

Welcome to the Trackers Homeschool Outdoors Program!

Our 2017-2018 season marks the eighth year of our homeschool outdoor skills programming in the Bay Area. To those of you who are returning, we warmly welcome you back. To those considering joining us, we are excited to begin connecting with you and creating a relationships through wilderness skills and long-term mentorship.

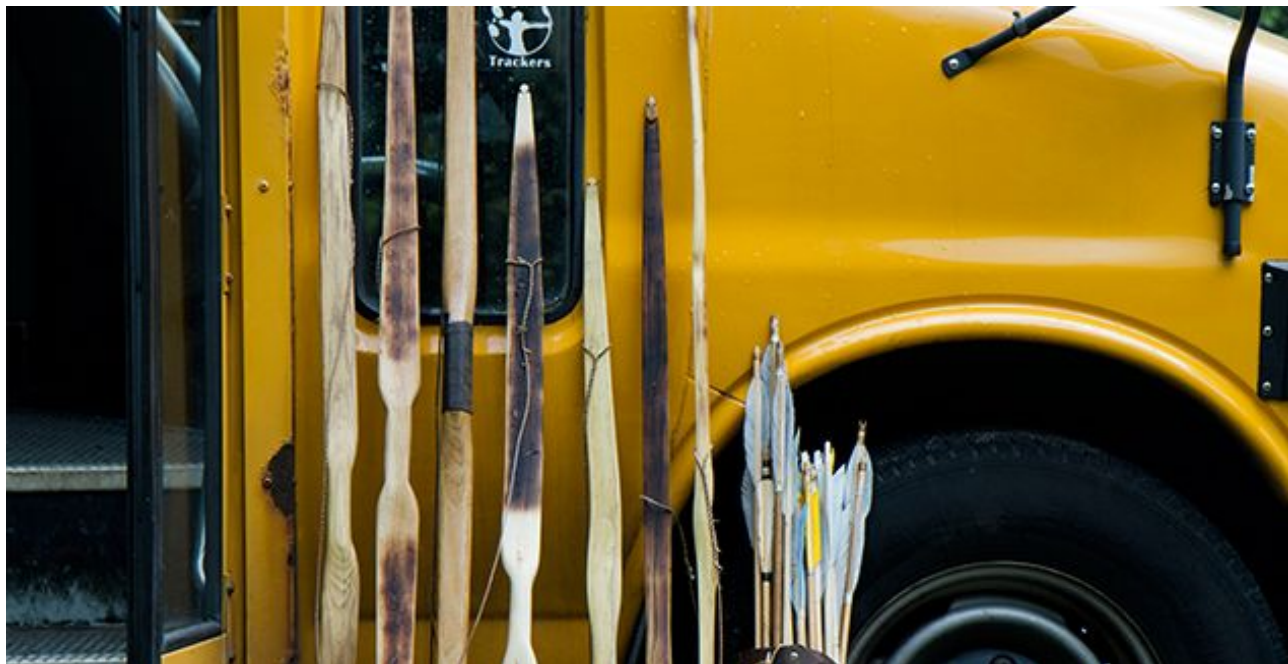
One new exciting option for our Berkeley students is the expansion of our multi-day program. All students who sign up for all three days will be grouped together with the same instructor, allowing for more in-depth mentoring and personalization of projects. Parents will be able to collaborate with our staff to link our learning at Trackers to their own home-based independent study. Please contact us using the information below to learn more about this micro-school. We will be able to offer a 10% discount on tuition for those enrolled for 2 or 3 program days.

Please read through the following enrollment information and don't hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions. Our office may be reached by calling 510-575-9444 or by emailing bay@trackersearth.com

With kind regards,

Trackers Bay

bay@trackersearth.com



Registration and Re-Enrollment

Our registration priority list is as follows:

1. Currently enrolled students *for the location they currently attend*
2. Siblings of current students
3. Current students wishing to switch program locations
4. Waitlisted students (in the order in which they joined the waitlist)
5. New students not currently on a waitlist

Re-enrollment timelines will consequently vary slightly by program. You will be notified when you are eligible to re-enroll your current student or enroll a sibling or waitlisted child. For all programs, to secure a space for Fall 2017, we require a non-refundable \$75 deposit per child per enrolled day. This charge applies regardless of whether you will eventually pay with charter funds.

New this year! Choose our easy monthly payment plan, or pay your balance for the year in full by 8/15 for a 5% discount. Charter school payments are not eligible for the discount. However, if you are paying partially by charter school and partially out of pocket, all out of pocket totals paid in full by 8/15/17 are eligible for the 5% discount.

If you enroll in a payment plan, your monthly payment is **your full year's tuition divided by 9**. Monthly tuition charges are **NOT** based on the number of classes in that specific month. This is for ease of accounting and budgeting. Payments are automatically debited once monthly from September – May. Please note that registrations are for a full year; however, we do allow for mid-season withdrawals per our cancellation policy (see below).

If you are unable to provide your deposit now due to financial hardship, please contact us directly so we may make alternate arrangements.



Homeschool Program Locations

Berkeley Preschool & Berkeley Homeschool: Berkeley students meet at the Trackers Guild Hall and are transported to the day's location from there. Transportation will occur in either a Trackers short bus or van. Booster seats are not necessary for the short bus. For our participants under the age of 8, we have booster seats for the van.

Fremont and Livermore Homeschool: Students attending these programs meet on-site at the day's location. Locations will vary week-to-week and are local to the program area. Meeting locations are emailed to parents in advance of each program date.

Charter School Policies

Charter school enrolled families will have their estimated contribution subtracted from their total due for the year *before* monthly payments are calculated. Charter school families should contact their schools to determine this estimated contribution. A form will be sent via email to all charter families in August to collect this information. If an adjustment is needed due to unexpected changes in your charter's contribution, please contact us immediately so we may adjust your monthly payments.

Trackers is currently a charter school vendor for the following schools:

- **Connecting Waters** (Livermore or Fremont ONLY)
- **Ocean Grove** (Livermore or Fremont ONLY)
- **Hickman** (Berkeley, Livermore, or Fremont)
- **Pathways** (Berkeley, Livermore, or Fremont)
- **Valley View** (Berkeley, Livermore, or Fremont)
- **Visions** (Berkeley, Livermore, or Fremont)
- **Vista Oaks** (Berkeley, Livermore, or Fremont)

** If you would like to apply funds from a charter school not listed above, please contact us about the possibility of Trackers becoming a vendor for your charter.*

Not all charter schools cover all our offered activities. For that reason, Fremont and Livermore programs offer an **optional** Supplemental 5-class series covering campfires, woodcarving, and other tool use. Parents must pay for these out of pocket or use an approved charter vendor. See pricing chart on page 5 for details on Supplemental classes.

Sibling Discounts and Scholarships

We offer a 5% sibling discount off the total tuition due for two or more registrations. Students enrolled in multiple program days receive a 10% total discount. Limited scholarship funds are available for cases of financial hardship. Please contact us for more details or to request a scholarship application. Scholarship applications are due by August 1st. In order to hold a space in any specific program, we do require non-refundable payment of the registration deposit. Discounts (i.e., multi-day, sibling, or pay in full) cannot be combined.

Age Eligibility by Program

Please see below for our age eligibility guidelines. To provide the most well-tailored experience in a developmentally appropriate environment, we do hold very firmly to the below guidelines. For each year, the age cohort will remain together. This applies even to mid-year enrollment.

Program	Age Guidelines
Berkeley Monday Preschool	Must be 4 or 5 years old on September 1, 2017
Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday Berkeley Homeschool	Must be 6 - 16 years old on September 1, 2017

Wednesday Fremont Homeschool	Must be 6 - 14 years old on September 1, 2017
Thursday Livermore Homeschool	Must be 6 - 14 years old on September 1, 2017
Friday Livermore Homeschool	Must be 6 - 14 years old on September 1, 2017

Trial Days & Mid-Season Enrollment

If you are a prospective family and would like to try a day before joining the program, please contact us to see if space is available on your day. We will begin taking trial day reservations on Tuesday, August 22nd, subject to availability.

We offer mid-season enrollment pending space in the program. All program fees will be pro-rated based on the number of program days remaining in the year.

Cancellation and Withdrawal Policy

Because of our small group sizes, we are greatly impacted by mid-year cancellations and withdrawals. Nevertheless, we understand that the needs of families may change during the year. Our cancellation policy is as follows:

- We request a two-week courtesy notice prior to withdrawals, made in writing via email.
- For all withdrawals, a \$75 withdrawal fee will apply.
- After the withdrawal fee has been subtracted, we will refund any pre-paid tuition prorated for time not attended.

Program Dates

Please note that our program begins on **Monday Sept. 11, 2017** and ends on **Friday, May 25, 2018**.

Trackers Homeschool will not meet the following dates, which are **not included in total tuition**:

- Nov. 20 - Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 11 - Dec. 29: Winter Break
- Jan. 1 - Jan. 5: Trackers Staff Winter Break Holiday Week
- **Berkeley Preschool Only:** January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb. 19 - 23: Feb. Break Camps
- April 2 - April 6: Spring Break Camps

Camps are available for Winter Break, February Break, Spring Break programs. See our website for details.

Our 2017-18 program calendar will be updated during the summer. Please visit www.trackersbay.com/calendar.php to see all of our program dates.

Trackers Homeschool: 2017-2018 School Fees

Monthly payment plan prices are after \$75 deposit is applied

Location, Age, and Day	2017-2018 Tuition
Berkeley: Mondays* <i>Preschool: Age 4-5 only</i> Mondays 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM*	29 Weeks: \$1,798 (\$191 per month)
Berkeley: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays* <i>Age 6 - 14</i> Tuesdays: 8:45 AM - 2:45 PM	30 Weeks: \$2,190 (\$235 per month)
Fremont/Hayward: Wednesdays <i>Age 6 - 14</i> Wednesday Basic Classes: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	25 Weeks: \$1,550 (\$163 per month)
Fremont/Hayward: Wednesdays** <i>Age 6 - 14</i> Wednesday Optional Supplemental Classes: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	5 Weeks: \$310 (\$34 per month)
Livermore: Thursdays <i>Age 6 - 14</i> Thursday Basic Classes: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	25 Weeks: \$1,550 (\$163 per month)
Livermore: Thursdays** <i>Age 6 - 14</i> Thursday Optional Supplemental Classes: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	5 Weeks: \$310 (\$34 per month)
Livermore: Fridays <i>Age 6 - 14</i> Friday Basic Classes: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	25 Weeks: \$1,550 (\$163 per month)
Livermore: Fridays** <i>Age 6 - 14</i> Friday Optional Supplemental Classes: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	5 Weeks: \$310 (\$34 per month)

*/**Connecting Waters or Ocean Grove Charter Schools funds may *not* be used for these courses. Hickman, Pathways, Valley View, Visions, and Vista Oaks Charter School funds may be used. Please contact us about other charter school options not listed here.

** Registration for Supplemental classes will open on our website late summer. These classes are part of our normal curriculum, but are offered separately at these locations due to limitations set by some of the charter schools with whom we are vendors.