



WILLOWWIND  
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# WHY WILLOWWIND?

IQ + EQ

Willowwind balances academic achievement with social and emotional intelligence development, emphasizing students' respect and appreciation for themselves, others, and the natural world. This gives students a sense of belonging, a climate of trust, and a joyful merging of social, emotional, and intellectual development.



## WILLOWWIND'S MISSION



Willowwind School is a joyful learning community where children develop their unique potential through child-led inquiry.

# Welcome!

Dear Willowwind Summer friends,

Thank you for choosing Willowwind's Summer Program for your family. Willowwind School is dedicated to inquiry-based learning and collaboration across grade levels. Our Summer Program will bring these same opportunities to your students in our fantastic camps. We have worked hard to create a program highlighting everything we value here at Willowwind to provide our students with a unique and engaging experience.

The curriculum for preschool through sixth grade has been thoughtfully planned. We will have guest speakers and work on projects between grade levels. Bringing grade levels together is a highlight of Willowwind's progressive model, and we know your students will love this program as much as we do. There will be weekly field trips, either within walking distance or by bus, and many opportunities to speak with experts from the field.

Please note that themes are weekly, but classroom instruction and activities will differ according to age group.

At Willowwind, we embrace science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM), and we look forward to the exciting, enriching opportunities for children to come together this summer. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you for choosing our program.

Sincerely,

Natalie Alvarez (she/her)  
Program Director  
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# Schedule Overview

## Sessions:

Preschool half-day: 8:30-11:30 am

Preschool full-day: 8:30 am-3:30 pm

K-6 full-day: 8:00-3:00 pm

## After School Program (ASP):

Preschool - 6th Grade ASP

3:00 K-6 / 3:30 Preschool until 6:00 pm

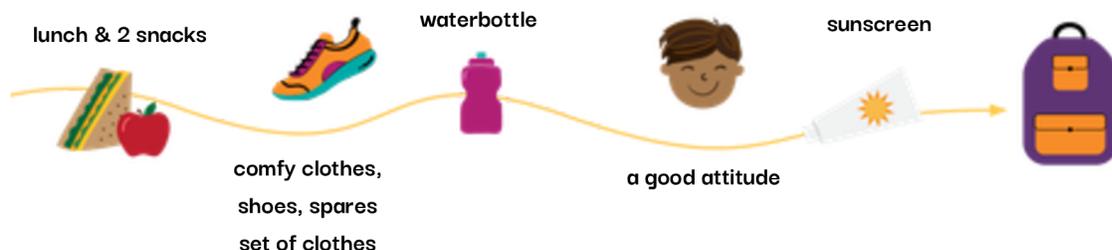
Families not registered for ASP will be charged the per day fee if students are dropped off or picked up more than 15 minutes before or after their scheduled class time. The ASP fee is \$20 per day.



Above: Students creating chalk drawings among the Magic Walk outside of Willowwind.

## WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY:

These things help make sure that your child has the energy, the gear, and the drive to get the most fun and learning they can from each day at camp. Please help your child remember to pack these things every day.



## SICKNESS POLICIES:

The health and wellness of all Willowwind students is important to us. If your child has a fever (100.4° or higher), diarrhea, or is vomiting, please keep your child at home until your child has been well for at least 24 hours. Please do not send your child to school if they are likely to infect others through coughing and sneezing.

If your child becomes ill at school or is injured, you will be contacted and asked to pick them up. Staff will contact the person(s) listed in the emergency information parents/guardians provide. It is important for the school's information to be correct and accurate. Please update it as circumstances change. If, for any medical reason, your child cannot participate fully in any school activity, please notify the Summer Director, Natalie Alvarez ([nataliea@willowwind.org](mailto:nataliea@willowwind.org)).

Willowwind reserves the right to send a student home if they exhibit signs of illness. Willowwind School also reserves the right to require proof of medical consultation prior to an individual's return to school.

# PRESCHOOL

FULL DAY 8:30AM-3:30PM \$325 PER WEEK - OR HALF DAY 8:30-11:30AM \$185 PER WEEK

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<p><b>JUNE 8-12</b> <u>MINI ATHLETES</u> This fun-filled camp focuses on building basic motor skills, coordination, and teamwork through age-appropriate games and activities. From kicking soccer balls to simple obstacle courses, every activity is designed to keep your child moving, learning, and having fun in a safe, encouraging environment.</p>	<b>WEEK 6</b>	<p><b>JULY 13-17</b> <u>ECOSYSTEMS</u> Through hands-on activities like nature walks, bug hunts, planting seeds, and crafting with natural materials, your child will learn how plants, animals, and the environment all work together. With games and stories, they'll build a deep connection to nature while having loads of fun!</p>
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<p><b>JUNE 15-19</b> <u>UNDER THE SEA</u> Little explorers will swim through exciting activities like crafting colorful fish, learning about sea creatures, and playing water games. With storytelling, songs, and imaginative play, kids will learn about the wonders of the ocean while making new friends. Come aboard for an ocean of fun where every day is a new underwater adventure!</p>	<b>WEEK 7</b>	<p><b>JULY 20-24</b> <u>WINTER IN JULY</u> Cool off while we bring the magic of winter to the warm summer days! Little campers will experience snowy fun with creative activities like building snowmen, making frosty crafts, and enjoying winter-themed games. We will explore winter animals in the wild. With music, storytelling, and cool treats, our Winter in July camp promises a frosty good time for all.</p>
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<p><b>JUNE 22-26</b> <u>I WANT TO BE A FARMER!</u> This program will take your little ones on a hands-on journey through the world of farming. From planting seeds and caring for gardens to learning about animals and the food we eat, children will engage in creative activities that spark curiosity and foster a love for nature. Our farming theme will help children develop skills in a nurturing, farm-inspired environment.</p>	<b>WEEK 8</b>	<p><b>JULY 27-31</b> <u>GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: WORLD CULTURES</u> Campers will stamp their mini passports this week, exploring and learning about different cultures. They will explore different wonders of the world and how cultures and communities work together worldwide. Even our littlest community members can be outstanding global citizens!</p>
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<p><b>JUNE 29 - JULY 2</b> <u>ARTVENTURE</u> This fun-filled camp is all about exploring art through hands-on activities and colorful projects. From painting and drawing to crafting with clay and natural materials, your child will have the chance to experiment with different art forms every day. With plenty of mess, imagination, and inspiration, we'll help them discover their inner artist while developing fine motor skills and self-expression.</p>	<b>WEEK 9</b>	<p><b>AUGUST 3-7</b> <u>WHEN I GROW UP</u> Each day, children will get the chance to step into the shoes of different professionals—whether it's a doctor, firefighter, artist, or astronaut—through themed activities, crafts, and role-playing games. This week of exploration encourages creativity, builds confidence, and allows preschoolers to dream big while learning about the many exciting possibilities for the future.</p>
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<p><b>JULY 6-10</b> <u>ANIMAL EXPLORERS</u> We will embark on a wild adventure to explore the animal kingdom. Your child will learn about animals and their habitats. From pretending to be a zookeeper on an animal rescue mission to discovering how animals live, every day is filled with opportunities for young minds to explore the world of wildlife.</p>		

# KINDERGARTEN - SIXTH GRADE

FULL DAY 8:00AM-3:00PM \$375 PER WEEK

WEEK 1	<p><b>JUNE 8-12</b></p> <p><b><u>SPORTS MANIA</u></b></p> <p>Get ready for a week of non-stop fun at our K-6 'Sports Summer Camp!' Packed with exciting activities like soccer, basketball, swimming, and track &amp; field, this camp is designed to keep kids active, while learning the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship. Whether it's scoring goals, racing to the finish line, or cheering on teammates, every day is an adventure! Join us for a week of games, challenges, and unforgettable memories!</p>
WEEK 2	<p><b>JUNE 15-19</b></p> <p><b><u>MAGICAL POTIONS: THE CHEMISTRY BEHIND HOGWARTS</u></b></p> <p>Does your student love chemistry and making their own magical potions? Us too! This camp will take students to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, where they will be sorted into houses, participate in trivia, go down Diagon Alley to make their own wands, find their owls, and maybe even make some candles. We will learn all about potions and compete in Hogwarts-inspired games. Which house will win?</p>
WEEK 3	<p><b>JUNE 22-26</b></p> <p><b><u>I WANT TO BE A FARMER</u></b></p> <p>This hands-on week is all about learning where our food comes from and having fun while doing it. Campers will get their hands dirty planting seeds, feeding animals, and exploring the wonders of nature. From harvesting fresh veggies to learning about sustainable farming, kids will discover the joys of life on the farm while developing new skills and making lasting friendships. Join us for a week full of adventure, discovery, and farm-fresh fun!</p>
WEEK 4	<p><b>JUNE 29-JULY 2</b></p> <p><b><u>ARTVENTURE</u></b></p> <p>This week, students will dive into the world of art, exploring various art forms from artists around the globe. They'll interpret and discuss different styles and techniques, gaining a deeper understanding of the creative process. With plenty of inspiration, students will also unleash their own creativity, making their own unique pieces of art throughout the week.</p>
WEEK 5	<p><b>JULY 6-10</b></p> <p><b><u>ANIMAL EXPLORERS</u></b></p> <p>This week, young animal lovers dive into the exciting world of wildlife and nature! Students will learn about friendly farm creatures to exotic species. They will explore animal habitats, engage in fun wildlife conservation activities, and even meet local experts who share their passion for animals. Through exciting adventures, games, and nature walks, students will develop a deeper understanding of the natural world while making lifelong memories and friends. Whether it's learning about the wonders of the animal kingdom or discovering how to protect endangered species, Wildlife Adventure Camp is the perfect place for young adventurers to unleash their inner zoologist!</p>

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WEEK 6	<p><b>JULY 13-17</b></p> <p><u>ECOSYSTEMS</u></p> <p>This week, students will embark on a journey through the diverse ecosystems of our world. They will explore terrestrial ecosystems, including forests, grasslands, deserts, tundras, and marine environments. As they travel through these different habitats, the children will learn about the unique characteristics of each ecosystem and discover the plants and animals that thrive in these environments. The week's activities will also focus on local ecosystems around Iowa City, offering students an opportunity to connect with their surroundings and observe nature firsthand.</p>
WEEK 7	<p><b>JULY 20-24</b></p> <p><u>MOVIE MADNESS</u></p> <p>This week, students will learn the process of making a movie. They will explore the behind-the-scenes work that goes into creating a film. In groups, students will collaborate to write a script and produce their own short film, gaining hands-on experience in storytelling, filming, and editing.</p>
WEEK 8	<p><b>JULY 27-31</b></p> <p><u>GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: CULTURES ACROSS THE WORLD</u></p> <p>Discover many countries and cultures through field trips, cooking, music, song, and dance. "Visit" Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Europe. This camp's creative activities will help students appreciate different communities and cultures. Wherever we end up this week, we know an adventure awaits!</p>
WEEK 9	<p><b>AUGUST 3-7</b></p> <p><u>WHEN I GROW UP</u></p> <p>This week is all about discovering your passions and learning what it takes to succeed in different professions. Campers will have the chance to try out a variety of careers, from tech and design to healthcare and business, with hands-on activities, workshops, and guest speakers. They'll gain valuable skills, build confidence, and get a sneak peek into the world of work—all while having fun! Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to start thinking about your future while making new friends and unforgettable memories!</p>

# REGISTRATION & POLICIES

## HOW TO REGISTER

Returning campers will use their existing CampDoc account, and new families will create an account for Summer Program registration. Registration can be completed at [app.schooldoc.com/register/willowwind](http://app.schooldoc.com/register/willowwind).

## WHO CAN REGISTER

Public, private, and home-schooled students in preschool through grade 6 are welcome to register. (Elementary students should register based on the grade they will enter in Fall 2026.) Students must be at least 3 years old and toilet-trained for preschool programs. Willowwind provides equal opportunity to participate in programs and does not discriminate by gender, sexual orientation, marital status, socioeconomic status, disability, race, national origin, color, religion, or creed.

## PAYMENT & FEES

A deposit of 50% will be required at the time of registration for all summer programs (including the registration fee and any optional ASP fees). Any remaining tuition will be billed in equal monthly installments throughout the spring (see specific billing dates online when registering), if payment is not made in full when the payment plan is complete. We reserve the right to cancel your registration. We process all registrations in the order in which they are received. We accept registrations as long as there is space available. We do not offer prorated tuition for absences or late starts. We cannot accommodate drop-ins. There is a registration fee of \$25 per student.

## DISCOUNT CODES

If you're joining us for most or all of our summer program, we want to say thank you with the following discounts!

8 full weeks- save \$50 with code 8weeks.

9 full weeks- save \$100 with code 9weeks.

\*A full week is one week of full-day classes.

## ATTENDANCE

In order to get the most out of each class, we expect children to attend every day of their enrolled classes, except in the case of illness or emergency. Tuition will not be prorated and refunds will not be issued for missed classes.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancelling at least four weeks before the class start date: tuition will be fully refunded, minus a \$50 cancellation fee per class.
- Cancelling under four weeks before class start date: tuition will not be refunded, but can be used as a credit toward another 2026 or 2027 Willowwind Summer Program class.
- Cancelling within two business days of the start date of the class: no refund or credit given.

We understand extenuating circumstances arise beyond your control. In these cases, please contact the Summer Director.

Cancellation by Willowwind: We reserve the right to cancel a class if enrollment is insufficient. Any tuition paid will be refunded in full.

## SUMMER TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Willowwind School is committed to providing students access to instructional technology tools. The use of technology in the classroom is for educational purposes, such as accessing curriculum-related information, sharing resources, and promoting innovation in learning. Unless granted permission to do so by a teacher, administrator, or staff member the use of a child's personal technology devices are not permitted during camp hours and ASP (8:00am - 6:00pm). Willowwind's Summer Program catalog will note if technology from home is required for a class. If technology from home is recommended but not required, Willowwind will communicate this in its camp-specific communication leading up to the week of camp.

# Behavior Policies

A high-quality program can only occur in an orderly, mutually respectful, caring environment. Child guidance is a process where children take increasing responsibility for their actions. At Willowwind School, we take the happiness and safety of our participants seriously. Therefore, we work very hard at creating a safe and fun environment. Along with our efforts, we need the children to help us by following simple rules. Below is our behavior agreement.

**Please read this Behavior Contract with your child and ensure they understand our camp's behavior policies:**

- I will listen to the staff and follow directions.
- I will act in a caring way, I will not hit, bite, tease, harass, or bully others.
- I will respect other people's belongings by keeping my hands to myself.
- I will use my indoor voice when speaking inside.
- I will respect all property and help clean personal messes.
- I will use appropriate language when speaking with others.
- I will respect other people's personal space by keeping my hands and feet to myself.
- Before leaving a space, I will ask for permission and stay under adult supervision.
- I will respect other people's feelings with a positive attitude when speaking.
- I will remain with staff on field trips and follow the rules.

Not abiding by these rules may result in suspension or removal from the program.

- All incidents will be handled on a 3-incident system, except hitting, fighting, and inappropriately touching another camper.
- Hitting, fighting, and inappropriately touching another camper will result in an immediate 1-3 day suspension from the program.

All other incidents will be handled as follows:

- 1st Incident = Verbal Warning
- 2nd Incident = Written Warning & Parent Contact
- 3rd Incident = 1 to 3 day suspension & Parent Meeting

\*Please Note: More than 3 Incidents will be subject to camper dismissal from the program.

Willowwind School staff and management reserve the right to dismiss/dis-enroll a child from the day camp program if the child's behavior is disruptive to the program or compromises the safety of themselves, other children, or staff.

# WILLOWWIND MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL

## 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, OPEN SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Willowwind's Montessori Preschool Program aims to teach the whole child, guiding each child's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth.

Through the prepared environment, calmness of the teacher, and attention to grace and courtesy, we strive to offer an educational experience based upon the teachings of Maria Montessori. We offer full-time and part-time options for preschoolers aged 3-5 years.

Certified Montessori teachers lead students in the core Montessori curricular areas of practical life, sensorial, mathematics, language, culture, and humanities. Preschool students are also provided science, art, music, and physical education instruction.



### FULL-TIME PRESCHOOL

M-W,F 8:30am - 3:30pm

Th 8:30am - 2:30pm

### PART-TIME PRESCHOOL

M-F 8:30am - 11:30am

## WILLOWWIND'S MONTESSORI PROGRAM FOSTERS:

- Independence
- Joy of learning
- Love of order
- Learning through discovery
- Concentration
- Self-discipline
- Ability to make decisions
- Self-confidence
- Peaceful problem-solving skills
- Care of the environment

Contact our Admissions Director, Rachel Butler, at [info@willowwind.org](mailto:info@willowwind.org) to learn more about Willowwind's Preschool Program or to schedule a tour. We look forward to speaking with you!



Our Spring Break Program 2026 is now open! During Kidchella Week, students will dive into music making, festival fashion, large-scale art, and community collaboration. As we transform Willowwind into a mini festival, students will discover their artistic voice and celebrate the magic of belonging—all while building friendships and creative confidence.

**Spring break camp will occur March 16-20 between 8:00am - 4:00pm.** K-6 camp will be full-day and Preschool camp will be full-day with a half-day option. There will be no ASP (After School Program) option. Limited spots available.

Preschool: Full-day 8:00am - 4:00pm & half-day 8:30am - 11:30am

K-6: Full-day 8:00am-4:00pm

To register, please visit our website: [www.willowwind.org](http://www.willowwind.org)



# CURIOUS ABOUT WILLOWWIND'S SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM?

Willowwind is committed to a rigorous academic program rooted in experiential and project-based learning. We encourage independence, risk-taking, and critical thinking across the curriculum. We equip our students with the skills to approach complex challenges and a changing environment with curiosity, persistence, and leadership.

LEARN MORE AT [WILLOWWIND.ORG](http://WILLOWWIND.ORG).

