

## **News Release**

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

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## **THPRD Announces Nature Kids Program Open House**

Saturday, January 25 from 10 am to 12 pm -

January 6, 2020: The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) will host an open house for families with children between the ages of 3 and 5 years old that will be starting preschool in September 2020.

Join THPRD staff on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Tualatin Hills Nature Center located at 15655 SW Millikan Way. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, experience the classroom, and learn more about Nature Kids Programs offered at three THPRD locations: the Tualatin Hills Nature Center, Jenkins Estate & Cooper Mountain Nature Park.

Nature Kids is a nine-month nature-based program that provides experiential learning for children ages 3 to 5 years old. THPRD offers half-day morning and afternoon programs that help children develop social, emotional physical and cognitive skills. Developmentally appropriate activities are introduced throughout the year with hands-on learning and exposure to nature and the changing seasons. Children will form friendships, learn respect, and have the opportunity to grow with the help of caring teachers and supportive parents in a safe, yet active, natural environment.

Come to the Nature Kids Open House to learn about THPRD's preschool offerings and how your child can become a Nature Kid! For more information about this event, please contact Shawna Hartung at 503-619-3912 or email <a href="mailto:shartung@thprd.org">shartung@thprd.org</a>.

## **About THPRD**

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 250,000 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, about 70 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,500 acres of natural areas.

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