



## FAQ's

### How does a Co-op Preschool work?

A co-op preschool offers caregivers an opportunity to be involved in their children's education. Your child will attend a preschool session from one to three days each week, depending on their class and age, where with the guidance and support of caregivers and a skilled instructor, they will engage in unique child-centered activities of their choosing.

On **one** of the days your child attends, you will also attend and have the opportunity to participate in the hands-on learning of the classroom as well as a Parent Education session. On that day, you will be considered a "working" member and be the representative for your "work" group which consists of 3-4 members who alternate days throughout the week. Should you be unable to attend your "work" day, you will need to find another member who can take your place for that day.

Because being a caregiver at a Coop Preschool means being a part "owner" of the preschool, members equally share the work of maintaining the preschool, fundraising, attending meetings and participating by serving on committees.

### What class should my child attend? What is the schedule and tuition?

CLASS	AGE RANGE	SCHEDULE	CLASS SIZE	Monthly Tuition
Parent & Baby	0-1 Year Old	Friday 12-1:45	12 children	\$45
Toddlers	1-2 Years Old	Thursday 12-1:45	14 children	\$60
2/3's	2-3 Years Old	Thursday and Friday 9:30-11:15	18 children	\$110
3/4's	3-4 Years Old	M, T, W 9:30-11:50	21 children	\$150
Pre-K	4-5 Years Old	M, T, W 12:30-3	21 children	\$160

## Are there other financial obligations?

Yes, as a member of BFCP there are other financial obligations, some of which are spread out throughout the school year.

CLASS	REGISTRATION*	SCC (Shoreline Community College) COURSE FEE**	FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT***
Parent & Baby	\$30	\$90	\$0
Toddlers	\$60	\$90	\$160
2/3's	\$60	\$90	\$160
3/4's	\$60	\$135	\$160
Pre-K	\$60	\$135	\$160

\*Younger sibling registration is discounted at 50%.

\*\*Last month of tuition (May) and SCC tuition due July 15th prior to start of school year.

\*\*\*Fundraising is divided into two equal payments due in December and April, but can be offset through fundraising participation. Also, the fundraising obligation for each child after the first is 50% of the regular amount.

## On my Work Day, what will I be doing?

During your work day, you will be expected to arrive on time so that Preschool can start smoothly. At **free-choice time**, you will be assigned to a **learning center** as listed in the monthly class schedule where you will encourage children to do as much as possible themselves, and actively engage in their play. At **clean up time**, you will encourage children to clean up or help when needed. All classes have a **circle time**, where you will participate and model appropriate involvement for all children so that they learn how to participate and be involved themselves. Depending on the week, you may be serving and cleaning up snack during your work day, going outside with the children or attending Parent Education.

## What else will I be expected to do?

In addition to attending your work day, participating in **fundraising** and joining a **committee** that helps to better BFCP, you will be responsible for bringing a healthy class **snack** on a rotating basis. The timeline for snack varies depending on the number of children enrolled in a class and days the class meets. A list of snack suggestions will be provided at the fall class meeting or orientation.

Also, each family or caregiver will be asked to **clean** the school a set number of times according their class. The toddler class families will be asked to clean once, the 2/3's class families will be asked to clean twice, and the 3/4's and Pre-K class will clean three times during the course of the school year.

There is also an all-school **Work Party** in the fall and the spring, and you can decide which to attend. This occurs on a Saturday morning and is a great way to meet members of different classes as well as help maintain our wonderful space.

**What if I have multiple children? How does this affect my financial and time commitments?**

BFCP welcomes families with multiple children, both at the same class level and different. If you have two children who are enrolling in different classes, the registration rate for the younger sibling is discounted 50%. In addition, the fundraising commitment is paid in full for the first child (\$160) but at 50% for the sibling. Families with multiple children need only join one committee and participate in one Work Party.

If you have two children enrolling in the same class, you will be expected to attend one work day per week, as well as receive the sibling benefits such as reduced fundraising, registration and Work Party participation. You will, however still be obligated to clean the Preschool in rotation for each child, as well as pay tuition and SCC fees for each child.

**I don't need credits, do I have to be a Shoreline Community College student?**

BFCP is both a Parent Education program and a childhood education program. Our Preschool is one of seven cooperative preschools affiliated with SCC and because of our involvement with SCC, we are able to provide a low-cost, high-quality preschool experience for your student(s). Therefore, when you become a member, you become a student and are obligated to pay tuition to Shoreline Community College.

**I have a younger child, can I bring him/her to class on my workday?**

Non-enrolled siblings over the age of twenty weeks MAY NOT attend class except during prearranged family events or in the case of an infant with special needs at the discretion of the instructor.