



**Escondido
Community
Services**



**Tiny Tots Registration Packet
2021/2022 School Year**

Program Overview

Tiny Tots Program Philosophy

We believe that the preschool years are crucial to children's enjoyment of a full life in succeeding years. Your child's preschool experience should foster their emotional, social, physical, and intellectual development for lifelong learning. Our goal is to provide a well-rounded curriculum designed to meet children's developmental needs in an atmosphere of fun, respect, and understanding!

Benefits of Tiny Tots

Our goal is to help develop whole and happy children. We aim to create a classroom environment that enhances children's growth in self-confidence, responsibility, and independence. With warm, positive guidance from staff and parents, we can expect to see these results!

Our Learning Environment

Children learn through play, social interaction, exploration, and instruction. Daily activities include all of these aspects of learning, both inside and outside the classroom. Classroom activities include, but are not limited to: music, creative movement, art, science, social interaction, cultural awareness, language, math, prewriting, pre-reading, field trips, and dramatic play.

Parent Helping Days

We believe that optimal growth can occur when parents and teachers work cooperatively. Please keep in mind that parents are REQUIRED to help in the classroom at least one day per month in Little Tots and Super Tots classes.

Choosing the Right Class

Children are placed in classes that are age appropriate during the regular school year.

Wee Tots – An introduction to preschool, parents and children (18 months to 3 ½ years) will explore the classroom through various activities, craft projects, and circle time. Parent participation is required.

Little Tots – A class specifically designed for 3 and 4 year olds to learn through a variety of first time foundational experiences such as social interaction, explorative play, and basic academic concepts.

Super Tots – Designed for older 4 and 5 year olds expected to attend kindergarten the following year, the curriculum is based on the common core standards in preparation for kindergarten.

Summer Tots – Designed specifically for the summer, this camp is more relaxed with a greater focus on creative expression, outdoor exploratory experiences, and theme-based activities. A wide variety of activities will be included such as arts and crafts, games, music/dramatic play, as well as sensory and skill building activities.

Discovery Tots – In these specialty-themed classes preschoolers will discover a variety of new interests and activities that will further nurture their development through play and exploration. Planned themes include science, drama, and cooking, music and more. Check out the Summer Recreation Guide for more details.

License Exempt

The Tiny Tots Preschool Program is operated by the City of Escondido Community Services Department, Recreation Division, which is also known as Escondido Recreation. Tiny Tots is a public recreation program and not a daycare program, it is therefore exempt from licensing by the State of California.

Program Eligibility

The following outlines the specific eligibility requirements for each of the Tiny Tots Program classes.

All Classes

- ★ Must register and complete the Liability Waiver and Parent Agreement online prior to attendance
- ★ Children must be the minimum age by the first day of class
- ★ Children may not have attended kindergarten
- ★ Children must be FULLY potty trained and take care of his/her own toileting needs (no pull-ups, teachers and classroom helpers are not permitted to assist the children in the restroom – Wee Tots are exempt)
- ★ Children must exhibit acceptable personal and group interaction behaviors

Super Tots Classes

- ★ Should possess academic and social skills required for the completion of the Little Tots class
- ★ Expecting to attend Kindergarten the following year (Fall 2022)

Yearlong Program

Little Tots and Super Tots are considered a continuous yearlong program that is divided into monthly classes for the ease of payment. Therefore, participants are enrolled for the duration of the 2021/2022 school year. Eligibility for each subsequent month's class must be maintained in order to continue in the program (i.e. monthly payments). Failure to do so may result in disenrollment for the remainder of the year, loss of priority registration status, and/or any associated reinstatement fees.

Program Locations

The Tiny Tots Preschool program offers classes at the following location:

Don E. Anderson Community Building
120 Woodward Avenue
Escondido CA 92025

Available Classes

- ★ Super Tots (4-5 years) – Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 12:15p – 2:45p
- ★ Super Tots (4-5 years) – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:15p – 2:45p
- ★ Little Tots (3-4 years) – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:15a – 10:15a
- ★ Little Tots (3-4 years) – Wednesdays & Fridays, 8:15a – 10:15a
- ★ Wee Tots (18 months-3½ years) – Mondays, 9:00a – 10:30a

Summer Classes* (summer 2022)

- ★ Summer Tots (3-5 years) – Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:00a – 1:00p
- ★ Summer Tots (3-5 years) – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00a – 1:00p
- ★ Discovery Tots (3 ½ – 5 years) – Mondays, 12:00p – 2:00p

*actual programming may vary.

Field Trips

The Tiny Tots program may offer opportunities for additional field trips to various locations such as the Pumpkin Patch, Safari Park, Dixon Lake, Children’s Museum, and an elementary school for Super Tots participants. See your teacher for possible upcoming trips as an incorporated part of the curriculum.

Registration & Fee Information

Program Registration

Parents are responsible for registering their child **online** for the Tiny Tots Preschool program (Little Tots & Super Tots) at recreation.escondido.org/tiny-tots-preschool and agreeing to the terms of enrollment.

- ★ Completed Liability Waiver
- ★ Signed Parent Agreement
- ★ Registration Fees (first month)

Program Fees

The Tiny Tots Preschool Program (Little Tots and Super Tots) is considered a yearlong program that is divided into monthly payment installments. Please note the following fees per month.

- Wee Tots – \$23-\$45, 2-4 weeks/class
- Little Tots (T/TH & W/F) – \$75-\$150 per month
- Super Tots (M/W/F) – \$136-\$238 per month
- Super Tots (T/Th) – \$85-\$170 per month
- Summer Tots – \$98-\$110, 3 weeks/camp

Payment

Tuition payments will be automatically charged each month from your credit or debit card on the due date (see yearly calendar for specific dates).

Processing Fee

All customers will incur a one-time processing fee for the whole class amount on the first month’s transaction. This charge is the result of proprietary software used by Escondido Recreation as a part of our class registration system. Escondido Recreation does not set the cost of the processing fee, it cannot be waived, and is nonrefundable.

Late Payment/Reinstatement Fee

Participants that miss the established payment deadlines (see calendar for details) due to a declined payment, are subject to a \$25 Late Payment/Reinstatement Fee. This includes

participants that reenroll into the program throughout the 2021/2022 school year that defer enrollment or skip months.

Late Pick-up Fee

Participants that are not picked up from class shall be subject to late fees. Late fees are charged \$1 per minute, per participant, with the first 5-minutes waived. Habitual tardiness or individuals that remain longer than 30-minutes could result in dismissal from the program.

Parent Participation Fee

One member of each family is expected to volunteer in the classroom a minimum of once per month. Individuals that are unable to fulfill this requirement will be subject to a \$20 Parent Participation Fee for each missed occurrence.

Refund Policy

- ★ If you are unable to attend the monthly session after you have registered, you may request a refund or credit on account. If there is an opening on the waitlist, your spot may get taken. If you need to miss a month, but wish to retain your spot, then you will need to have paid for that month.
- ★ Refunds/credit on account will not be granted for individual classes missed during a monthly session.
- ★ If a class is cancelled by the Department, you will be given the choice of a transfer (based on available space), credit on account, or a refund plus any service fees.
- ★ If you choose credit on account, you will receive credit for 100% of the class fees minus any classes attended or missed. The credit will expire one year from the day your account was credited. Refund requests will be assessed a service charge of 25% of the fees paid for classes, minus any missed or attended classes.
- ★ All requests for refunds or credit on account must be made prior to the last class.