



**NAUSET
YOUTH
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Into Tomorrow's World

NEWSLETTER

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2023-2024 Afterschool Program

The Nauset Youth Alliance Board of Directors met last evening to consider the budget for the 2023-24 school year. As we all now inflation remains stubbornly high and NYA has been not immune to these pressures. Through diligent financial stewardship, control of expenses, and seeking of grants the program has been able to counter most of these increased costs.



Therefore, the Board is pleased to announce that there will be **no increases in fees** for the 2023-24 school year.

The rate for 2023-24 school year for 3, 4, or 5 days a week will remain at \$22 per day and for 1 or 2 days it will be \$24 per day. The fee for the first hour only will be \$8.50. The registration fee will remain at \$50 and the student supply fee at \$25.

The fact is that tuition and fees do not fully cover the cost of a child attending NYA. We close this gap through fundraising, offering enrichment classes, and grants. We have been aggressively seeking grants, including a federal grant to support the daily snacks, and have secured a number that allows us to maintain the tuition at this year's rates.

Registration for the 2023-24 school year will be in mid-July. Information will be sent once the date registration opens is decided.

2023 Summer Program

Rates for the 2023 Summer Program have also been set by the Board. The full-day cost will remain \$50, and the afternoon option will be \$32.50. The hours will remain 8:30 am – 4 pm. Due to the rather clement winter weather snow days have not impacted the end of the school year as it did last year so we will once again offer 8-weeks of summer programming. The program will run from June 26th – August 18. We will be closed on July 4th.

We will have access to the town's Bayside property's pool one morning a week. We have not heard from the town yet on which day this will be. We will have four all-program trips this year, two each to Water Wizz and Scusset Beach State Reservation. Students participating in these Thursday field trips must also attend one other session

Important Dates

Early Release

**Wed. Mar. 15th
& Fri. Mar. 31st**

NYA begins at 11 AM following early dismissal. If your child is attending NYA on an early release day, please be sure to send a lunch or request the bag lunch offered by the schools prior to dismissal time.

Interested in becoming a NYA Board Member?

If you are interested in being a NYA Board Member please be in touch with David Rost. The NYA Board meets monthly to discuss and guide NYA. New Board members will be elected at the Annual Meeting in May.

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the week of the field trip. These trips costs are included in the daily fee and feature no additional charges. The portal to enroll for the summer will open on March 6th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please be in touch with David Rost, Executive Director, or a Board Member. The Board members are Melissa Carter, President; Melissa Oomer, Vice-President; Pat Sylvia, Treasurer; Heather Sprague, Secretary; Donna Cormier, Rebecca Harrison, Birgit Weissshuhn, and Josh Wile.



Stony Brook School

We jumped into January talking about Winter & Hibernation. We made habitats from model magic and created our favorite animals from graham crackers and fruit.

The Chinese New Year was celebrated with masks, a parade and a buffet complete with chopsticks and fortune cookies to finish the celebration.

Snowmen (snow people) was a fun topic and we had lots of ideas on how to make the tallest snowman out of mini marshmallows.

Our Valentine's Day activities include making Valentines, decorating cookies and a 2-person obstacle course in the gym.

We finished the month of February with Dr. Seuss stories, rhyming challenges, and crafts, edible being our favorite of course!

Eddy School

Eddy's theme for February was animals with a focus on self-love and individualism. Wildcare was able to bring an owl named UpUp to visit with the students and learn about creatures of the air on Cape Cod. We made animals in various forms, learning about their characteristics that make them special and important to the world. Some of our creations were hedgehog cupcakes, hybrid creatures from model magic, and hibernating salamanders from UV sensitive beads. Likewise, we used handouts that allowed students to highlight characteristics and traits they love about themselves. We held a small yoga session, did meditative breathing, and made fidgets to encourage students to be kind to themselves even when it's a tough day.

March's theme is Inventors and Artists with a focus on resilience. We see that students at Eddy are always creating and inventing. Many parents have seen the various cardboard crafts of this year! We have added tools for cutting and connecting cardboard to continue encouraging this creativity. We are also expanding our collection of snap circuits, as students continue to express interest in understanding how electricity works. Students have created timers, games, and pretend factory centers with the snap circuits; we cannot wait to see their creations this month! As the weather gets warmer, we will spend more time playing group games in the field beside the playground. Students will be given games that focus on their ability to overcome obstacles, bounce back, and continue to help their team. Students will also work in teams to invent board games and recreate inventions (like a Gutenberg Press and the Eiffel Tower) from the past.

Can I Claim The Care Credit?

Dependent Care Expenses

Instructions for your 2020 child care costs can be found using this link.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1no1gJPTBEltlFYEA136uPMLNqpbh5T9Y/view?usp=sharing>

Please be in touch with David with any questions.

Please put your child's name in clothing they might remove while at NYA, i.e., coats, sweatshirts, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, winter boots, etc. If there is a name in them, we can reunite the clothing with your child. Use a marker to write their name on a label, get preprinted labels and iron them in, etc. It would be a shame if a child were to lose a holiday gift from Santa, parents, grandparents... We also request that you put their name on water bottles. We would love to have a completely empty lost and found basket. Thank you!



Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 16th from 5:30 - 6:30 at Stony Brook. A pizza dinner with dessert will be provided. Bring the whole family and let someone else cook and clean for a night!