

BIRCH BOUNDLESS

UNLEASHING POTENTIAL THROUGH SELF-GUIDED
EDUCATION FOR HOMESCHOOLERS



JOIN US AT



FOR HOMESCHOOLED TEENS AND
TWEENS, 11 - 18 YEARS OLD



WHAT WE OFFER

WE ARE OFFERING TWO DAYS OF IN-PERSON SOCIALIZATION, COLLABORATION, AND PARTICIPATION IN CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS.

MORNINGS ARE OPEN FOR INDEPENDENT STUDYING, GROUP PROJECTS, PLAYING GAMES, AND HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ELECTIVES AND CLASSES THAT KIDS CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN.

CLASSES INCLUDE A ROTATING ROSTER OF TOPICS SUCH AS SPANISH, BUILDING & WOODWORKING, ART, ECOLOGY, HEALTH, PE, PHILOSOPHY, ART & MATH, TECH, CODING, DRAMA, DEBATE, HISTORY, ETC. PARTICIPANTS CHOOSE TWO ELECTIVES EACH AFTERNOON THEY ATTEND.

BIRCH OFFERS OUR EXPERTISE AS EDUCATORS TO ENHANCE AND ASSIST IN YOUR HOMESCHOOL JOURNEY. WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH YOU TO MEET STUDENT NEEDS. WE PROVIDE A CONSISTENT COMMUNITY OF PEERS AND ADULTS TO ENLARGE THE CIRCLE OF SUPPORT FOR ALL OF US.

A SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING CENTER, WITH SUPPORT FROM PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS IN A KIND COMMUNITY OF PEERS.

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- BOUNDLESS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THE INHERENT NATURE OF TEENS TO BE INVOLVED IN THEIR OWN LEARNING AND TO TAKE OFF BEYOND THE FAMILIAR BOUNDARIES.

- BOUNDLESS BECAUSE PARTICIPANTS ARE EMPOWERED TO ENGAGE WITH THE ACTIVITIES THEY CHOOSE AND TO CREATE THEIR OWN PATHS WITHOUT BEING RESTRICTED TO ANY SET WAY.

- BOUNDLESS BECAUSE WE ARE NOT TIED TO ONE WAY OF DOING THINGS, BECAUSE WE CAN ALWAYS TAKE A BROADER VIEW AND FORGE NEW WAYS.

THE BIRCH SCHOOL'S KIND AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY, GUIDED BY PASSIONATE AND EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS, IS A PERFECT PLACE FOR KIDS TO REACH FOR EXCELLENCE.

OUR FOUNDATIONAL PHILOSOPHY PUTS KIDS AT THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

BIRCH'S ADULT FACILITATORS, TEACHERS AND COUNSELORS ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO DIRECT THEIR OWN LEARNING PATHS.

THE BIRCH SCHOOL IS OPENING THEIR DOORS TO HOMESCHOOLERS TO JOIN THE LEARNING COMMUNITY PART-TIME.



TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

9:15AM - 3:00PM

AGES 11 - 18

TRUSTING TEENS TO TRY



Teens are capable of so much!
With the right combination of helpful
support and kind encouragement
teens can fly!

We have seen families' lives change
when kids find their path.

Serving and supporting
innovative families since 2012

HELPING YOUR FAMILY CREATE SUCCESS

EXPLORE PASSIONS,

TRY SOMETHING NEW,

HAVE FUN LEARNING

Students spend up to three days per week on-site, participating in classes, projects, trips and hanging out. Weekly meetings with an advisor are held virtually. In addition, families meet with educators several times per school year to assist with plans, recordkeeping and accountability.

OUR GOALS

Since our goals include curating a kind and stable community of learners, we request a commitment to the program. This means that family members support the learner attending, that the learner agrees to attend regularly and to participate in the program offerings. To facilitate this commitment, we are offering this program in three eleven week sessions. These twice weekly sessions are supervised and facilitated by Birch staff dedicated to this program. The personal relationships and group dynamics that develop among staff and participants is a key focus of our program and we are committed to ensuring that all participants remain safe, both physically and emotionally.

We will offer Birch Boundless program for up to 12 participants, with a goal for six participants ages 11-14 and for six participants ages 15-17.



FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

For parents and guardians who are homeschooling teens and high school students Birch offers additional support. We offer a monthly virtual support meeting for caregivers, with a topic of interest such as keeping records, transcripts and diplomas, meeting state requirements, finding opportunities and supporting kids' interests, how to identify learning challenges and differences, supporting gifted and talented kids and more. This is an opportunity for parents and guardians to share experiences and help one another on the journey.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Birch Boundless participants are welcome and encouraged to participate in all-school activities and events, such as our twice-yearly student showcase (a virtual and in-person display of student work), poetry slams, seasonal celebrations and end-of-year awards, yearbook and graduation.

OUR RESOURCES

Birch's extensive library of curriculum, textbooks, reference materials, Young Adult fiction, classic fiction, resources on educational philosophy, student goal setting, homeschool challenges, college planning, and more are available for signout on loan as part of the program.



Virtual Components

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Weekly virtual all-community meeting for Birch Boundless participants, Birch School students and all the teachers and advisors for both programs.

This 45 minute inclusive Zoom meeting involves community building activities, discussing and organizing student initiatives, group games, announcements, and short relevant lessons and discussions.

ADVISORY

Participants also get a bi-weekly one-on-one 15-minute virtual Advisory meeting.

Advisors are adult teachers, facilitators and counselors from the Birch team. Kids have the same advisor for each session.

For kids who are considering college and or career choices and opportunities Birch also offers support and guidance.



SCHEDULE

MORNING:

- 9:15 - 10:00 staggered arrival and get settled.
- 10:00 - 10:30 BB daily meeting / TBD by participants*
- 10:30 - 11:00 snack/social time with Birch
- 11:00 - 12:15 BB activity time TBD by participants*

*options include D&D, Maker Space, Tech Time, Fiber Arts, Forest Time, Game Time, Self-directed learning, Art, Music, Writing, etc.

AFTERNOON:

- 12:15-1:00 - Lunch/social time with Birch
- 1:00 - 1:25 - Independent daily reading time
- 1:25 - 1:30 - Daily group stand-up meeting
- 1:30 - 2:10 - Elective period #1
- 2:10 - 2:50 - Elective period #2
- 2:55 - 3:10 - Clean-up; staggered pick-up

11 Week Sessions

Fall 2025 Session
Sept - December 2025

Winter 2026 Session
January - March 2026

Spring 2026 Session
March - June 2026

FEES

\$1600 per Session
Priced per session
Prepaid in full upon registration

OR
Monthly Payments
(\$20 fee added to session fee for monthly payments)
Must use our Tuition management system for monthly payments.

\$300 upon registration
\$440 per month on the 10th of the month for 3 months
Fall (Sept/Oct/Nov)
Winter (Jan/Feb/March)
Spring (April/May/June)

Other Fees:
\$100 late fee for registration after deadline
\$75 fee for late monthly payments
\$2/ slice for pizza on Thursdays lunch (order each Thursday morning)
\$.50 - \$2.00 various snack items from school store
\$3.00 - \$5.00 per class optional cooking class

