

# News



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## **NATURE KIDS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SET FOR FEBRUARY 4**

Get outside, play and learn with THPRD's Nature Kids Preschool.

The Tualatin Hills Nature Center (15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton) will host an open house to preview the park district's only nature-based preschool program on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 am to noon.

Parents – and their three-to four-year-old children – are encouraged to attend and learn more about the Nature Kids preschool

program, meet the teachers, experience the classroom and sign up. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year begins at 10 am.

Nature Kids provides a half-day morning and afternoon program.

The program helps preschoolers develop social, communication and motor skills in a safe yet active natural environment. Developmentally appropriate activities are introduced throughout the year with a curriculum that fosters hands-on learning, exposure to nature and the changing seasons.

“The Tualatin Hills Nature Park is a dynamic outdoor classroom that offers



**A THPRD Nature Center instructor takes preschoolers on a walk through the Tualatin Hills Nature Park, a dynamic outdoor classroom that offers endless opportunities for discovery. Find out more at an open house at the Nature Center on Feb. 4.**

natural wonder down every trail and endless opportunities for discovery,” said Shawna Hartung, program coordinator at the Tualatin Hills Nature Center. “Nature Kids Preschool prepares children for kindergarten by combining preschool learning with outdoor exploration, creating lifelong connections to nature.”

Children will form friendships, learn respect and have the opportunity to grow within the bounds of Beaverton’s 222-acre Tualatin Hills Nature Park. The park features evergreen and deciduous forests, creeks, wetlands, ponds and meadows. It is home to a variety of birds, mammals and other small creatures. Its five-mile trail network includes 1.5 miles of paved pathways and 3.5 miles of well-maintained, soft-surface trails.

### **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 about 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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