

*Agrius Forest Schools LLC &  
Woodland Creatures Homeschool Enrichment Program  
Tuition-Based Enrollment*



Family Handbook



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## ***Welcome***

Agrius Forest Schools LLC is the company overseeing Woodland Creatures Homeschool Enrichment Program. Homeschool enrichment offers at-home learners the opportunity to spend time outdoors learning through a place-based environment.

This handbook is intended to clearly outline expectations, policies, and procedures for students and families. Enrollment constitutes agreement to the standards described herein.

The Family Handbook is reviewed and updated annually as needed.

## ***Handbook Acknowledgment***

Parents/guardians and students are expected to review this handbook annually. Continued enrollment signifies agreement with the policies and expectations outlined above.

Agrius Forest Schools reserves the right to update this handbook as needed to ensure safety, compliance, and program integrity.

## ***School Philosophy and Core Values***



Students exploring nature, building resilience and curiosity - Respect for self, others, and the natural world - Experiential, inquiry-based learning - Risk-aware (not risk-averse) education - Emotional regulation and restorative practices - Inclusivity, equity, and community responsibility

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## Student and Family Expectations and Responsibilities

### ***Code of Conduct***

Forest school group circle emphasizing respect and community All members of the Agrius Forest Schools community are expected to uphold the following standards:

- Treat peers, staff, visitors, animals, and the environment with respect
- Follow safety guidelines during all activities
- Use language and behavior that is non-violent, inclusive, and appropriate
- Care for shared tools, materials, and natural spaces
- Follow instructions from guides (teachers) promptly, especially in safety-related situations

Prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to: - Physical aggression or threats - Bullying, harassment, or discrimination - Destruction of property or natural habitats - Possession of weapons, illegal substances, or unsafe materials

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### ***Student Rights***

Inclusive outdoor classroom with diverse students Students at Agrius Forest Schools have the right to:



- Learn in a physically and emotionally safe environment
  - Be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect
  - Express thoughts, feelings, and ideas appropriately
  - Participate in restorative processes when conflicts arise
  - Receive reasonable accommodations consistent with developmental needs
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### ***Student Responsibilities***

Children caring for outdoor learning environment Students are expected to:

- Follow the Code of Conduct and safety rules
  - Engage respectfully in learning activities
  - Communicate needs, concerns, or conflicts to a guide
  - Take responsibility for personal belongings
  - Participate in caring for the learning environment and community
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### ***Disciplinary Measures***

Restorative conversation between educator and student outdoors Agrius Forest Schools utilizes a restorative and developmentally appropriate approach to discipline.

Progressive Responses May Include:



1. Verbal redirection or reminder
2. Guided reflection and problem-solving conversation
3. Temporary removal from an activity for regulation and safety
4. Restorative action (e.g., repairing harm, apology, service)
5. Parent/guardian conference
6. Behavior support plan
7. Suspension or dismissal (reserved for severe or repeated safety violations)

Immediate action may be taken when behavior poses a risk to self, others, or the environment.

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### ***Family Communication***

- Families will receive regular updates regarding programming and logistics
  - Parents are expected to review communications promptly
  - Questions or concerns should be addressed respectfully with staff
  - Families must notify the school of absences in advance when possible. We follow attendance guidelines according to the CDE and submit our registration and attendance to the proper channels.
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# Student Health and Safety

## Forest school safety briefing and first aid preparedness

### ***General Safety Principles***

- Adult-to-student ratios appropriate to age and activity
- Ongoing site-based and activity-based risk assessments
- Clear physical boundaries and safety briefings
- Staff trained in first aid, CPR, and emergency response

### ***Colorado Specific Environmental Health Considerations***

Agrius Forest Schools LLC and Woodland Creatures Homeschool Enrichment Program accounts for region-specific risks, including: - Altitude-related hydration and sun exposure - Rapid weather changes - Wildlife awareness and habitat protection - Seasonal wildfire risk and smoke exposure

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### ***Illness Policy***

Students should remain home if experiencing: - Fever within the past 24 hours - Vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours - Symptoms of contagious illness



#### Medications

- Medications must be provided with written parental authorization
- Emergency medications (e.g., EpiPens, inhalers) must be clearly labeled and accessible

#### Injuries

Minor injuries will be treated on site. Parents will be notified of any injury beyond basic first aid.

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### ***Extreme Weather, Emergencies, and Closures***

Outdoor shelter and weather preparedness in forest school

Agrius Forest Schools operates in most weather conditions, consistent with Forest School best practices. Decisions are guided by Colorado-specific environmental risks and real-time assessment.

Colorado-Specific Weather Thresholds

Programming may be modified, relocated, or canceled under the following conditions:

- Cold: Sustained temperatures or wind chills below 25°F
- Heat: Heat index exceeding 98°F
- Lightning: Cloud-to-ground lightning within unsafe proximity (30/30 rule)
- Wind: Sustained winds or gusts exceeding safe operational limits
- Wildfire Smoke / Air Quality: Air Quality Index (AQI) levels deemed unhealthy for children per Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment guidance
- Red Flag Warnings or Active Wildfire Threats in or near program areas

Families will be notified via official communication channels as early as possible when weather-related changes occur.



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### ***Emergency Procedures***

- Guides carry emergency contact information at all times
- Shelter-in-place, shelter seeking, or moving locations within the park will be followed as appropriate
- Parents must keep contact information current
- Families are expected keep their online portal up to date with pickup release information for students

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### ***What to Wear: All Seasons, All Weather***

Seasonal outdoor clothing examples for children Outdoor learning depends on appropriate clothing. Students must arrive dressed for the weather.

#### General Guidelines

- Clothing should be weather-appropriate, durable, and allow free movement
- Layers are essential
- All items should be labeled
- Students should have a change of clothes for each season

#### Fall (40–65°F)

- Long pants or shorts for warmer days
- Long-sleeve shirts or t-shirts for warmer days
- Insulating layer (fleece or wool)



- Warm jacket or fleece
- Sturdy closed-toe shoes with optional water shoes for warmer days

#### Winter (Below 40°F)

- Insulated waterproof coat
- Base layers (wool or synthetic)
- Snow pants
- Warm hat covering ears
- Gloves or mittens
- Insulated waterproof boots
- Waterproof snow jacket

#### Spring (45–65°F. Wet Conditions)

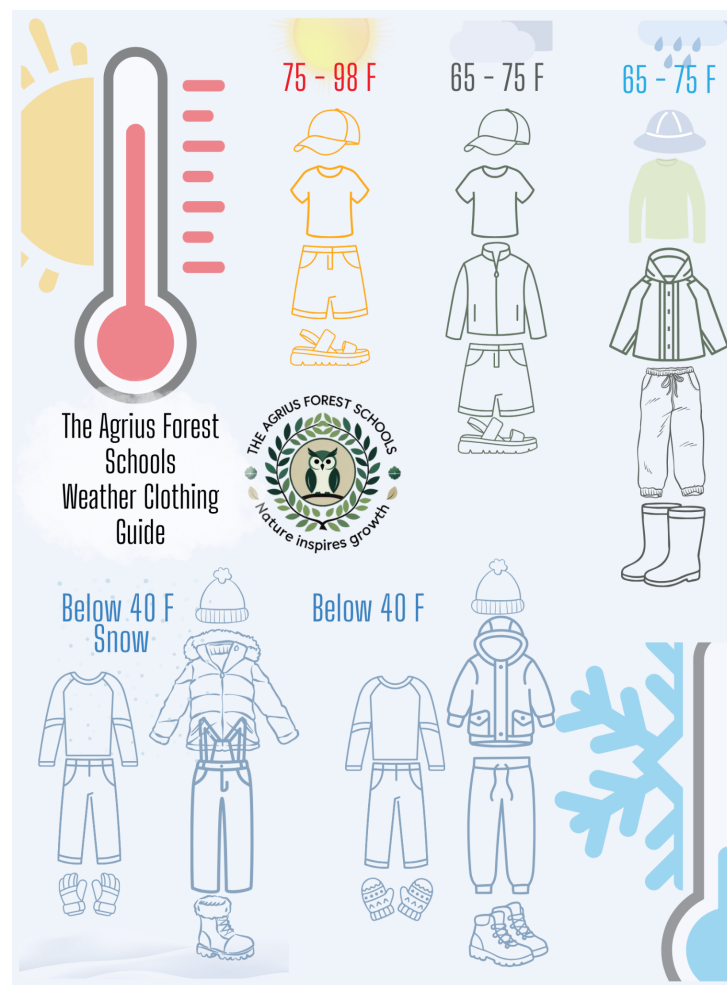
- Waterproof jacket and pants
- Layers for temperature changes
- Waterproof footwear

#### Spring (65–85°F)

- Sun hat
- Water shoes or breathable hiking shoes
- Short sleeve shirt or sun shirt/UV protected clothing
- Shorts
- Light sweater or windbreaker

#### End of Spring/Summer (85–98°F)

- Lightweight, breathable clothing





- Short sleeve shirt or sun shirt/UV protected clothing
- Sun hat
- Closed-toe shoes

*\*Sunscreen and insect repellent provided*

Students who arrive unprepared for weather may be unable to fully participate and may be sent home upon arrival.

We are in partnership with The Outdoor School Shop. All families will receive a discount code upon enrollment.

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### ***What to bring***

Students should come prepared to school with the following items daily:

1. Change of clothes - appropriate for the weather
2. Full lunch in a leakproof lunchbox - a protein, fruit, vegetable, and carb balanced meal \*a snack is provided but extras are encouraged.
3. Medications (if taken)
4. Backpack with a front buckle that can contain all of the items listed above

### ***What NOT to bring***

1. Toys or any other items that may be lost or destroyed outdoors
2. Shareable snacks, students are required to only eat their own food from home and snacks that are provided
3. Anything large or bulky that will make it difficult for students to carry



# Woodland Creatures Homeschool Enrichment Program

## Program Overview

Woodland Creatures Homeschool Enrichment Program provides nature-based, experiential learning opportunities for homeschool students. The program complements home education through outdoor skill-building, social engagement, and ecological education aligned with the Colorado Department of Education's Standards.

Cost: 2026-2027 School Year Tuition: Tuition can be paid [HERE](#)

| Fall or Spring Session                                                                                                                                                               | Fall and Spring Session                                                                                                                                              | Winter Session                                                                                                                                                                       | School Year                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Day a week (full day):<br>\$750/session<br>1 Day a week (half day):<br>\$400/session<br>2 Days a week (full day):<br>\$1,500/session<br>2 Days a week (half day):<br>\$800/session | 1 Day a week (full day): \$1,400 total<br>1 Day a week (half day): \$800 total<br>2 Days a week (full day): \$2,800 total<br>2 Days a week (half day): \$1,600 total | 1 Day a week (full day):<br>\$650/session<br>1 Day a week (half day):<br>\$400/session<br>2 Days a week (full day):<br>\$1,300/session<br>2 Days a week (half day):<br>\$600/session | \$4,275.00 *5% discount included if<br>paid in full<br>\$4,500.00 for payment plan<br>option |

Siblings receive a 15% discount on tuition per year. Both children must be enrolled in the same schedule for this to apply. A nonrefundable \$150 supply fee is required for each student per year for all families. If you are unable to pay this fee, please contact [info@agriusschools.org](mailto:info@agriusschools.org) to see if you qualify for assistance. Materials fee can be paid [HERE](#).



### Payment and Refund Policy

Families must either pay their tuition in full or be enrolled in a payment plan by July 1st or within 10 days of enrollment for families who enroll between July 1st and August 1st. Families that enroll after the school year has begun must make their first payment before their child attends the program.

A total 100% refund is given within 14 days of the first day of the program for tuition paying families that wish to unenroll. For families that wish to unenroll after this two week period, families must pay an additional one month's tuition after the students' last day (based on their enrollment schedule - ex: one month of one half-day tuition if a student is registered for that schedule). We also require a two week notice of unenrollment. If a family does not give this notice, an additional two week charge may be applied.

### Eligibility Requirements

Students must be 5 by October 1st. Younger siblings may be considered if they are slightly under the age requirement.

### Program Expectations

- Participation is voluntary and enrichment-based
- Families remain responsible for primary academic instruction
- Students are expected to follow all Agrius Forest Schools LLC's policies, including the Code of Conduct and safety guidelines

### Attendance and Participation

- We have a maximum capacity of 18 homeschool students per site (9:1 student/teacher ratio) for the 2026-2027 SY with the possibility of an additional class opening if the waitlist exceeds 18 students.

### Late Pickup Policy:



In the case where an authorized pickup person will be late for pickup, please inform the teacher directly as soon as possible. If an authorized person cannot be reached 15 minutes or later than the pickup time (3:30pm) a fee may be accrued (\$10/lateness). If no one can be reached after 30 minutes, emergency services will be contacted.

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This handbook serves as an authorization for (child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in Agrius Forest Schools

LLC's programs. I (legal guardian/parent) \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge the above information and agree to the terms of this agreement including all policies, regulations, and liabilities.

Guardian/Parent Signature and Date Below:





## Schedules and Calendars

*\*Schedules and Calendars are subject to change. Families will be notified ahead of time if any changes occur.*

Woodland Creatures Homeschool Enrichment Program Daily Bell Schedule  
2026 - 2027 School Year Grades K-6

|                                           | STEM Outdoors                                      | Science of the ARTS Outdoors                       |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| DROP-OFF: 9:30AM                          |                                                    |                                                    |
| 9:30AM - 9:45AM                           | Hike to Learning Area                              | Hike to Learning Area                              |
| Period 1<br>9:45AM - 10:15AM              | Morning Circle<br>+Snack Time                      | Morning Circle<br>+Snack Time                      |
| Period 2<br>10:15AM - 11:15AM             | Inquiry-Based Learning<br>Science/STEM Focus       | Inquiry-Based Learning<br>Science/STEM Focus       |
| Period 3<br>11:15AM - 12:00PM             | Observing the Natural World                        | Observing the Natural World                        |
| Period 4<br>12:00PM - 12:45PM             | Lunch and Rest<br>Session Stories                  |                                                    |
| Period 5<br>12:45PM - 1:30PM              | Skill-Based Learning                               | Skill-Based Learning                               |
| Period 6<br>1:30PM - 2:30PM               | Project/Place-Based Learning<br>Science/Arts Focus | Project/Place-Based Learning<br>Science/Arts Focus |
| Period 7<br>2:30PM - 3:15PM               | Observing the Natural World<br>+Snack Time         | Observing the Natural World<br>+Snack Time         |
| 3:15PM - 3:30PM                           | Hike to pick up spot                               | Hike to pick up spot                               |
| PICK-UP: 3:30PM full day; 1:00PM half day |                                                    |                                                    |



## Woodland Creatures Homeschool Enrichment Program Calendar: 2026-2027 School Year

| August 2026   |    |    |    |    |    |    | September 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2026  |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
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| 16            | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 20             | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 18            | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 22            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 23            | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 27             | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    | 25            | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 29            | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |
| December 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | January 2027   |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March 2027    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S             | M  | T  | W  | Th | Fr | Sa | S              | M  | T  | W  | Th | Fr | Sa | S             | M  | T  | W  | Th | Fr | Sa | S             | M  | T  | W  | Th | Fr | Sa |
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| April 2027    |    |    |    |    |    |    | May 2027       |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 25            | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    | 23             | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |

\*Slight changes may be made as park closures may occur

| Calendar Key                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Sessions</b><br>Fall: August 11th - October 22nd 11 weeks<br>Winter: November 10th - February 4th 10 weeks<br>Spring: February 23rd - May 6th 10 weeks                                        | <b>Breaks</b><br>Thanksgiving: November 24th - 26th<br>Winter: December 21st - 31st<br>March: 22nd - 26th                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Teacher Work Days/Supply Restock Days and/or weather makeup days*</b><br>August 4th & 6th<br>October 27th & 29th<br>November 3rd & 5th<br>February 9th & 11th<br>May 11th, 13th, 18th, & 20th | <b>Federal Holidays</b> 26-27 5Y<br>Columbus Day: October 12<br>Veterans Day: November 11<br>Thanksgiving: November 26<br>Christmas Day: December 25<br>New Year's Day: January 1<br>MLK Jr. Birthday: January 19<br>Presidents' Day: February 16 |