



Kalispell Montessori's Outdoor Education: Roots in Nature Program

Going into the second year of our outdoor education program we are ready to expand on our goals of building community, deepening connection to nature, fostering skills and confidence, cultivating enjoyment and appreciation of the outdoors, encouraging respect for and conservation of the natural world, and supporting personal development, physical awareness, and growth.

Roots schedule:

E1 will spend 2 sessions of mornings 9am - noon at the outdoor classroom. With our new co-teaching system in EI, please note the teacher/classroom your child is assigned to for fall will be the dates they participate in Roots.

Sunflower Bunch	09/30 - 10/03 & 11/04 - 11/07
Aspen Grove	10/07 - 10/10 & 11/11 - 11/14
Cat Pack	10/21 - 10/24 & 11/18 - 11/21

E2 & Middle School will spend Friday afternoons 12pm - 3pm at the outdoor classroom.
09/26, 10/10, 10/24 11/07, 11/14, 11/21

**Roots in Nature days may be canceled or rescheduled in the event of inclement weather*

On your students Roots days

Please, make sure your child comes to school with **all appropriate outdoor gear no matter what the weather report looks like.**

- water bottle
- extra snack(s) to help your student get through the day if it turns chilly
- Backpack
- Fall and Spring days - Sun hat, sunscreen, rain jacket.
- Winter - Warm (preferably weather resistant) coat, gloves, hat, snow pants and boots
- *Pizza is still available for Roots students on Fridays and comes with one morning snack.*

Chaperones are NEEDED

We need parents, guardians and/or grandparents to chaperone our Roots in Nature days. It is necessary to have extra eyes and ears watching students in the woods to create a safe and fun experience. Also, many members of our community have extensive knowledge to share with our students. 4 volunteer hours are earned by chaperoning and count towards yearly community service requirements.

Montessori Mile to Support Roots

On your enrollment form, you saw that each family will be billed \$60 in October. This fee only covers a small portion of the cost associated with running an outdoor education program. In order to keep this program running, we will be dedicating the 20th Annual Montessori Mile fundraiser to this program. We hope that you will help engage with this event the week of September 29 - October 3.

The land is where our roots are. The children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with Earth." Maria Montessori