



**LITTLE SCOUTS**  
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# INFORMATION PACKET 2026-2027



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**WELCOME TO LITTLE SCOUTS. WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU HAVE FOUND US!**

Little Scouts Preschool Program is operated in conjunction with nationally renowned Lake Forest High School. In a structured yet nurturing environment, Little Scouts offers quality care and developmentally appropriate activities for children six weeks to five years old. At Little Scouts, we are dedicated to creating a nurturing, stimulating, and welcoming environment for all children. Our unique program incorporates a variety of educational theories, while always keeping the child's best interest in mind and allowing for hands-on, experiential learning. To find out more about us, keep reading or feel free to get in touch.

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**“PLAY IS OFTEN TALKED ABOUT AS IF IT WERE A RELIEF FROM SERIOUS LEARNING. BUT FOR CHILDREN PLAY IS SERIOUS LEARNING. PLAY IS REALLY THE WORK OF CHILDHOOD.” -FRED ROGERS**

This quote perfectly embodies our philosophy at Little Scouts. We feel that play is the work of children, and we support the seamless integration of literacy, science, and math concepts through theme-based learning activities.



**TINY SCOUTS  
(AGES 6 WEEKS-15 MONTHS)**

We encourage children to learn about their world in a way that is meaningful and effective for them by providing a wealth of experiences each day. Our Tiny Scouts Room is equipped with a variety of developmentally-appropriate furnishings, accessories, and toys. Our staff balances individual attention with group experiences to ensure that your baby is learning and experiencing new things while being loved and cared for in a safe environment. Our teachers provide high-quality cuddles and interactions!

**WANDERERS (15 MONTHS+)**

Toddlers are naturally curious and eager little learners. Their brains are like sponges, absorbing all the knowledge they can. That is why each day our Wanderers Room is filled with new experiences and activities to help keep those developing brains active. Our teachers are knowledgeable about the ever-changing development of toddlers and can easily adapt programs and activities to each child's age and stage. You will love our program and will be amazed at just how much your toddler will learn in our Wanderers Room!



## EXPLORERS (OLDER TOTS/YOUNG TWO'S)

With so many physical, cognitive, and social milestones to achieve in such a short period of time, our curriculum encourages children to learn through exploration and experimentation. Our teachers create a supportive, loving environment that fosters autonomy and self-confidence in these newly-independent and increasingly-social students. This classroom is structured to meet the needs of our older tots and young twos while providing the foundation to prepare our two-year-olds to enter our Pathfinders class the following school year.

## ADVENTURERS (TWO AND A HALF BY 9/1)

Oh, the adventures we will have! Two-year-olds are striving for independence and looking to explore which is why the Adventurers Room uses learning activities disguised as FUN! Our learning experiences are designed to promote the blossoming independence of two-year-olds, to help develop their social skills, and to foster self-confidence. This stage is filled with huge thinking and emotional changes that will help these little ones make sense of the world around them. Our teachers are there to support them, and you, every step of the way!

## PATHFINDERS (THREE BY 9/1)

The days in our Pathfinders Room are more structured than in the younger classrooms. Our teachers offer a wide variety of activities based on the children's developmental needs and interests all designed to help further social-emotional growth and development. Our experiences are theme-based, and the teachers provide plenty of materials for children to explore and learn while encouraging their natural curiosity. These self-directed experiences with small group activities give children the tools they need to grow and develop in a nurturing, safe surrounding.





## PRE-K TRAILBLAZERS (FOUR BY 9/1)

Our Trailblazers Pre-K room is focused on school readiness. We focus on enhancing your child's confidence and independence by providing activities to help them become problem solvers and lifelong learners. Social skills are developed and nurtured as they learn to effectively communicate with peers in all types of situations. Our teachers are experienced at making sure that all children are actively engaged, and they are always willing to pose additional challenges to further develop brain connections.

### LITTLE SCOUTS QUICK INFO:

- Hours: 6:45 AM-5:15 PM
- Fully-secured facility: each family is issued a key fob to gain access
- The Brightwheel App is our one-stop app for everything Little Scouts related! Tuition payments, Weekly Classroom Newsletters, daily updates, and direct messages are all sent through Brightwheel, which can be accessed by computer or the app
- Hot lunch and 2 snacks are provided daily for all full-day students ages 15 months and older. Children under 15 months will begin to transition to hot lunch as developmentally appropriate and with parent approval
- Half-Day hours 8:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Half-day children receive a morning snack and hot lunch



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## 2026-2027 CALENDAR

August 14, 2026: Meet the teacher/supply drop-off 3-4 PM

August 17, 2026: First Day of Little Scouts Programming

September 7, 2026: Labor Day No School

November 3, 2026: Election Day No School

November 25, 2026: Thanksgiving Break No School

November 26, 2026: Thanksgiving Day No School

November 27, 2026: Thanksgiving Break No School

December 21, 2026 - January 1, 2027: Winter Break No School

January 4, 2027: School resumes

January 18, 2027: Martin Luther King Day No School

February 15, 2027: Presidents' Day No school

March 22-26 2027: Spring Break No school

April 23, 2027: No School unless used as an emergency day\*

May 31, 2027: Memorial Day No School

June 7, 2027: Last Day of School (pending use of emergency days)

June 8, 2027: No School/Camp Little Scouts Reset for Summer

June 9, 2027: Little Scouts Summer Session Begins



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Tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year are not yet finalized but are expected to increase by 3-5%, in line with previous years. This adjustment helps us continue to offer high-quality educational experiences and maintain competitive compensation for our dedicated staff.



## 2025-2026 Tuition Rates

Employees of Lake Forest Districts 67 and 115, and Lake Bluff District 65 receive a 10% discount.

# of Days per week	Tiny Scouts (6 weeks-15 months)	Wanderers/Explorers (15+ months)	Adventurers (2.5 by 9/1)	Pathfinders (3 by 9/1)	Pre-K Trailblazers (4 by 9/1)
	Monthly Payment	Monthly Payment	Monthly Payment	Monthly Payment	Monthly Payment
2	unavailable	\$1006.14	\$963.14	\$881.44	\$881.44
3	\$1767.19	\$1509.20	\$1444.71	\$1322.17	\$1322.17
4	\$2356.25	\$2012.27	\$1926.28	\$1762.89	\$1762.89
5	\$2837.82	\$2407.85	\$2300.35	\$2096.12	\$2096.12

# of Days per week	Half Day Program 8:30AM-12:30PM
	Monthly Payment
2	\$550.36
3	\$825.55
4	\$1100.73
5	\$1268.42

For billing purposes, tuition is fixed based on the expected days of attendance. This allows the monthly payment to remain consistent throughout the school year. The amount of tuition owed will stay the same for all payments August-May. School breaks of 3 days or longer (Thanksgiving, Winter Break, and Spring Break) are not calculated in tuition charges, however, holidays such as Labor Day, MLK Day, etc. are counted when figuring attendance days.

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