

Children of the Earth:

Annual Overnight for children ages 6-10 years old and their parent, grandparent, or other adult mentor

Rolling Ridge Study Retreat

9am Saturday, May 5th to 1:30pm Sunday, May 6th

If children are to keep alive their sense of wonder, they need the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with them the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in.

~ Rachel Carson



This retreat is designed as an inter-generational experience of nature, including:

~ Campfire stories and songs

~ Nature arts and crafts

~ Discovery hikes and guided adventures

~ A Closing ceremonial time to celebrate our discoveries



Rolling Ridge Study Retreat has a six-bedroom retreat house on 1400 acres of wilderness in the foothills of the Blue Ridge between the Shenandoah River and the Appalachian Trail. Deer, turtles, birds, frogs, butterflies, and grasshoppers call these hiking trails, woodlands, streams, waterfalls, and open meadow Home.

Leaders: We share a passion for nurturing children's relationships with the land and all its' beings. Luke Bauer is a wild food forager, woods walker, certified permaculturist, and delighted dad of six-year-old Wren and three-year-old Gael. Linda DeGraf is an artist, storyteller, and educator with thirty years' experience teaching and developing curriculum in early childhood and elementary school settings. Scot DeGraf brings a lifelong love of nature and extensive experience with outdoor education, hiking, camping, mountaineering, and birding.

The retreat begins with an opening gathering and outdoor activities on Saturday morning 9:30 and concludes with lunch on Sunday. Overnight lodging will be in the Retreat House or in the campground.

Fees: \$145 for one adult and one child together in the Retreat House

\$130 for one adult and one child together in the campground

(must have your own camping equipment)

To register, please go to the website at: www.rollingridge.net

