

# Arcadia Nature Preschool

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For children ages 3 through 5

September 2012 through June 2013

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**Play. Grow. Explore.**

**Build early childhood memories to last a lifetime.**



**Mass Audubon at Arcadia**

**127 Combs Road, Easthampton, MA 01027**

**Phone: 413-584-3009, ext. 818 or ext. 812, 800-710-4550, ext. 818 or ext. 812**

**Email: [arcadia@massaudubon.org](mailto:arcadia@massaudubon.org)**

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## About Arcadia Nature Preschool

Arcadia Nature Preschool was founded in 1976 on the premise that happy and rewarding early childhood experiences with nature form the foundation for the development of caring and aware adults. This is true today more than ever before.

The program is unique in that it is set in a magnificent Mass Audubon wildlife sanctuary. Outdoor exploration is an important part of our curriculum. We immerse ourselves in nature, exploring our plants and animals through hands-on studies. There are a wide variety of areas for us to visit around the sanctuary, forest, field, and pond. Children get to know these areas through the changing seasons. Arcadia Nature Preschool families become part of the conservation community and enjoy trails, picnic areas, play areas and special programs designed just for them. Arcadia teachers believe that play provides the venue through which children learn social skills.

A balance of structured and unstructured time allows children many opportunities to practice and learn how to get along with others. Teachers act as mediators, modeling the skills children need to solve problems independently. By noticing and reinforcing positive behaviors, we nourish each child's self-confidence.

Class size is limited to 18 children in each session. The academic year runs for 36 weeks from mid-September to mid-June. Vacations and holidays coincide with the Easthampton Public School calendar.

Our staff has many years of experience teaching young children. Staff are certified by the Department of Early Education and Care. They are also certified in first aid and CPR. And they are part of the Mass Audubon education team with the professional support and development that implies.

### Enrollment Information

**For children ages 3 to 5 years old. Children must be at least 3 in September to be enrolled.**

**Admissions policy:** All interested families must submit an application for enrollment. Arcadia Nature Preschool strives to balance classes based on both age and gender. Within this framework, admission is by chronological order as applications are received. Application forms are accepted by mail, fax, or in person at the registrar's desk. Applications will be accepted from all families, without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, cultural history, political beliefs, marital status or disability.

**Family membership in Mass Audubon is required:** Annual family membership dues are \$65

### Fees/Refund Policies:

- a) \$50 application fee must accompany your application and is nontransferable and nonrefundable. \$25 of this fee is applied to your second tuition payment if you decide to attend.
- b) Tuition deposit of first & last tuition payments is due upon registration. The deposit is nontransferable and nonrefundable. If you cancel prior to 60 days before the first day of school, you will be given a full refund minus the application fee. If you cancel within 60 days of the first day of school you may receive a 50% refund if the program is full and we are able to fill your slot. All cancellations must be made in writing. Refunds will not be given for absent or sick days. Mass Audubon reserves the right to cancel a program due to low enrollment. In this event, a full refund will be made (including application fee).
- c) Tuition payments are due by the fifth day of every month. Tuition payments are spread evenly throughout the school year.
- d) There is a late fee of \$15 if the tuition payment is not received by the fifth day of each month unless other arrangements have been made.

**Limited financial aid may be available.** Please request a financial aid application.

**Need more information? Want a tour?  
Call the Nature Preschool at 413-584-3009 ext. 818 to schedule a visit.**

# Arcadia Nature Preschool Application

Arcadia Nature Preschool  
Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary  
127 Combs Road, Easthampton, MA 01027

Registrar's Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-12, Sat. 9-3, Sun. 12  
Phone: 413-584-3009 ext. 818 or 812, or 800-710-4550 ext. 818 or 812  
Email: arcadia@massaudubon.org  
(Do not email credit card information.)

Child's Name (first/last): \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Female Male

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 9/1/ 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

First Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Eve. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Eve. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Class Options:

1st Choice	2nd Choice	Five mornings: 9 to noon, Mon. – Fri.	\$5,500
1st Choice	2nd Choice	Three mornings: 9 to noon, Mon., Tues., Wed.	\$3,760
1st Choice	2nd Choice	Two mornings: 9 to noon, Thurs. & Fri.	\$2,500

Please circle your first and second choices

All class sessions begin at 9 AM and end at noon.

**A \$50 nonrefundable application fee must accompany an application.** \$25 will be applied to a tuition payment. \$25 will be applied to administrative costs. You may use a credit card or make check payable to Mass Audubon. Do not email credit card numbers.

Do you have another child that has attended Arcadia Nature Preschool? (circle one) Yes No

Does your child have any special strengths or needs that we should know about? (circle one) Yes No

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## **Mass Audubon**

Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 33,000 acres of conservation land, provide educational programs for 200,000 children and adults annually, and advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels. Mass Audubon's mission and actions have expanded since our beginning in 1896 when our founders set out to stop the slaughter of birds for use on women's fashions. Today we are the largest conservation organization in New England. Our statewide network of 45 wildlife sanctuaries welcomes visitors of all ages and serves as the base for our conservation, education, and advocacy work. To support these important efforts, visit [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org).

## **Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary**

Arcadia protects grasslands and old fields, forests, streams, and ponds on 766 acres in Northampton and Easthampton. Arcadia strives to build a conservation community that welcomes people of all abilities and backgrounds to participate in conservation by studying, improving, and enjoying the land. Arcadia's programs for children, families and adults are both locally based and enriched by its parent organization Mass Audubon. Arcadia has a strong commitment to service and we welcome volunteers and interns.