



Nature Camps

Discover the wonders of the Earth

Muddy Boots

Ages 3 to 5

Session I: June 8 to 26
Session II: June 29 to July 17
Session III: July 20 to August 7

Nature Explorers

Grades 1st to 6th

Half Day: 8:30am to 12:30pm (Muddy Boots only)
Full Day: 8:30am to 3:00pm
After Camp: 3:00 to 5:00pm

Register at

www.naturewalklearning.com/summer-camp/



NATUREWALK
Montessori SCHOOL

200 Footpath Ln. Round Lake (224)225-9224

MUDDY BOOTS

SESSION I

WEEK 1

MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

Get to know each other through songs and exploring our trails and critters. Learn about amphibians and reptiles!

WEEK 2

GO WILD!

Become an explorer. Make your own binoculars and go bird-watching. Make a mask and become a wild animal. Build a shelter. Put up a tent and camp out.

WEEK 3

RIDE IT!

Prepare your bike and yourself for bike outings. Wash and decorate your bike/trike/scooter. Get ready for a parade. Ride through an obstacle course. Ride to the park. Ride wagons, too!

WEEK 4

EXPLORE IT!

Explore the Nature Walk campus to find hidden treasures. Walk the trails and run in the tall grasses. Dig to find hidden objects. Explore the surrounding community such as the Fire Station and the ice cream store!

WEEK 5

MAKE IT!

Make nature crafts, friendship bracelets, tie dye and mud prints. Explore camp-style food making. What else can you make?

WEEK 6

BUILD IT!

Find all your building supplies in nature! Build shelters and hideouts. Build an obstacle course for your bike. Build bridges and dams, box forts, and bug hotels!

WEEK 7

DIG IT!

Dig around to find different kinds of soil. Bury things and dig things out. Enjoy frozen archeology and dinosaur tales! Pour water in the ground and get MUDDY! How many things can you make out of mud?

WEEK 8

SPLASH IT!

It's water week! Play in the pools. Play with buckets, sponges and squirters. Run through water sprinklers. Make bubbles and watercolor art. Make paper boats and stick rafts and see how they float.

WEEK 9

CELEBRATE!

Say goodbye to camp with your favorite activities!

SESSION II

SESSION III

NATURE EXPLORERS

SESSION I

WEEK 1

MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

Get to know each other through team building games, dancing, show and tell, story telling, and exploring our grounds. Friendship bracelets galore!

WEEK 2

GO WILD!

Learn survival skills! Start a fire and cook simple food. Practice fire safety. Build a shelter. Orient yourself in the wild.

WEEK 3

RIDE IT!

Prepare your bike and yourself for bike outings. Learn basic bike maintenance. Practice road safety. Have you ever ridden a unicycle?

WEEK 4

EXPLORE IT!

Now that you are a biking pro, let's go biking! Explore neighborhood parks, the forest preserve, the Round Lake Park District and downtown Round Lake.

WEEK 5

MAKE IT!

Make nature crafts, friendship bracelets, tie dye and mud prints. Explore camp-style food making. What else can you make?

WEEK 6

BUILD IT!

Find all your building supplies in nature! Build shelters, hideouts, fairy gardens, mini-cities and more! Build an obstacle course for your bike. Build bridges and dams, and bug hotels!

WEEK 7

DIG IT!

Dig around to find different kinds of soil. Learn to make clay and explore sculpting. Dig holes, canals and trenches. Dig the biggest hole you can think of!

WEEK 8

SPLASH IT!

It's water week! Splash with water blasters and reusable balloons. Run through sprinklers and play water tag. Make colored bubbles and turn them into art. We'll get MUDDY!!!

WEEK 9

CELEBRATE!

Say goodbye to camp with your favorite activities!

SESSION II

SESSION III



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NATURE IMMERSION CAMP Summer 2026

Camp Dates:

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Session I	June 8 to 12	June 15 to 19	June 22 to 26
Session II	June 29 to July 2	July 6 to 10	July 13 to 17
Session III	July 20 to 24	July 27 to 31	August 3 to 7

Schedule, Tuition and Fees:

Registration Fee: \$50.00 per child. This fee reserves a spot for your child, is **non-refundable** and does **NOT** count towards camp tuition.

ALL INCLUSIVE CAMP: Tuition includes all activities on and off campus



Muddy Boots WEEKLY RATE

	Five days a week	Three days a week
Half Day (8:30am to 12:30pm)	\$300	\$250
Full Day (8:30am to 3:00pm)	\$400	\$325
After Camp (3:00 to 5:00pm)	\$50	\$50

Nature Explorers WEEKLY RATE

	Five days a week	Three days a week
Full Day (8:30am to 3:00pm)	\$350	\$280
After Camp (3:00 to 5:00pm)	\$50	\$50

ENROLLMENT TERMS

1. **Registration Fee:** The registration fee is due with application and saves a spot for your child. The registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE and does NOT count towards camp tuition.
2. **All Season Discount:** Campers that register for the three sessions (All Season) receive a 5% tuition discount. All Season must be paid in full by June 1, 2026
3. **Late Registration:** All registrations received after May 15, 2026 are subject to an additional fee of \$25 per session per camper.
4. **Schedule Changes:** All changes made to the original registration after May 15, 2026 are subject to a \$25 administrative fee per change per child.
5. **Sibling Discount:** If two or more children from the same family are enrolled concurrently, the second and subsequent siblings will receive a discount of 5% on the lesser tuition.
Note: Sibling discount **does not apply** to Registration Fee or After Camp Care.
6. **Camp Fees:** Camp fees are due in full ONE WEEK before the session starts. Session 1 is due on June 1, 2026. Session II is due on June 22, 2026. Session III is due on July 13, 2026. All Season is due on June 1, 2026. Late fees will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee after the due date. Campers may not attend camp if tuition is unpaid by the first day of the session. Insufficient funded checks will have a \$50.00 fee.
7. **Late Pickup Fee:** A late fee of \$15 for every hour or part of an hour will be applied if children are picked up later than their scheduled time. All late pickups after 5:00 p.m. will incur a late fee of \$15.00 for every 5 minutes.
8. **Absences:** No refunds will be given for absences for any reason.
9. **Cancellation:** Cancellation of services must be in writing and sent to our office two weeks before the start of the cancelled session. A cancellation fee of 30% of any unused tuition will be assessed.
10. **Payment:** All payments can be made by check, credit card, or ACH transfer.
11. **Eligibility:** To be eligible for our Muddy Boots Camp, a child must be 36 months of age and able to use the bathroom independently. To qualify for our Nature Explorers Camp a child must have completed kindergarten.
12. **T-Shirt:** One camp T-Shirt per child is included with regular registration. T-shirts are not guaranteed for late registrations (after May 15, 2026).
13. **Termination:** Nature Walk Montessori School reserves the right to terminate this contract at any time if it determines, in its sole discretion, that:
 - the camper is unable to thrive in the school's environment
 - the school is unable to meet the camper's needs
 - the attitude or conduct of the camper or of the parents is not compatible with the school's mission or with the welfare of the other students
 - A. If the school terminates this contract under these circumstances, the undersigned shall thereafter be excused from further tuition responsibility
 - B. The school is limited to a refund of the unearned portion paid in advance of services.

Summer 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome to Nature Walk Camp 2026! We are very excited to offer this opportunity that constitutes the perfect balance between education and recreation. We strive to create a true connection to the earth by inviting campers to experience the outdoors, learn about the different biomes within our campus, and contribute to the enhancement of our outdoor environment through gardening, landscaping and construction of play spaces. Children will emerge from our camp with a new sense of respect for the gifts that nature has to offer. At the same time, they will learn to adjust their pace to adapt to natural conditions: staying in the shade when it's too hot, having rest periods to cool off and re-hydrate, protecting themselves from insects, assessing their strength when climbing, etc.

Summer would not be summer without some extra fun activities. We have planned these to enjoy with our campers:

- Adventurous Weekly Themes
- Nature Walks and Nature Exploration
- On and Off Campus Field Trips
- Art Projects
- Cooking and Baking
- Biking, Rollerblading, and Unicycling
- Ice Cream Truck Visits
- Water Play (sprinklers, water balloons, water stations, mud play, etc.)
- Swimming Trips (Nature Explorers)
- Music and Dancing
- Outdoor Games
- Stories
- And much more!

Personal Supplies

For our activities to be successful we ask that our campers be prepared by bringing the following items **every day**:

- Backpack
- Hat
- Towel
- Swim suit
- Shoes that can get wet and dry fast, yet are safe for running outdoors (no Crocs or flip flops). In the past, parents have loved Keens water sandals, OshKosh water shoes, or similar.
- Rain suit, raincoat or poncho and mud boots on rainy days.
- 2 complete changes of clothing (shirt, shorts, underwear, socks) to keep at camp. Must include a pair of long pants or leggings for walks in the trails.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent must be applied before coming to camp (be aware that children will be exposed to ticks and mosquitos on the trails). Send labeled sunscreen and repellent to keep at camp for re-application.
- Reusable insulated water bottle. Please, avoid single-use plastic bottles; they damage our environment and do not stay fresh throughout the day.
- Soft lunch bag with a lunch that is ready for the child to eat and does not need refrigeration (ice pack OK). We are **not able** to provide dishes or utensils for the children to use.
- All Full Day **Muddy Boots** campers need a fitted crib sheet and a blanket for nap or rest. We will keep these at Nature Walk for the duration of camp and wash them every week. Please, do not send toys or stuffed animals.
- All **Nature Explorers** need a lawn chair. We will keep these at Nature Walk for the duration of camp.
- Monday will be bike drop off day. All campers will need to bring a bike, (Muddy Boots may bring a trike or scooter) and properly fitting helmet. We encourage you to keep these at school all week as children enjoy riding at different times. Bikes must be in good operating condition. Nature Explorers will go on long bike rides off campus. Make sure bikes are **in proper functioning order** and are the right size for your child.
- DO NOT BRING toys, electronic devices, Pokemon cards, etc.

Apply sunscreen and bug spray before drop off.

Please, LABEL all items!

Our Policies

Arrival and dismissal procedures

Arrivals: Drive to the main entrance and wait for a staff member to help your child get out of the car. Make sure your child is unbuckled and ready to get out of the car with their belongings. If you need to drop off your child's bike, you may get out of your car and place the bike on the curb. Otherwise, please stay in your car at all times.

Late Arrival: If you will be arriving late, please message the staff on Bloomz ahead of time and we'll arrange a staff member to meet you at your car. If it's a field trip day, make sure the campers have not left.

Half-Day and Full Day Dismissal: Please, drive your car to the curb and wait. A staff member will bring your child to you.

After-Camp Dismissal: Park in the parking lot and walk to the Pavilion area to pick up your camper. If campers are indoors, proceed to the Children's House building (furthest building from the circle)

Arrival and Dismissal Times

Camp hours are:

Drop-Off: 8:15am to 8:30am

Half Day: 8:30am to 12:30pm

Full Day: 8:30am to 3:00pm

After Camp: 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Note: If a child is left at NWMS after 5:00 p.m. and the school has not been able to reach the parents/guardians or emergency contacts, **the staff is required by law to notify the local police.**

Personal Supplies

Bring only the requested items and leave toys, lovies, etc. at home.

Bikes

Campers will be invited to bring their bikes and helmets and leave them at Nature Walk for the week. Bikes will be stored in a locked shed or locked building at night.

Make sure your child's bike is in working condition, is the right size for your child, and they have a well-fitting helmet. NWMS does not have extra helmets to share and children will not be allowed to ride without helmets.

Food Service

Campers must bring their own snacks and lunch. Food will be kept in each child's lunchbox, which should include ice packs for refrigeration. Campers must bring their own utensils, if necessary. Food should be ready for the child to eat.

Lunch will be served before half-day dismissal. Therefore, half-day campers should also pack a lunch.

Campers must bring a labeled reusable insulated water bottle, pre-filled. When necessary, bottles will be refilled.

Occasionally, children may be offered an additional snack or treat. On certain dates, campers will receive a treat from the ice cream truck. Nature Explorers will enjoy a weekly cookout. Make sure you have provided updated food allergy and food preference information.

Sanitation

Campers will be asked to wash their hands upon arrival and often throughout the day. For this, they will have access to outdoor sinks and soap. Hand sanitizer will be used when soap and water are not convenient.

Campers will have access to port-a-potties when outdoors, and a bathroom per group when indoors.

Attendance and Health

Families are required to report if their child has a communicable disease so we may alert the other families. Children with symptoms of communicable diseases need to be excluded to prevent the spread of illness. These symptoms may include but are not limited to: elevated temperature, vomiting, diarrhea, and conditions such as pink eye and head lice. We request that school be notified when a child contracts a communicable disease. Children may return to camp, following an illness, when:

- They have been free of fever, diarrhea and/or vomiting for 24 hours without medication
- A communicable disease has concluded, with no symptoms
- Medication for certain diseases has been administered for a required minimum amount of time (strep throat, pink eye, etc.)

Medication Policy

We can only administer medication (prescription or over-the-counter) when accompanied by a written statement (Authorization and Permission for Administration of Medication). All

medications must be in the original container and the Authorization and Permission for Administration of Medication Form must be completed with specific instructions as to time and dosage. Medicine and completed form should be handed to a staff member.

Sunscreen/Bug Spray

Parents must apply sunscreen and bug spray **before** drop off. It will be re-applied mid-day or as necessary.

Outings

We will visit the Nippersink Forest Preserve, walk around the Bright Meadows neighborhood, and may take campers to downtown Round Lake for ice cream or cookies. These will be walking or biking trips.

For off-campus field trips, campers will ride in the school van (Nature Explorers only). Parents/caregivers will be notified ahead of time.

Staff

Muddy Boots Counselors

Kendra Sandahl

Kiara Promenzio

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Briana Kyle

Nature Explorers Counselors

Head: Ana Vazquez

Derrick Hill

Head of Camps

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It is our goal to make sure campers feel safe (physically and emotionally) and have lots of fun. We thank you for your continued trust and support and look forward to a memorable summer!

Vicki Promenzio

Head of School