



Program Update as of 7/20/2023

SOL Saturday Forest Fun

4th Saturdays ☀️ Aug 2023 – May 2024

Welcome to a new year of SOL Saturday Forest Fun! Our 100% outdoor sessions will pass through all four seasons, starting in late summer and ending in spring. Sessions are held in the East Mountains for children aged 3-10 yrs. Space is limited, so secure a spot now to allow your child the opportunity to connect regularly with the natural world, build new friendships, and enjoy learning and playing in the Cibola National Forest.

UPDATED for 2023-'24:

- Sessions will take place **4th Saturday of the month** (with the exception of Nov & Dec)
- Sessions will run **4 hours** (rather than 3, as has been the case in the past) from 9:30am – 1:30pm
- An **extra session** has been added for each semester, running Aug - Dec 2023 and Jan - May 2024

Ages

Ages 3-6, Saturday Explorers

Ages 6/7-10, Saturday Adventurers

Dates

2023: Aug 26 • Sept 23 • Oct 28 • **Nov 18*** • **Dec 16****

2024: Jan 27 • Feb 24 • Mar 23 • Apr 27 • May 25

*Important note: November "4th" Saturday session will be on 11/18 to accommodate holidays; December "4th" Saturday session will take place on 12/16 to accommodate winter holidays. **Winter Solstice celebration is also planned for 12/16 later in the day.

Session Time

9:30am – 1:30pm

(arrive at 9:15am for a 9:30am start time; a wholesome snack will be provided during session; please pack a lunch for your child to bring each session; pickup grace period ends at 1:45pm]

Locations*

We'll be using forested sites in the East Mountains (read below)

Registration Fee

An annual, non-refundable registration fee* per child is applied once per school year at the time of enrollment.

\$20 fee per child for 1 day per month

**registration fee will be waived for families who prefer to pay for the full year at time of registration*

Tuition for 2023-2024:

Enrollment is for the full year, August – May. Tuition may be paid in full up front for a waived registration fee; or by semester. Mid-year enrollment options may become available as space becomes available, and tuition will be prorated accordingly.

Attend 1 Saturday per month (10 sessions total) **4th SATURDAYS only**..... **\$620 + tax**

Notes: Sales Tax will apply. We do not offer drop-in Saturday classes. You must register for the whole series, every 4th Saturday, or both Saturdays for the full year. Active Duty Military? We have received a grant from the Kirtland Spouse's Club to offer tuition discounts (contact us for details).

Locations*:

For safety reasons, we do not disclose site locations on public flyers. We will email you directions to our daily locations once you've submitted registration (and before we finalize your child's enrollment or process tuition payment). Thank you for understanding our desire to add this extra layer of protection for your children. ***In addition, while we endeavor to be consistent, it is possible that our site locations can change at any time due to a variety of factors. We try very hard to make these decisions in advance, but we have to consider changing conditions on the ground such as site accessibility, safety concerns, and ecological impacts and how these factors impact our locations. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.***

Registration Process:

Admissions are completed on brightwheel. Are you a **NEW** student? If so, please begin a [New Student Application](#) and select the Saturday SOL program option. Once your application has been received, within 72 hours we will send you the Saturday Registration Form to complete. If you are a Returning Student, please contact us directly in brightwheel or by email to request a Saturday Registration Form. This process can also be found on our website: <https://www.solforestschool.com/enrollment-registration>

brightwheel™:

Brightwheel™ is our primary way of communicating daily session updates & important announcements with you. We also use brightwheel™ to finalize admission, to access parent & emergency phone numbers while in the forest, for daily check-in/outs, and as an option for processing tuition payments. You will need to create an account to proceed to enrollment forms and other features, and allow notifications for teacher messages. (Please note - we REQUIRE that parents use brightwheel, and only in truly unique situations do we waive this requirement).

MANDATORY MEETING:

Mandatory Meeting for New Parents (returning families also welcome to join)

- **Wednesday August 9 @7pm**
- [Zoom Link for All Meetings](#) (Meeting ID: 820 1861 4238 / Passcode: 247538 meeting will be recorded for those who can't attend in person)

Please save the date! All new families **must attend our live call on August 9 @ 7pm**, or watch the recorded call using the link above (seasoned SOL families are also very welcome as you would have much to share with new families!). During this orientation, you'll learn about what we mean by risky & adventurous play, and what to expect during a typical Saturday Forest Fun day with SOL. Most of your questions will be answered here. Please email us at SOLforestschool@gmail.com to schedule a phone call for specific questions related to your child, if needed.

Weather Cancellation & Make-up Policy:

Saturday sessions span the school year between Aug – May, and are subject to seasonal weather conditions that may warrant a reasonable cancellation, delay in start time, or early pick-up in concern for safety and comfort. **Parents need to have a plan in place to pick up their children early if the weather conditions necessitate this.** We do not make tuition reimbursements for the first canceled Saturday session resulting from extreme weather conditions. This means one of ten “forgiven” sessions for either Saturday (2nd or 4th of the month). We will, however, attempt to offer a make-up for the second missed 2nd or 4th Saturday due to weather. If needed, make-up days will either be a 1st or 3rd Saturday of the month and arranged within a month or two following the 2nd cancellation (however, cancellations that occur in December or January will be scheduled into the Spring). We greatly appreciate your effort and flexibility as we do our best to manage the unpredictability of the ever-changing climate.

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SOL SATURDAYS

2023 – 2024

10 SESSION DAYS
4 hours / day

2nd Saturday of the Month

4th Saturday of the Month

*Note: day change this month

Holiday Weekend/Week