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## NATURE KIDS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SET FOR JANUARY 27

Turn your preschooler into a Nature Kid at THPRD's Nature Kids Preschool.

The Tualatin Hills Nature Center (15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton) will host a Nature Kids Preschool Open House to preview the park district's nature-based preschool programs on Jan. 27 from 10 am to noon.

Families with preschool-aged children (3-5 years old) are invited to attend. They will meet the teachers and learn more about the nine-month Nature Kids program as well as other preschool programs taking place at the Tualatin Hills Nature Center and Cooper Mountain Nature House (18892 SW Kemmer Road, Beaverton.)

The nine-month, half-day morning and afternoon nature-based programs are designed to help preschool children develop skills through a balance of tactile activities, play and academic experiences. The curriculum introduces developmentally appropriate activities with a structure that emphasizes hands-on learning through exposure to nature and the changing seasons.



An instructor leads a walk through the Tualatin Hills Nature Park as part of THPRD's Nature Kids Preschool program. Parents can learn all about the program at an open house on Jan. 27.

Children will form friendships, learn respect and have the opportunity to grow with the guidance of caring teachers in a safe, yet active, natural environment.

“The Tualatin Hills Nature Park and Cooper Mountain Nature Park are dynamic outdoor classrooms that have a natural wonder down every trail and offers countless opportunities for discovery,” said Shawna Hartung, program coordinator at the Tualatin Hills Nature Center.

“Nature Kids preschool programs prepare children for kindergarten by combining preschool learning with outdoor exploration, creating lifelong connections to nature.”

Registration for the 2018-19 preschool year opens on Jan. 30 at 8 am. Priority will be given to walk-ins; no online registration will be available. Please call 503-629-6350 with questions.

### **About THPRD**

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 240,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of widely diverse classes, 95 park sites with active recreational amenities, nearly 70 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,500 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) or call 503-645-6433.

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