

Goshen Friends School Programs at a Glance

Summer 2018 & 2018–19 School Year

Summer Camp 2018

The GFS Summer Camp offers a fun-filled experience for young children ages 2½ to 5. Campers explore, play, and make friends while enjoying diverse activities on our 10-acre campus. Camp is offered with four different options:

- 3 days a week (T/W/Th), 9 a.m. to noon
- 3 days a week (T/W/Th), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 5 days a week (M–F), 9 a.m. to noon
- 5 days a week (M–F), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 29–June 1 (*note: this week will offer a 3-day session and a 4-day session*)

June 4–June 8
June 11–June 15
June 18–June 22
June 25–June 29

August 13–August 17
August 20–August 24
August 27–August 31

By My Side

In this program for 2-year-olds and their grownups, toddlers enjoy a gentle introduction to Preschool with the comfort of a parent or caregiver close by. Experienced teachers lead the program and encourage growth in motor skills, cooperative play, and imagination. Children are introduced to a typical Preschool routine that includes circle time, free play, arts & crafts, cleanup, music with our Preschool music teacher, and outdoor play. Two 12-week sessions are offered: fall and spring. Each class is 1½ hours long. Children must be 2 to enroll.

Programs for Younger 3-Year-Olds

Goshen Friends' programs for younger 3-year-olds provide a welcoming, nurturing, and child-centered experience where children feel secure away from home for the first time. A small class size (limited to 12 students) and wide variety of simple materials and activities enhance learning and creativity. Children can explore, experiment, and problem-solve at their own level, learning and growing through play. All students enjoy weekly specials in Spanish, Music, and Outdoor Education. Younger 3-year-olds are divided into three groups:

- **Froggies:** This 2-day-per-week program is geared toward the youngest students at GFS. Students must be 3 years old by February 2019 to enroll.
- **Ladybugs:** Students in the 2-day-per-week Ladybug class have already turned 3 but are entering into their first Preschool experience.
- **Owls:** The 3-day-per-week Owls classroom is for students who have already turned 3 years old and are ready for a 3-day-per-week classroom experience.

Program for Older 3-Year-Olds

Goshen Friends' oldest group of 3s, the **Bears**, are experienced Preschoolers who will turn 4 during the course of the school year. Most are in their second year of Preschool.

The older 3-year-old program guides students toward developing cognitive, physical, social/emotional, and spiritual skills. Children learn to interact with others cooperatively and to problem-solve using peaceful means while developing positive self-esteem and small-motor and large-motor skills. Simple language arts and math activities help build a love of learning. All students enjoy weekly specials in Spanish, Music, and Outdoor Education.

Pre-Kindergarten

GFS offers 4-day-per-week and 5-day-per-week PreK programs for children ranging in age from 4 to 5½ years old:

- **Bumblebees:** The 4-day-per-week PreK classroom is geared toward children who have recently turned 4 years old or who would be better suited by a shorter school week. The program uses individual, small-group, and large-group activities to develop positive self-esteem while introducing developmentally appropriate cognitive experiences including speaking, listening, pre-writing, pre-reading, logic, and mathematical thinking skills. Students are encouraged to experiment with materials and ideas in a safe environment, learn from mistakes, and risk trying new activities. All students enjoy weekly specials in Spanish, Music, and Outdoor Education.
- **Butterflies:** The 5-day-per-week PreK program encourages older 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds to utilize their energy and explore boundaries. Pre-reading, pre-math, pre-science, and pre-writing skills are approached through multisensory materials. Students further develop and enhance expressive language, pre-math, pre-science, and prewriting skills while building on and applying what has already been learned to new situations. The program additionally helps children develop their rich fantasy world and cooperative play skills. All students enjoy weekly specials in Spanish, Music, and Outdoor Education.

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten curriculum at Goshen Friends School unifies academics — language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies — with a “whole child” approach to learning. Each student’s individual talents and learning style are assessed and built upon to encourage confidence and a love of learning. A language-rich environment develops reading readiness skills, expands vocabulary, and coordinates the connection between listening, reading, and writing. Math instruction sets the foundation for learning organizational methods to accomplish math solutions by exploring math-related tools that develop the ability to express numbers and math concepts. Science studies allow for discovery, observation, and experimentation, and social studies introduces the concept of Quaker philosophy and its interconnection with a sense of community.

PreK/K Enrichment

The mixed-age enrichment program, offered from noon to 3 p.m. with options of either 3 or 5 days a week, allows for developmentally appropriate reinforcement, practice, re-teaching, broadening, and extending of skills and concepts taught in the regular classroom. The program will include centers for math, language arts, writing, painting, and construction. Enrichment students will eat lunch together and will enjoy afternoon recess/outside play as a group.

Extended Care

Extended Care is available to all students Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until at least 4 p.m. Teacher-directed and child-inspired, Extended Care provides a nurturing environment for a variety of ages and interests.