

Summer Program for Young Children

Camp Hours: 9am - 4am

Extended Hours: 7am - 9am & 4pm - 6pm

GROWING UP WILD

Arts and Environmental Education all Summer long!

The *Growing Up Wild* camp is an early childhood education program that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, *Growing Up Wild* provides an early foundation for developing positive impressions about nature and lifelong social and academic skills.

★ Diane Gaile, Owner and Director of Mari-ah Art School participated in a one-day work shop at The Nisqually U.S. Wildlife Refuge receiving both training on the subject and an amazing book to guide our way through the exploration of nature this summer! This curriculum and training was sponsored by the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Department and the Council for Environmental Education.

Weekly Themes:

Week 1 - What's Wild: Children engage learn of to compare the lives of wild and tame animals and sort animals into categories.

Week 2 - Who Lives In A Tree: Children learn about trees and some of the animals that call them home.

Week 3 & 4 - The Deep Blue Sea: Children develop an awareness of the ocean and ocean life.

Week 5 - Bird Beak Buffet: Children learn about the special functions of bird beaks.

Week 6 - Tracks: Children explore animal tracks and make and compare tracks of their own.

Week 7 - Lunch For A Bear: Children identify the kinds of foods that Black Bears eat.


Week 8 - The Grasshoppers World: Children learn about grasshoppers in their natural habitat and study them in the classroom.

Week 9 - Spider Web wonders: Children learn about spiders and spider webs.

Week 10 - Seed Need: Children explore seeds as food for people and animals and learn how animals spread seeds.

Growing Up Wild includes:

- ◆ Science
- ◆ Math
- ◆ Literacy
- ◆ Drawing
- ◆ Painting
- ◆ Clay
- ◆ Puppet Theater
- ◆ Music and Movement
- ◆ Outdoor Playtime
- ◆ Gymnastics

 We take full advantage of cooling off outdoors whenever possible! This includes trips to the Garfield Elementary Park, Garfield nature trail, and Woodruff Park, and the downtown fountain.

Thursdays: Get wet day!

Be sure to bring a towel and a swim suit!

Each Day Students will need:

- Lunch w/ ice pack
- 2 snacks (no candy)
- Water bottle w/ name
- Sturdy shoes
- Sunscreen with name