



2026-2027 Program Guide

Outdoor Enrichment for Homeschooling Families



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WHY BIGFOOT EXISTS

Bigfoot Wilderness School was created for families who want their children to grow into capable, confident, and grounded young people — not just academically, but in real life.

In a world where childhood is increasingly shaped by screens, schedules, and constant supervision, Bigfoot offers something different:

Space to explore.

Opportunities to lead.

Challenges that build strength.

And a community built on responsibility, respect, and resilience.

Here, children learn by doing.

They build confidence through real experience.

They develop maturity through responsibility.

They discover their strengths through challenge.



Our Approach to Learning

At Bigfoot Wilderness School, we believe children thrive when they are:

- Trusted with responsibility
- Supported through challenge
- Guided with consistency
- Given meaningful work

Our program blends practical outdoor skills, experiential learning, and forest school principles with strong routines and clear expectations.

Each week includes:

- Skill instruction and hands-on practice
- Open outdoor play and movement
- Cooperative group challenges
- Guided journaling and reflection
- Leadership opportunities

Bigfoot is an enrichment program — not a licensed childcare facility or full academic curriculum. While staff provide supervision and safety support, parents remain responsible for their child's overall education and caregiving.

WHO THRIVES AT BIGFOOT

Bigfoot Wilderness School is a strong fit for students who:

- Enjoy being outdoors in all seasons
- Can follow clear safety rules
- Are willing to try new challenges
- Respond well to structure and routines
- Are developing independence
- Can work respectfully as part of a group
- Are comfortable in a drop-off program
- Are supported by families who value responsibility, consistency, and growth

We are intentional about maintaining a positive, structured small-group environment. Bigfoot is not the right fit for every child — and that is okay. Our goal is to serve families who are aligned with our mission, expectations, and approach to outdoor learning.



A PARTNERSHIP WITH FAMILIES

Bigfoot Wilderness School is most successful when families and instructors work together to support each student's growth.

We ask families to:

- Support program expectations at home
- Reinforce safety, respect, and responsibility
- Communicate openly and promptly
- Commit to the full program year
- Respect program policies and procedures

When families and staff are aligned, students are more confident, engaged, and successful.



PROGRAM DETAILS & WEEKLY RHYTHM



Program Details

Ages: 7–12

Location: New Waverly, TX (near TX-150 & Jim Browder Rd.)

Schedule: Mondays | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Program Year: September–May (with Winter Break in December & January)

Format: Drop-off, small-group outdoor program

Ratio: Approximately one adult for every eight students

Facilities

We meet at a private outdoor site with a covered hoop house, open natural areas, and access to a restroom. Students are expected to treat all facilities, equipment, tools, and natural spaces with care.

Weather Policy

Bigfoot meets in most weather conditions. Sessions may be canceled only when safety is a concern, including lightning, flooding, or extreme temperatures.

A Typical Bigfoot Day

Each day follows a consistent rhythm that balances instruction, exploration, and free play.

A typical day includes:

- Welcome and free exploration
- Morning circle and safety review
- Group game or team challenge
- Exploration hike and observation
- Hands-on outdoor skill instruction and practice
- Lunch and social time
- Journaling and reflection
- Projects, challenges, or extended skill practice
- Open outdoor play
- Closing circle and dismissal

Our schedule may adjust based on weather, seasonal activities, and student needs.

TUITION & FEES

2026-2027

FULL PROGRAM TUITION

\$1,600 per student

REGISTRATION FEE

\$100 (non-refundable)

PROGRAM YEAR

September–May (No classes
December or January)



PAYMENT OPTIONS

PAY IN FULL (SAVE 5%)

\$1,520 due at enrollment +
registration fee

INSTALLMENT PLAN

\$230 — Installments 1–6
\$220 — Final installment

DUE AT ENROLLMENT

Registration fee + first
installment

Remaining installments are
due on the 1st of each month,
October–May, with no
payments in December or
January.

WHAT TUITION COVERS

- Weekly instruction and supervision
- Program planning and staff training
- Safety equipment and materials
- Shared gear and supplies
- Student materials (journal, compass, fire-starting tools)
- Family Campout (April 30 - May 2, 2027)

Enrollment reserves your child's place for the full program year. Tuition reflects the full program year and is not based on individual attendance.

REQUIRED GEAR

PACKING LIST

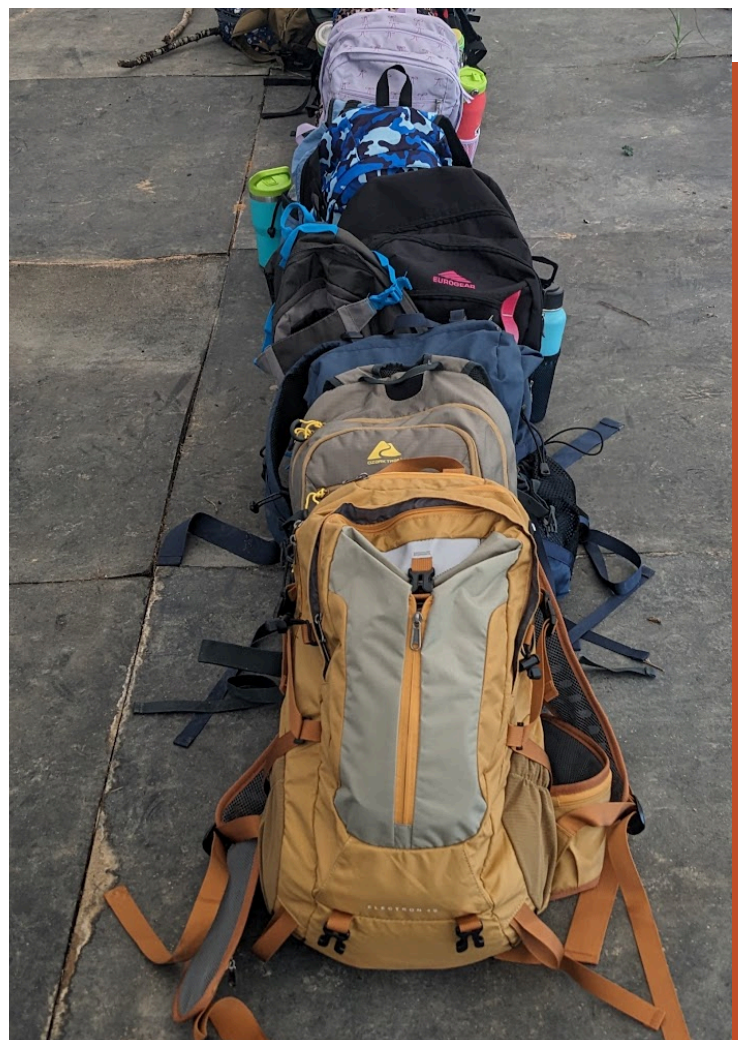
- **Backpack** that fits all required items
 - **Refillable water bottle** (20–32 oz minimum)
 - **Lunch and two snacks** (no energy drinks; go easy on sugar)
 - **Closed-toed outdoor shoes or boots**
 - **Change of clothes & socks** in a labeled zip bag
 - **Sun hat or cap**
 - **Sunscreen and insect repellent**
 - **Waterproof rain jacket** (light shell)
- Pack every class day, even if the forecast is clear

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

We meet in most weather conditions. Please check the forecast and dress your child appropriately.

BIGFOOT-ISSUED GEAR

- **Emergency whistle**
- **Compass**
- **Journal**
- **Ferro rod**





NEXT STEPS

HOW TO JOIN BIGFOOT

Bigfoot Wilderness School welcomes families who feel aligned with our mission, values, and approach to outdoor learning.

To maintain a positive, structured small-group environment, enrollment is based on space availability and overall program fit.

Applications for the 2026–2027 program year open May 17, 2026.

QUESTIONS

We're happy to help families determine whether Bigfoot is a good fit.



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ENROLLMENT PROCESS

STEP 1: APPLY

Families submit an online application when registration opens on the morning of May 17, 2026.

Applications are reviewed in the order received.

STEP 2: REVIEW

Applications are reviewed to ensure a strong fit.

Some families may be invited to a brief call to discuss expectations, safety, and readiness.

STEP 3: REGISTER

Accepted families receive enrollment details, forms, and payment instructions.

Spots are secured once registration and initial payment are complete.