrollment Information

Age Requirements

Children must be ages 3–5 and at least 3 years old by September to enroll.

Application

Application forms are accepted by mail or in person at the Arcadia front desk. We strive to balance classes based on both age and gender. Within this framework, admission is by chronological order as applications are received. Applications will be accepted from all families, without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, cultural history, political beliefs, marital status or disability.

Mass Audubon Membership

Mass Audubon membership at the Family level (\$65) or above is required for preschool enrollment. As a member, you help us to protect the nature of Massachusetts and connect children to nature!

Deposit

A nonrefundable, nontransferable \$50 application fee per student is due at the time of application.

Payment

The total or a 20% deposit (with a signed Payment Plan Agreement) is due within one week of application. Tuition payments are due by the fifth day of every month. There is a \$15 late fee for tuition payments received after this date, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Payment Plan

For your convenience, we offer a Monthly Payment Plan option that allows you to pay off your tuition balance in installments. Please contact us to inquire.



Financial Aid

Limited financial aid may be available and is based on demonstrated economic need and available funds. Please contact us to request a Financial Aid Application.

Discounts

Save money by paying in full: we offer a 2.9% discount when you pay in full by September 4.

Refund & Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing. Mass Audubon reserves the right to cancel a program due to low enrollment. If we must cancel a session, you will receive a full refund (including the deposit). If you need to cancel:

- Prior to 90 days before the first day of school: A full refund, minus the \$50 nonrefundable deposit, will be provided.
- Within 90 days of the first day of school: A 50% refund will be provided, if the program is full and we are able to fill your spot.

Refunds are not given for participant dismissal, failure to attend, absence, or sick days, and lost deposits are not transferable to other families.