

# A Child's Garden of Thyme

A LifeWays Center for Children Aged 0-5

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## *Our Center Offers:*

- A Waldorf Play & Nature Based Early Childhood Curriculum
- Bread Baking, Gardening, Puppetry, Seasonal Activities, Story & Song
- Organic Meals & Snacks
- All Natural Materials & Supplies
- Diapers Provided
- Waldorf / LifeWays Trained & Experienced Faculty
- First Aid & CPR Certified Director
- LifeWays Accreditation & Waldorf Accreditation
- Extended Hours
- Monthly Parent's Night Out Program
- Adult Waldorf Art & Craft Classes

### *Limited Enrollment*

For more information or to schedule a tour,

Contact Bianca Lara at 760-722-8487 or [biancadlara@hotmail.com](mailto:biancadlara@hotmail.com).

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## What is LifeWays?

LifeWays grows from the same roots as Waldorf Education and extends to the earliest ages with a focus on the nurturing arts of homemaking and hygiene, thus helping the children to establish themselves in the real world ways of life.

## Mission:

We strive to offer and provide an ideal Early Childhood experience for children aged newborn to five years of age in San Diego County. We seek to provide support and continuity of care for children of working parents, students, and others interested in an early Waldorf Education. There is a commitment to excellence and aid in all areas including parent education, Waldorf Education resources, and other Anthroposophical endeavors. Ultimately, we desire to enhance our local communities and the Waldorf Education community in San Diego County.

## **Our Center Offers:**

- A LifeWays Waldorf Preschool/Daycare Program for children from birth to five years.
- A Monday -Friday independent program with a one to five day option.
- Saturday parent & child classes & Adult Waldorf Crafting classes.
- A two to six & a half hour program beginning at 9:00am.
- A truly mixed age experience; providing continuity of care for several years with a cozy "extended family" feeling.
- Two teachers (rather than teacher & assistant) with Waldorf / LifeWays training & experience.
- A very small teacher to child ratio of 1 to 4 maximum.
- A program designed around being outdoors in our wonderfully mild climate.
- Healthy, organic, freshly prepared sit-down meals and snacks served family style to promote healthy, adventurous eating.
- A garden setting landscaped in largely edible, scented, drought tolerant plants & trees.
- Plenty of opportunities for creative, sand, dirt, and water play in an established garden, which is home to many birds and bugs.
- A food centric approach, which includes organic gardening, cooking from scratch, composting, vermiculture, baking, eating and much more.

- Fun, laughter, poetry, puppetry, song, seasonal activities and surprises!

About Fees and Tuition:

A Child's Garden of Thyme (ACGT) closely mirrors the local Waldorf School preschool rates. However, all meals and diapers are included as part of our program.

Our goal is to make this program as accessible to as many as families as possible. To that end, various discounts and barter opportunities are available for those that may need and qualify for support.

All tuition, fees and deposits are non-refundable. Tuition income provides an educational program throughout the school calendar year from Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The annual contract represents an annual obligation. Tuition may be paid by August 15<sup>th</sup> in full or in nine monthly payments as described above each tuition schedule. Tuition cannot be calculated on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. There is not a discount, refund or other allowance for absences. Should a mid-year or mid-month withdrawal become necessary, full tuition is still due, as noted in the Enrollment Contract.

Discounts and Work Exchanges:

All discounts and exchanges must be agreed upon in writing and fulfilled prior to the month of June.

Parent Participation:

Our center is an educational *community* and as such, we depend on each family to offer a commitment of time to festivals, fundraisers, word-of-mouth publicity of our program and events. Parent participation in day-to-day chores; such as our weekly "flower family", daily "porch sweeper", and daily "spider sweeper"; gives the children observing these activities a sense that their school is important and made possible by the loving, working hands of many.

*Accept the children with reverence, educate them with love,  
send them forth in freedom. -Rudolf Steiner*

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## Registration Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nick Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male Female

Preferred Days: Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Preferred Number of Hours: Four and a half Five Six

Does Your Family Require a Summer School Program? Yes No

Is your family interested in our parent's night out program? Yes No

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours at Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours at Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child's Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you authorize faculty or staff from ACGT to call on behalf of your child if necessary in the case of emergency?                      Yes                      No

Name, Address and Phone of persons authorized to pick up the child:

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Persons to be notified in the case of emergency, when parent or guardian is not available:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any illnesses, allergies, accidents, childhood diseases or surgeries your child has had to date.

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Please list all children in your family including the child being enrolled:

Name	Date of Birth	School or Occupation
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To have my child's photo taken for the school's web site.

Yes

No

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### MEDICAL CONSENT

I give my consent for emergency medical treatment or care to be used in an emergency or if I cannot be reached immediately.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### A Child's Garden of Thyme Family Questionnaire

These questions are asked so that your child's caregivers might have a clearer picture of your child and the home environment in order to determine how best to serve his or her needs. Your child's admission is not dependent upon the "right" answers, but to help us work together to provide the very best care possible for your child. If there are any special circumstances which you feel we should be aware of in order to better understand your child, please communicate these to us on the back of this form. All of your information will be kept strictly confidential.

Does your child nap? If so, for how long?

Is there a set nap schedule? If so, what is it?

What personality traits do you think are prominent in your child?

What kinds of activities does your child enjoy most?

Is your child a "picky" eater?

Yes

No

What foods does your child enjoy most? Least?

Are there any special nutrition needs or preferences that we should be aware of?

What activities does your family do together?

Does your child take part in any other lessons, activities, or classes on a regular basis?

(Please specify)

What cultural, religious or other traditions does your family celebrate?

(ACGT welcomes children of all races, creeds, religions, and ethnic backgrounds.)

Are there any special activities, cultural celebrations, foods or other experiences you would like to share with the other children in our program?

Does your child use a computer or play computer/video games? If so, how often?

Does your child watch T.V., DVDs or videos?

Yes

No

How often and for how long?

Which Programs?

