

Dear Parents:

Countryside offers summer programs for children 1 through 5 years of age. Our programs are designed for children to attend five days per week. Our program is available June 2-August 8.

Mom's Day Out (MDO) Camp is for children who are between 12 and 24 months of age. This program will be held in our Mom's Day Out facility and will offer water play, art, music, story time, Montessori class time and outdoor play. (3:1 child:staff ratio) Mom's Day Out Camp hours are 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (please refer to the back of the registration form). Space is limited, please call for availability.

Toddler Camp is for children 2 years of age and also for 3-year-olds who are not yet (or in the process of being) potty trained. Toddler Camp has a 4:1 child:staff ratio (space is limited, a maximum of 12 children are enrolled in each session). Toddler Camp includes the following activities: Montessori class time, arts & crafts, water-play, outdoor games/free play. We will not have pony rides for our Toddler Campers. Children who are in the process of being potty trained will be placed in Toddler Camp. Toddler Camp hours for the half day are 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Senior Camp for children ages 3 to 5 includes the following major activities: Montessori, daily swimming, arts & crafts, sports & games and daily pony rides. Each group of children has a junior counselor who remains with the group throughout the day and serves as the assistant for each activity. In addition, there is an assistant swimming instructor in the pool at all times along with the head swimming instructor (lifeguard certified). Children registered in this group **MUST** be 100% potty trained without the use of pull ups. Children must be fully potty trained in order to participate in the Senior Camp. Senior Camp hours for the half day are 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Mom's Day Out Camp	8:30-12:00 snack & lunch \$58/day	8:30-3:30 lunch & 2 snacks (Call the office for rates)	7:00-5:30 lunch & 2 snacks (Call the office for rates)
Toddler/Senior Camp	8:15-12:00 snack only	8:15-3:15 lunch & 2 snacks	7:00-5:30 lunch & 2 snacks
	\$574/two-week session	\$866/two-week session	\$1019/two-week session
	or \$1243/month	or \$1877/mo	or \$2209/mo

A non-refundable \$100 deposit for each child registered must be sent in with a completed summer program registration form. The non-refundable \$100 deposit will be applied in full toward payment for each child's summer tuition. Half of the summer tuition (less deposit) is due no later than May 1st and the remaining balance is due June 1st. There will not be any refunds on paid tuition or deposits.

Children are accepted in the order in which registration forms are received.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenifer Hanser at 314-434-2821. For more information you may check out our website at www.montessori4children.com.

Countryside Montessori School Summer Camp

Montessori Class Time

At Countryside Montessori School, an emphasis is placed on quality education for young children. Due to this emphasis we feel our summer program would not be complete without the addition of Montessori activities. Part of the child's time in the summer program is spent in the Montessori classroom. We believe both new and returning children benefit greatly from the experience.

For our summer program, we carefully prepare our environment with a wide variety of theme-based learning materials. Under the direction of the teacher, these learning materials are used to individualize learning and to enable children to proceed at their own pace. This approach promotes independence, self-confidence, self-discipline, and a joy of learning in the child.

Arts and Crafts

Children participate in a wide variety of arts and crafts activities. Activities vary from construction type activities to painting and individual expression. Examples of previous activities include: ceramics, collage, wooden picture frames, mosaic, and many more art media. Children are encouraged to engage in the art activities and get creative!

Pony Rides

The children have the opportunity to have a pony ride each morning. Pony rides are given by our two resident ponies, Apple Jax and Noelle. Pony rides for children in Senior Camp start promptly at 8:30 a.m. Pony rides for the children enrolled in the Toddler Camp begin no later than 9 a.m. The children should be encouraged by their parents to participate in pony rides; the children are not forced to ride the ponies.

Swimming (Senior Camp)

The Countryside summer program provides swimming instruction for one hour each day. Our salt water pool has a depth of four feet. There is always a lead swimming instructor in the pool at all times along with additional staff. An additional staff member is required to walk around the pool deck supervising the children in the water. Children wear swim vests and are closely supervised. Safety is a primary concern at Countryside! Children **must** be 100% potty trained, without the use of pull ups, in order to participate in the swimming portion of camp.

Water Play (Mom's Day Out (MDO) Camp and Toddler Camp)

The children enjoy a variety of water activities, including pouring, spraying, and painting with water as well as playing with boats and cars, babies and also creating foam masterpieces with foam shapes.

Full Day Program (until 3:15 p.m.)/Extended Day Program (until 5:30 p.m.)

The activities in the afternoon vary each day and will include: science experiments, water play, art projects, sports & games, outdoor free play, and more! A lunch and afternoon snack are included in both the Full Day and Extended Day rates.