

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Will there be space within the program for special guests (e.g. visiting Elders, Knowledge Holders or others)?

Yes, Elders and other visiting specialists will be joining our programs periodically to spend time with the children.

**In response to Covid-19, we are taking precautions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all Elders and visiting guests.*

Will the program provide snacks for my child?

No, there will not be a meal program, and children will be expected to arrive with their own snacks and drinks.

Is this program focused on outdoor learning and time spent on the land in all seasons?

Yes, we intend to spend as much time exploring and playing outdoors as possible!

Will this program provide my child with social, emotional, ecological and intellectual development opportunities?

Yes, children will gain skills in a range of interpersonal, development and educational areas at Forest School.

My child is turning 3 or will turn 6 within the upcoming session. Are they allowed to register?

Your child must be 3 years of age or older as of July 1, 2020, and under the age of 6 as of January 1, 2021.

Who receives a bursary? How do you decide?

Decisions are made by the Rivers to Ridges team. Bursaries are limited and reserved for those most in need of financial assistance. If you have already reached out for support from the Child Care Subsidy and/or Jordan's Principle, financial support through the Strong Roots Bursary Fund may be available for families in need. Please visit www.riverstoridges.org/bursary-fund for more details on applying to this fund.

What is your cold weather policy?

We are guided by the weather as much as we are by the needs of the children we serve. We aim to be outside in all weather conditions, and we will have a temporary structure set up outside for warmth as needed. While we do not have a hard temperature cut-off, we do take extra precautions at -30 and below. **Please ensure your child is always prepared and ready to be outside when they come to The Nest.** As you know, weather can change quickly during the day. Information to help families prepare can be found on our Info & Gear List page www.riverstoridges.org/info-and-gear-list.

Can my child attend if they have an inclusion worker?

Yes, provided the inclusion worker is qualified and meets our criteria, plus their presence will enable your child to fully participate in all the activities (indoor and outdoor). If your child will need the support of an inclusion worker to attend program, please contact us at info@riverstoridges.org.

Will the program be closed for holidays?

The Nest Forest School will be closed for all Yukon school holidays (excluding PD) and statutory holidays. This includes two weeks in December (Dec 21 2020 - Jan 1 2021) and two weeks in March (Mar 15-26 2021), as well as summer holidays beginning on June 11, 2021.

Will you offer after-school, Summer, holiday programs?

It is unlikely that these programs will be offered. If this changes, we will send a notification to our mailing list.

What happens if I registered one child and they have a sibling in the same age range?

We will always do our best to keep family groups of siblings together. If one is registered, we will do our best to ensure each eligible sibling will also be offered a spot.