

Matterhorn *is for Kids!*



August 30, 2010

Dear Teacher or Group Leader,

Fall is almost here and all of us at Matterhorn are looking forward to our annual nature tours. We invite you to take your children beyond the classroom!

Matterhorn offers the unique opportunity for students to learn about the natural environment in a hands-on, experiential way through our very own Environmental Trail. The Matterhorn Environmental Trail features "learning stations" that illustrate animal adaptation, habitat identification, fun facts about local flora and fauna, and other environmental concepts. Tours are led by our team of guides, who also provide a basic introduction to Matterhorn and its magnificent gardens, woodlands, natural ponds, and greenhouses. The Tour is designed for Nursery-Grade 5 and encourages children to explore the natural world and to participate in nature preservation through gardening and outdoor living.

Matterhorn is proud to be a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat, recognizing our commitment to the environment and the presence of the four basic habitat elements needed for wildlife to thrive: food, water, cover, and places to raise young. Matterhorn is also an official Monarch Waystation through the University of Kansas Monarch Watch program. Each fall, hundreds of millions of monarch butterflies migrate from the United States and Canada to overwintering areas in Mexico and California where they wait out the winter until conditions favor a return flight in the spring. As a Monarch Waystation, Matterhorn provides resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration.

Following the formal tour, children enjoy a fun-filled seasonal hayride to our Animal Friends area. There, they are introduced to our miniature horse and goats. This experience culminates in a trip through the Matterhorn Pumpkin Patch, where each child "picks" their own Jack-Be-Little pumpkin. The children also enjoy the opportunity to feed Matterhorn's famous ducks!

Each tour is approximately one and one half hours long and concludes with juice and cookies. The children bring home an informative flier with the tour highlights and their Jack-Be-Little pumpkin. The cost is \$8.00 per child, with a 20 student minimum. Girl Scout Groups and other community organizations that do not make the minimum are welcome, but will likely be paired with similar groups. Tours are by appointment, beginning Monday, September 27, 2010 and continuing through Friday, November 5, 2010. Our calendar tends to fill quickly, so we recommend reserving as soon as possible!

Looking forward to your visit!

Matt and Ronnie Horn and the entire Matterhorn Staff

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