

BLUE HERON SCHOOL

AT SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER



Blue Heron School is a place where children have emotionally engaging experiences that connect them with nature and their world. Our program combines the Montessori philosophy and materials with the Nature School approach. This setting supports child development, builds community, and offers structured and unstructured outdoor activities every day. Outdoor time allows opportunities for spontaneous exploration as well as more structured interactions with Science Center naturalists on a wide variety of topics.

At Blue Heron School children have freedom to explore their own interests, both outdoors and inside, as they become independent and self-confident. Participants learn to be responsible for themselves and their environment and to treat others with respect, forming a close and supportive community. Your child will be part of a class of three to six year olds where he has the opportunity to be both a learner and a mentor. At Blue Heron School, your child is in the care of dedicated teachers who follow the individual developmental stages of each child and encourage him to advance at his own pace.

Opportunities to learn social responsibility and environmental literacy are important. Equally meaningful are activities that provide the foundation for traditional learning such as reading, writing, and arithmetic. At Blue Heron School our goal is for children to develop an affinity for nature and awareness of the interconnectedness of all living things as they grow and gain a lifelong environmental ethic.

A typical day at Blue Heron includes group time (for stories, music, games and discussion), snack, lunch, an extended work time (when children are free to select and concentrate on appropriate activities), and a substantial period outdoors with both unstructured time and presentations by naturalists.

Details:

- Ages 3 to 6
- Monday - Friday
- Choose from two options: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Blue Heron School closely follows the local public school calendar
- Tuition is \$4,800/year for 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or \$7,200/year for 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

