

THE AGRIUS FOREST SCHOOL

Nature Inspires Growth



Who we are:

The Agrius Forest School serves children aged 5-13 at our outdoor learning site in Littleton, CO. We provide outdoor education using the Forest School principles along with Montessori based practices. We believe in child-led learning, having students develop skills based on their interests with focus on environmental and ecological ‘themes’. Families have the option to register for half day (9am - 12pm) or full day (9am - 3pm) sessions. Each registration period runs on a quarterly basis according to the seasons. Summer camp is different from the school year in that it is only half day with more focus on play. There are currently 3 groups, each having a lead and assistant teacher. Columbine Group: ages 5-7, Aspen Group: ages 8-10, and Ponderosa Group: ages 11-13. The maximum number of children for each group is 10 for Columbine, 15 for Aspen, and 20 for Ponderosa. This number may vary depending on registration.

1. Forest School is a long-term process of regular sessions, rather than one-off or infrequent visits; the cycle of planning, observation, adaptation and review links each session.

2. Forest School takes place in a woodland or natural environment to support the development of a lifelong relationship between the learner and the natural world.

3. Forest School uses a range of learner-centred processes to create a community for being, development and learning.

4. Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners.

5. Forest School offers learners the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves.

6. Forest School is run by qualified Forest School practitioners, who continuously maintain and develop their professional practice.



Who we are seeking:

Nature-based education is not for everyone so please read through this section carefully to see if The Agrius School is right for you.

We are seeking teachers who enjoy the outdoors and have their own skills and hobbies that can add to the enrichment of our programs. Since we are 100% outdoors, we expect teachers to be prepared for all types of weather. We only go inside or cancel classes if there is extreme weather such as lightning, below freezing temperatures, extreme heat, etc. Teachers are expected to dress appropriately for nature. We provide sunscreen and bug spray for our staff along with discounted merchandise on our website.

Other job qualifications include...

Applicants should hold a valid teaching degree or commensurable experience with the age group you are applying to work with

Interest or willing to learn the Forest School and Montessori methodology

Ability to work well with the other team members

Be active in our community - attend events, social outings etc.

Benefits to working with us

All teachers are welcome to bring their own child(ren) to work with them free of charge

Paid time off can be accrued through the year

Time off on holidays and the option to have the Summer session off as well (unpaid)

Free certifications and trainings in Forest School practitioner and CPR/First Aid

Teachers pay rate: 25/hr

Assistant Teachers pay rate: 20/hr

Teacher Position Requirements

Must undergo fingerprinting

Implement and modify curriculum provided by The Agrius School

Attend all mandated trainings (paid time)

Carefully and diligently supervise students along with assistant teacher

Follow emergency procedures and protocols if an emergency occurs

Assistant Teacher Requirements

Help supervise children

Maintain hygienic practices (hand washing, bathroom breaks, food distribution)

Assist in the implementation of curriculum