

*Mother Earth School
Application for enrollment*

Name of child _____ *D.O.B.* _____

Parent Names _____

Address _____

Phone _____ *E-mail* _____

I am applying for (check one):

Mother Earth Kindergarten (child must be 4 before June) _____

Mother Earth Faery Garden (child must be 3 before Sept) _____

Please list your child's siblings and ages:

Please tell us about your child (temperament, likes, dislikes, special needs, etc...):

Please tell us about your family and your daily rhythm (siblings, eating habits, how you spend your free time, bedtime routine, etc...):

Please tell us about your child's school experience to date (including contact information for previous programs):

Please tell us how your child has shown that they are ready for school:

Why are you interested in an all-outdoor school?

How did you hear about our school?

Please initial that you have read the following items:

I understand that the Faery Garden program meets 3 days/wk (Tues. through Thurs.) and that the Kindergarten meets 4 days/wk (Tues. through Fri.) at TLC Farm. Faery Garden begins at 9:15 and ends at 12:30. Kindergarten begins at 9:30 ends at 1:30pm. Faery Garden tuition is \$4500 per year and kindergarten is \$5500 per year, \$500 of which is a non-refundable deposit due at contract signing. A one-time materials fee is due with the first months tuition in August (Faery Garden \$150, Kindergarten \$200). I understand that all financial contracts will be negotiated individually as there may be work trade options available.

I realize that this experience requires parent participation and support at home in order to be most effective. We provide a healthy, natural environment at school and ask that each child is nourished wholesomely, well-rested and not exposed to media at home (particularly on school nights). There are monthly parent meetings and volunteer opportunities in which we ask your participation throughout the school year.

This is a non-academic early childhood program. The curriculum is entirely experiential. The educational aspects are brought through story, song, art, nature-based skills, social interaction and free play. The classes are taught by Waldorf teachers who integrate a permaculture model with the Waldorf teaching methods indicated by Rudolf Steiner.

I realize that this program is an entirely outdoor experience from September through June. I am aware that there are no fences at the farm and therefore this program is NOT appropriate for children who are prone to wander or who do not respond to verbal requests or boundaries. This program is unique in that the children are allowed an unusually wide range of physical experiences. The children go to the bathroom outside, will be getting wet and feeling the cold all winter long. I am committed to investing in quality outer and under wear and will dress my child(ren) appropriately for all weather conditions. The teachers have the right to cancel school days at their discretion if outdoor winter temperatures are dangerously cold or if driving conditions are potentially hazardous.

I have read and understand the parent handbook for Mother Earth School (this can be found on our website www.motherearthschool.org).

My application will be considered in the order received and I will be contacted to schedule a farm tour. If all spaces are full, I will be notified immediately that my child is on the wait list. Our admission process involves a parent meeting as well as a visit with your child(ren) to TLC Farm in order to decide whether our program is a good fit for everyone before signing a contract. This application is NOT a contract.

Signature(s) of parent(s)

Date

Please mail completed forms and \$25 application fee to:

Mother Earth School
Tryon Life Community Farm
11640 SW Boones Ferry Rd.
Portland, OR 97219

Please also send an email to info@motherearthschool.com to let us know that your application is on its way!