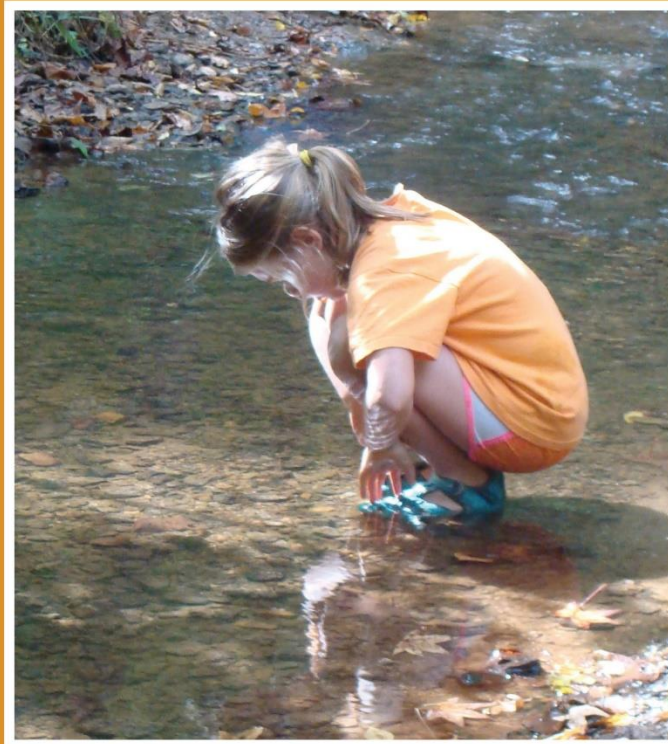




Elachee Nature Academy

Kindergarten–1st Grade Class
2017-2018 REGISTRATION PACKET



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Dear Families,

Thank you for your interest in **Elachee Nature Academy's Kindergarten-1st Grade program**. Parents choose this innovative program to thoroughly prepare their children for continued academic success.

At [Elachee Nature Academy](#), we believe in educating the whole child through the implementation of our unique curriculum, which encourages each student to discover the excitement of learning and helps develop an individually intricate relationship with the natural world.

Our specially designed nature-based approach is a standards-based method of experiential learning which invites children to engage in educational discovery and reflection based largely in an enriched natural setting. Our school is accredited through AdvancED and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Elachee Nature Science Center has been providing quality environmental education programs for children, adults and families since 1979. **Elachee Nature Academy** is a private, tuition-based program managed and operated by Elachee Nature Science Center in Gainesville, GA.

We invite you to schedule a tour of our facility and explore for yourself our innovative and nurturing learning environment.

Sincerely,

Elachee Nature Academy Director of Schools

Our Mission

Elachee Nature Academy's mission is to provide educational experiences in the classroom and in outdoor settings that will encourage a child's natural curiosity, inquisitiveness, affection and respect for the natural world.

Educational Philosophy

The **Elachee Nature Academy** K-1 program curriculum is specifically designed to incorporate all of the Georgia educational standards while utilizing Elachee's natural settings and multiple outdoor classroom areas.

Some of the many teaching strategies we integrate include:

- Providing a supportive, safe learning environment to encourage discovery and experimentation
- Offering sensory opportunities with live animals, natural objects, artifacts, trail games, outdoor exploration and creative arts activities
- Stimulating cognitive growth and problem-solving skills through hands-on activities, games and discovery learning in nature
- Developing physical motor skills through active learning and play
- Cultivating social skills and positive self-image through group interactions and cooperative learning
- Nurturing self-expression, creativity and reflection
- Instilling respect and appreciation for the natural world

Curriculum

Our unique **Nature Academy** curriculum delivers sound, standards-based instruction while respecting children's need to learn while doing. It incorporates academics with outdoor exploration and discovery to successfully promote physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth.

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The **Elachee Nature Academy** school year begins in early August and ends in mid-May. We follow the Hall County School District's academic calendar.

Admissions Process

- Schedule a tour of the Nature Academy facilities.
- Complete the Admission Application along with a \$75 *non-refundable* application fee.
- Submit the following documents:
 - Birth Certificate
 - Immunization form
 - *Kindergarten applicants*: Preschool Assessment form and copies of any special services, psychological reports or IEPs
 - *1st Grade applicants*: School Transcript Release form and Teacher Recommendation form
 - Family Information form
- Participate in an informational interview with the **Elachee Nature Academy** Director of Schools.
- Once you receive the letter of acceptance, pay the \$250 placement fee (this fee will be applied toward your child's yearly tuition/August Payment).
- Attend Parent Orientation Night held the last week of July (**Parents Only**).
- Attend Open House Night for parents and students that takes place right before school starts.

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement is critical to the development of young children in the **Elachee Nature Academy** program. The Nature Academy parent responsibilities include:

- Attending Parent Orientation, held in late July without students or siblings present, to meet the staff and learn what to expect for the coming year.
- Being available for two (2) parent/teacher conferences (scheduled in October and April).
- Staying up-to-date with class events and schedules by reading newsletters and bulletins sent home with your child.
- You may also choose to join our Friends of Elachee Nature Academy (FENA) parent organization.

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Tuition Payment Schedule

Monthly tuition payments commence the first week of school, with subsequent payments due on the first of each month. Tuition can be paid monthly or in one lump sum. There is an additional monthly billing fee included in the monthly payment option.



Optional Extended Care

We offer extended care hours in the mornings before class, from 7:15 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., and again in the afternoons after our instructional day has concluded, from 3-5:30 p.m.

Unless prior arrangements are made with the Director of Schools, students will be charged a weekly rate for any time spent in before or after care each week. *A \$5 late charge will be applied after the 5:30 p.m. pick up time for the first minute, then \$1 per subsequent minute until the student is signed out. The late fee will be applied to the extended care invoice.*

Elachee Nature Academy 2017-2018 per Student Tuition for K-1

- **\$6,950** K-1 Class Annual Tuition, or
- **\$790** K-1 Class per month, August-April

Per Student Extended Care

- **\$35** per week for **Mornings Only**
- **\$50** per week for **Afternoons Only**
- **\$75** per week for **Both**

Elachee Membership

As an added bonus your child's **Elachee Nature Academy** tuition includes a one-year family membership beginning August 1st of the academic enrollment year. If you already hold a current Elachee Family Membership, we will extend the expiration date one year.



Elachee Nature Academy is fully licensed through:



Elachee Nature Academy is accredited by:



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K-1 Student Enrollment Application: Academic Year 2017-2018

Student Name: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth ____ - ____ - ____

Last School or Preschool Attended: _____

Currently Enrolled Student Sibling of Current/Alumni Student New Student

Mother's Name:	Primary Phone:	Secondary Phone:
Mother's Email:	Address:	City State Zip
Father's Name:	Primary Phone:	Secondary Phone:
Father's Email:	Address: (If different from above)	City State Zip

Applying for: Kindergarten 1st Grade

PLEASE NOTE: Elachee Nature Academy requires a non-refundable \$75 application fee. Make check payable to Elachee Nature Science Center. Or, you may pay with a credit card (Discover, MasterCard, VISA, American Express). Submit completed application and payment by mail (address below) or in person.

My child will need Extended Care: AM (7:15-8:30) PM (3:30-5:15) Both

Parent Signature

Date