



Louise's Farm School Offerings for 2015

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Chickadees: Hands-on, thematic environmental education

Chickadees discover ecological principles using sensory awareness activities and through investigations of our local natural and built environments. With an emphasis on seasonal change, students build interdisciplinary concepts and skills based on what they do, see and hear and taste.

Magpies: Project-based as well as place based environmental education

Magpies work collaboratively to complete and present projects, emphasizing relevant, local investigations. This approach involves the student in decision-making and problem-solving processes and encourages both teamwork and individual strengths. Community ties are often strengthened with field trips and guest speakers. One project may last the entire session.

The Chickadees (age 5) and Magpies (ages 6,7) meet Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:30 to 12:30

Ravens: Project based environmental education

Ravens investigate relevant local environmental issues within a ranging complexity of topics. Project based learning requires interdisciplinary group interactions and problem solving. These long term projects offer the opportunity to engage learners in higher order thinking skills and objectives. This approach develops nuanced attitudes and behaviors towards environmental stewardship. Ravens will identify and seek to work in cooperation with state agencies and private organizations within our community.

The Ravens program (ages 8,9)will meet on Thursdays from 9:30 to 2:30

Eagles: Project based environmental education

The Eagles will be investigating project based and relevant local environmental issues within a ranging complexity of topics. The Eagles class will compare closely to the Ravens program by working on long term projects and offering the opportunity to engage learners in higher order thinking. Eagles may identify and seek to work in cooperation with state agencies and private organizations within our community.

The Eagles program (ages 10,11) will meet on Monday's from 9:30 to 2:30

Owls: Project based environmental education

This Owls class is for learners who are 12 -13 yrs old. The Owls will be investigating relevant local environmental issues within a ranging complexity of topics. The Owls program will compare closely to that of the Ravens and Eagles project based programs. These classes will differ in the topics explored from program to program. Owls will be working with long term projects that offer the opportunity to engage learners in higher order thinking.

The Owls program (age 12, 13) will meet on Wednesday's from 9:30 to 2:30

Natural Numbers and Nouns : Math and Language arts skills through nature based projects

Each week learners will take on a project that requires the use of writing, reading and math skills. Emphasis will be on learning the fundamentals in each of these three disciplines. Group size will be small allowing for individual attention to each child's proficiency level in both math and language arts. As always at LFS, completion of the projects will require learners to move around outside on the farm traveling on foot, skis or snowshoes from fields to forest to wetlands. Projects will have a real-world context some examples of which include conducting tree surveys, calculating forest health indicators, mapping as well as evaluating tree benefits.

The Natural Numbers and Nouns program (ages 8,9) meets on Tuesday's from 9:30-2:30.

Louise's Farm School has a student to instructor ratio of 6:1 for the Chickadee group, and 8:1 for the Magpie, Eagle, Raven and Owl groups.

Fees and Payment Arrangements:

Magpies and Chickadees

- Entire 2014-2015 School Year - 1800.00 (*including discount)
- Fall Sept. 10 to Dec. 7 (13 weeks) - 975.00
- Winter Jan. 26 to Feb. 28 (5 weeks) - 375.00
- Spring March 16 to May 2 (7 weeks) - 525.00

Ravens

- Entire 2014-2015 School Year - 1080.00 (*including discount)
- Fall Sept. 13 to Dec. 6 (13 weeks) - 585.00
- Winter Jan. 31 to Feb. 28 (5 weeks) - 225.00
- Spring March 15 to May 1 (7 weeks) - 315.00**

Eagles

- Entire 2014-2015 School Year - 1080.00 (*including discount)
- Fall Sept. 10 to Dec. 3 (13 weeks) - 585.00
- Winter Jan. 26 to Feb 23 (5 weeks) - 225.00
- Spring March 15 to April 27 (7 weeks) - 315.00**

Owls

- Entire 2014-2015 School Year - 1080.00 (*including discount)
- Fall Sept. 12 to Dec. 5 (13 weeks) - 585.00
- Winter Jan. 30 to Feb. 27 (5 weeks) - 225.00
- Spring March 18 to April 29 (7 weeks) - 315.00**

Natural Numbers and Nouns

- Entire 2014-2015 School Year - 1080.00 (*including discount)
- Fall Sept. 9 to Dec. 4 (13 weeks) - 585.00
- Winter Jan. 27 to Feb. 24 (5 weeks) - 225.00
- Spring March 17 to April 29 (7 weeks) - 315.00**

* Please note a one week discount will be applied to the spring sessions tuition for learners who have attended for the full year.

**The Ravens, Owls and NNN class will not run during the first week of April 2015 to allow for SBA testing.

