

Blazing Trails

Childcare

## Inclusion Policy

Our Statement of Anti-discrimination,  
Anti-bias & Cultural Sensitivity

We foster an understanding of diversity among people, expecting and modeling unconditional respect for self and others. We enjoy celebrating and exploring our community's rich cultural diversity.

All children and their families are accepted according to our policies without regard to race, color, religion or belief structure, creed, ancestry, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical challenges. We have no religious affiliation and we respect each person's right to observe the tenets of his or her personal faith.

## Our mission is to...

...provide staff and families a safe, diverse childcare environment dedicated to respectful communication, problem solving, creative learning and the freedom to play!



at  
Pathfinder K - 8  
School

**2011 – 2012 School Year**

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**[www.blazingtrails.org](http://www.blazingtrails.org)**

## About our program

Blazing Trails, located at Pathfinder K - 8 in West Seattle, is a non-profit before and after school childcare program for school-age children ages five through twelve.

Open registration for the 2011-12 school year begins April 1, 2011. Please, come in then for registration paperwork or get copies from our website. Alternatively, feel free to ask us to mail you a packet.

### We fill up quickly, so register early!

Children are organized into clans (**Raccoons** are Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade, **Geckos** are 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and **Bison** are 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade). Projects are clan based and activities including field trips can be mixed-clans, depending on the curriculum. Check with Blazing Trails' office for program details.

We are dedicated to supporting families in our community as we help each child develop good self-esteem and celebrate his or her own uniqueness. We maintain an environment that encourages intellectual, physical and social growth with respect for others and the natural environment. People relate to each other peacefully and we joyfully appreciate our rich diversity.

Staff training is a crucial component to accomplishing our goals. We support our staff, both professionally and personally, through respect for each other's personal differences and unique teaching styles. We provide opportunities for shared leadership, professional growth and development and an environment that encourages mutual support and care.

## General Information

- We are open from **6:30 to 8:40** AM before school and from **2:30 to 6:00** PM after school.
- We are open all school days (except BT training days) and only certain vacation days. See the **B.T. Yearly Schedule** for more information.
- We offer "drop-ins" when space is available.
- **Blazing Trails** accepts DSHS and City of Seattle subsidies and has limited scholarships or work-trade at the Director's discretion.
- Our goal is to inspire positive self-esteem, respect for self and others and a sense of responsibility for one's own behavior.
- Parents/Guardians are always welcome to drop by to share their experiences or to just "hang out" and play with us!
- Blazing Trails is a non-profit organization with its own governing council and is run through Pathfinder's PTSA.
- Overall, Blazing Trails maintains at least an 11 to 1 student/adult ratio.
- We have use of Pathfinder's playground, library, grassy fields, cafeteria, gym facilities, covered play-court and garden.
- We provide healthy snacks.
- Our curriculum is child-centered, culturally relevant and developmentally appropriate. Activities include, but are not limited to:
  - Movement games, sports and outdoor play, science discoveries, cooking, story reading and telling, community service, beading, sewing and other arts & crafts, table games, field trips during vacations, theme and club related projects of all kinds (i.e. student newsletters, wooden marionette puppets, team challenges, etc.) and individual study
- **"Homework Club"** is available M through Th afternoon to help 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders with their homework. You may request your child have "mandatory" attendance or "personal choice" attendance on these days. Also, we can certainly accommodate those wanting more time than just club time.

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Blazing Trails Childcare is Pathfinder K – 8's non-profit childcare program for school age children ages 5 to 12. We are open from **6:30 AM to 6:00 PM**, excluding school hours of operation. Please, ask us in the B.T. office or check our website for more information.

### Blazing Trails Tuition & Fees

We have a **\$50.00 non-refundable registration fee** per child required to hold your spot. Although we are located at Pathfinder K-8, anyone from other schools may attend. We operate on a "first come, first served" basis.

The fees below reflect the 2011-12 school years basic monthly tuition charges and are **subject to change by the BT Council**. Amounts listed are based on a **4 week month**. Months will be billed according to the number of weeks in the month. Some months may have 5 weeks and others only 3, so amounts will adjust accordingly. Please, refer to the **BT Calendar** for an exact number of billing weeks per month.

If you wish to have care for more than one time slot, add the column amounts together. For example: for 5 days before & 5 days after school per week, base tuition would be **\$460.00** for a **4 week month**. Please, see our **Family Handbook** for more information on fees.

Days per week	6:30 – 8:30 AM	2:30 – 6:00 PM
<b>5 Days</b>	\$176.00	\$284.00 *
<b>4 Days</b>	\$160.00	\$270.00 *
<b>3 Days</b>	\$128.00	\$232.00 *
<b>2 Days</b>	\$96.00	\$176.00 *
<b>1 Day</b>	\$52.00	\$92.00 *

**Extra Fees** may be added based on your schedule, changes to that schedule and additional circumstances. Some extra fees are below.

- Early Dismissal fee – add \$10 for each 2 hr/\$5 for 1 hr.
- In-service Days (school closed) – add \$28 for each
- Kid Search fee - \$5 per occurrence
- Late Payment fee - \$10 per occurrence

\* We offer a 10% discount for all **afternoon** BUS students coming from other area **elementary** schools to Blazing Trails.

### Drop-in Options

You may register your child for using drop-ins as space is available at the rates below. There is a **\$30.00** reg. fee if you wish to use only drop-ins in lieu of a regular schedule.

"All Day" Day 6:30 – 6:00	6:30 – 8:30 AM	2:30 – 6:00 PM
\$55.00	\$13.00	\$23.00