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"NATURE KIDS" PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SET FOR FEB. 6 AT TUALATIN HILLS NATURE CENTER

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District will soon accept new registrants for

its popular nine-month nature preschool program.

The Tualatin Hills Nature
Center (15655 SW Millikan
Way, Beaverton) will host an
open house on Saturday, Feb. 6,
from 10 am to noon to showcase
Nature Kids, the district's only
nature-based preschool.

This program – for ages
3-5 – provides kids daily
interaction with the natural
environment throughout the



Kids 3-5 years old – and their parents – are invited to a Feb. 6 open house to preview the Nature Kids preschool program.

school year while developing their social, communication and motor skills. Their "classroom" will be the 222-acre Tualatin Hills Nature Park.

"Nature is a classroom that changes every day and provides endless opportunities to explore," said Karen Munday, program coordinator at the Tualatin Hills Nature Center. "The Nature Kids program gets children ready for kindergarten by combining preschool learning with exploration that fosters a life-long connection to the outdoors."

The half-day program is offered mornings and afternoons, Monday through Friday. The Feb. 6 open house provides an opportunity to meet instructors, visit classrooms, tour the grounds and enroll for the 2016-17 school year.

Curriculum focuses on experiential learning through exposure to nature and the changing seasons. Participants thrive in a safe, active and natural environment at Tualatin Hills Nature Park.

The Tualatin Hills Nature Park features evergreen and deciduous forests, creeks, wetlands, ponds and meadows. The park is home to a variety of birds, mammals and smaller 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

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