Forest Aftercare

The Forest Aftercare program at the Waldorf School of Baltimore is an important facet of our school community. At WSB, we recognize that today’s children are not spending as much time in natural environments as former generations. Our Forest Aftercare program is designed to provide a safe space for children to cultivate a deep bond with the more-than-human world.

Students enrolled in the Forest Aftercare program spend most of their time in the woods surrounding our school. Free play, gardening, animal husbandry, and exploration of the forest are key aspects of our program. We are outside nearly every day – rain, snow, or shine!

Aftercare accommodates students with homework and offers a healthy snack each day. During severe weather warnings or thunderstorms, children participate in indoor activities, crafts, and board games.

Forest Aftercare Staff prepare students to become empowered, responsible environmental stewards.

Our playground is a certified Wildlife Habitat, with food, shelter, and water sources for indigenous species. We have been awarded a Baltimore City Master Gardener’s Outstanding School Garden Award.

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Aftercare Program 2019-2020

Students enrolled in Nursery (must be age 3+ and potty-trained) through Grade 8 are eligible for our Forest Aftercare program starting August 28 (August 29 for CG) through June 4, 2020 from the end of the school day until 6:00pm on days when school is in session (except June 5).

Register online by Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at mytads.com/a/WSoBAftercare. Families registering for the 3 day or 1-2 day options will be asked to designate the days attending prior to the start of school. After July 31, space is not guaranteed. The late registration fee is $50 per child. View the fee Schedule below.

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<th>Regular Full School Year Plans</th>
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Occasional Drop-In Care Option
The cost for Drop-In Care is $30 per partial afternoon (3:30pm-6pm), $60 for a full afternoon (12:25pm – 6pm), and $90 for a full day (8am-6pm). To participate in Drop-In Care, you must be pre-registered and have selected a payment method. The $17 deposit paid with registration is a non-refundable registration fee. Drop-ins will be billed and automatically paid using your selected payment method on the 15th of the month following use. Drop-in rates apply if you use more than your weekly registered number of days.

Full Day Care Option (Offered on Selected Days When School is Closed)
If a minimum enrollment is reached by July 31, aftercare will be available on the following days when school is closed: 9/30, 10/9, 11/4, 11/25, 11/26 until noon, 2/14 (all grades) and 2/7 (tentative CG only). Students enrolling in the aftercare program may sign up for the full day (8am-6pm) care option when registering. The cost for this option is $400, with $40 paid at registration and $40 added to each monthly payment. You will be notified by email by August 10 if the minimum enrollment required is not reached and this option is canceled, and your $40 fee paid at registration will be applied to your September payment.

Payment Methods
All aftercare fees are paid through TADS. During registration, families may elect to pay by direct debit from a checking or savings account or by credit card. There is an additional convenience fee when paying by credit card. Families pay in 10 equal payments with the first payment paid at registration and subsequent payments paid on the 15th of each month beginning September 15. All fees must be paid on time. Children may not attend aftercare if fees for the month are not paid in full through TADS. The fee paid at registration ($125-$250 as listed above) is not refundable.

No Aftercare Available
There will be no aftercare on the following days:

Late Pick-up Fee
Please pick up your child by 6:00pm.
A late fee of $25 per 15 minutes late will be charged for late pick-up.

Changes to Scheduled Plans
When signing up for an aftercare plan, you are committing for the full school year. If you need to make changes, please contact the Aftercare Coordinator right away. Additions are subject to space availability and decreases or terminations require five weeks advance notification.