



APPLICATION FORM

Important dates:

Application deadline for returning families and their siblings: December 15th 2024

Application deadline for new families: January 2nd, 2024

After this date, enrollment is ongoing and based on available space.

Emails detailing a child's enrollment status will be sent: December 19th for returning families and January 6th for new families.

Waitlisted families will be notified if a space becomes available.

Policy of Non-discrimination:

Our class sessions are filled based on balancing class size, age and schedule. The entry age for enrolling in our school is 3 years old by 9/1/25. Mass Audubon preschools are part of Mass Audubon, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the nature of Massachusetts through conservation, advocacy, and education. Mass Audubon is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in providing service to children and their families without regard to race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, ability or disability, veteran status, military service, genetic information, gender identity or expression, toileting status, family structure, or any other category protected under applicable law. Mass Audubon will make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with known disabilities, in accordance with applicable law. Children with disabilities are welcome to join the program provided reasonable accommodation can be made. Our directors invite you to reach out to discuss how our program can best meet your child's diverse needs.

Financial Assistance:

Modest financial Assistance is available through our scholarship fund and is based on economic need and available funds. Financial Aid Forms for 2025-2026 school year can be found on our website. Financial assistance applications are due **February 2, 2025** and should be mailed or dropped off at the preschool.

Website: [Ipswich River Nature Preschool](#)

Mass Audubon Family Memberships

All families who have children enrolled in 2025-2026 school year are required to have a current Mass Audubon family membership by the start of the school year.

School Year Calendar

Our school year runs early September 2025 through early June 2026. Specific start and end dates as well as holidays and vacation week schedules will be provided in draft form prior to payment of the deposit and finalized in our Family Handbook in the Summer of 2025.

Pre-enrollment visit

Each Mass Audubon preschool provides a unique, nature-based experience. As such, we request that every enrolling family visit their chosen program prior to accepting a spot for their child. This ensures that families have a chance to ask questions and familiarize themselves with the specialized nature of the program.

Tuition Deposits

Once notified of a spot for your child, you will receive a payment link and a non-refundable deposit must be collected when a family accepts enrollment in the program. The amount of the non-refundable deposit will be equal to one

month of the child's base tuition. If the child stays in the program for the duration of the school year, the non-refundable deposit is applied to the final month's tuition payment. Note: a child is not considered enrolled in the program until we have received this deposit.

To Apply: Scan and email the application form to irnpreschool@massaudubon.org. Please do not email financial aid forms. For identity and safety assurances, e-mail submissions of financial aid forms are not accepted.

Mail or bring financial aid forms to Ipswich River Nature Preschool, 346 Grapevine Road, Wenham, MA. Phone: 978-237-0108.

Child's Information

Child's Name: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Age on 9/1/25 (child must be 3 by September 1st): _____ Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____ E-mail: _____
 Address (if Different): _____
 Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____ E-mail: _____
 Address (if Different): _____
 Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Class Options and Tuition



Chickadees Age 3 by September 1st Ratio 1:5

| Option | Program Option | | Select 1 st or 2 nd choice |
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| | Age 3-4 Chickadee Program | | |
| #1 | T/Th Half Day 9:00-12:30 | \$5,250 | |
| #2 | MWF 9:00-12:30 | \$7,100 | |
| #3 | MTWTHF 9:00-12:30 | \$11,100 | |



Blue Jays Ages 4-5 Ratio 1:6

| Option | Program Option | | Select 1 st or 2 nd choice |
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| | Age 4-5 Blue Jay Program | | |
| #1 | T/Th Half Day 9:00-12:30 | \$5,250 | |
| #2 | MWF 9:00-12:30 | \$7,100 | |
| #3 | MTWTHF 9:00-12:30 | \$11,100 | |



Owls Older 4's and 5's Ratio 1:6

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| #1 | Program Option Age 4-5 Owl Program \$9,880 MTWTH—4 days 9:00-12:30 PM | | Select |
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Friday Morning Explorers 8:00 AM -12:30 PM as a 5th day option for Owls and T/Th Blue Jays. Please check if interested. **Yearly price \$2,370**

Early Mornings 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

Check box to right of day for choice. Annual price per day for Early Drop off

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| Mondays \$608 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tuesdays \$665 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesdays \$665 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thursdays \$665 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fridays \$627 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Afternoons 12:30 -3:30 (Includes time to eat lunch brought from home) Enrollment for a minimum of two afternoons. Please check box to right of choice.

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| Mon & Weds \$5,320 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tues & Thurs \$5,320 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mon -Thurs (4 day) \$10,640 | <input type="checkbox"/> | No afternoon program on Fridays !2:30 Dismissal for everyone |
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Ipswich River Nature Preschool has applied to accept Vouchers. Please reach out to Director Karen First kfirst@massaudubon.org if you are interested in using a Voucher.

How did your family hear about our program?

Have you ever attended a tour or an open house of this preschool program? (please provide a date if known)

Please share a bit about why you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in a nature-based preschool?

Any other comments: