



# The Wild Preschool Parent Info Guide

Ages 3–5 | Fully Outdoor | Nature-Based | Multiple Locations in Houston

## What is Wild Preschool?

Wild Preschool is The Wild School’s flagship drop-off program for children ages 3–5 (must be fully potty trained). It’s a fully outdoor, play-based, and nature-immersive experience where children learn through exploration, imagination, and connection to the land — all while building lifelong skills, resilience, and confidence.

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## Locations & Schedule

### Locations Across Houston:

Heights • Katy • Cypress • Fulshear • Woodlands • Mont Belvieu • East Houston • Friendswood • Sienna

### The Heights

- Monday–Friday
- 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
- Optional Extended Day: Until 3:00 PM

### All Other Locations

- Tuesday–Thursday
  - 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
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## Our Curriculum: Nature is Our Classroom

We believe in *whole-child learning* through hands-on, real-world experiences. Our curriculum blends:

- **Play-Based Learning:** Open-ended, child-led play builds confidence, coordination, and problem-solving.
- **Academic Exploration:** We integrate early math, science, literacy, and social studies naturally through nature play.

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- **Life Skills:** Shelter building, foraging, knot tying, observation, water safety, and trail navigation.
  - **Social-Emotional Growth:** Trust-based mentorship, positive discipline, collaboration, and emotional resilience.
  - **Mindfulness & Nature Connection:** Sit spots, reflection circles, seasonal rituals, and sensory exploration.
  - **Community & Stewardship:** Respect for the land, each other, and the wider community.
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## A Typical Day at Wild Preschool

- **Welcome Circle:** Songs, story, intention-setting
  - **Nature Exploration:** Hiking, tracking, seasonal discovery
  - **Focus Activity:** Nature art, STEM projects, wilderness skills
  - **Free Play:** Mud kitchens, fort building, teamwork games
  - **Snack Time:** Shared outdoor picnic and conversation
  - **Reflection & Goodbye:** Storytelling, gratitude, and songs
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## Family Communication

We believe parents are partners in their child's learning journey.

Wild Preschool is intentionally designed to keep families connected, informed, and involved — even though class is drop-off.

Here's how we keep you in the loop every step of the way:

### Daily Communication

→ *Post-Class Photo & Learning Recap*

Every day after class, your child's teacher will send a short message with highlights from the day, photos from their adventures, and a peek at what we learned and explored.

### Monthly Observations & Progress

→ *Detailed Observation + Interest Reports*

Once a month, you'll receive an individual report about your child — including their growth, emerging interests, friendships, challenges, and favorite moments from class. These are personal, heartfelt, and rooted in observation — so you know exactly how your child is engaging and growing.

### Additional Family Communication Includes:

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- ✓ Night-before reminders with location, meeting spot & any special notes (sent by 3PM)
  - ✓ Class photo albums updated regularly
  - ✓ Direct email access to your child's teacher
  - ✓ Transparent communication if challenges arise
  - ✓ End-of-semester parent reflection forms
  - ✓ Optional parent-teacher phone check-ins if needed
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## Community Events & Parent Involvement

- Seasonal Family Events (Campfires, Festivals, Gatherings)
  - Parent Education Nights & Outdoor Skills Workshops
  - Volunteer Days (trail building, shelter setup)
  - End-of-Year Family Celebration & Graduation Ritual
  - Opportunity to progress into our older programs (ages 5–12)
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## Parent Gear Guide for Outdoor Learning in Houston

Children attend *rain or shine* — gear is essential to keeping them safe and comfortable!

### Everyday Essentials:

- **Comfortable Play Clothes** (okay to get dirty!)
- **Full Water Bottle** (labeled)
- **Lunch or Snack** (nut-free, in reusable container)
- **Backpack** that fits child comfortably

### For Rain & Wet Weather:

- **Full Rain Suit or Rain Jacket + Pants** (100% waterproof)
- **Rain Boots** with tall sides and grippy soles
- **Extra Set of Clothes** (in waterproof bag)

### For Cold Weather (yes, it gets cold in Houston!):

- **Base Layers** (non-cotton recommended)
- **Warm Layers** (fleece, wool, or down)
- **Waterproof Outer Layer**
- **Hat + Gloves** (water-resistant or wool preferred)

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*We provide a full Gear Guide PDF with links to recommended brands, budget tips, and weather-specific packing lists upon enrollment!*

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## **Preschool FAQs (Quick Overview)**

### **Does my child need to be potty trained?**

Yes – they must be able to use a toddler potty independently.

### **Do you have indoor classrooms?**

No — we are fully outdoors. In inclement weather, we use park pavilions or create temporary shelters.

### **Student-to-teacher ratio?**

Max 15 children per class with 3 leaders. Under 10 = 2 leaders.

### **Can parents stay during class?**

No. Families drop off unless assigned as background-checked helpers that day. We'll help with the transition.

### **Will my child learn “academics”?**

Yes — we integrate early literacy, math, science, and social-emotional learning into play-based exploration.

### **Is this a good fit for first-time schoolers?**

Yes! Our teachers are skilled in gently supporting first transitions. Consider starting in our parent-child classes if needed.

### **Do children swim?**

No. We explore shallow creeks or ponds, never going above the knee.

### **Can I enroll my child multiple days/week?**

Yes. We recommend 3 days per week.

### **What if the weather is bad?**

We go out in all weather unless dangerous (e.g. lightning, flooding). You'll be notified by email/text if class is canceled.

### **Can I enroll monthly or by semester?**

No — families commit for the full school year (Sept–May), but we do offer payment plans.


### **Registration Fee?**

\$50 one-time, non-refundable fee due at enrollment.

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 *Full FAQ document and cancellation policy available on our website or upon request*

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## **Ready to Learn More?**

**Book a Tour:** [www.thewildschool.org/preschool](http://www.thewildschool.org/preschool)

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