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Orthodox Academy
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ILLUMINES ALL

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Register today—we start in one week!

Dear TOA Families and Friends,

We're so excited to open registration for the first cohort of the 2026–2027 TOA Enrichment Program — three Monday mornings spent outdoors, together, getting to know the wildlife that shares our bioregion.

This first cohort, *Creatures Great and Small*, is all about **Georgia's native wildlife**, guided by our guest science expert, **Melissa Mackelprang** (bringing her academic background in biology straight into the field with the kids), and facilitated by Pres. Sophia (Director) and Grace Johnston (Assistant Director).

What we'll explore each week:

- **Week One — Birds of Prey.** An introduction to the hawks, owls, and other raptors that call Georgia home.
- **Week Two — Insects and Pollinators.** A close-up look at the small creatures doing enormous work in the world around us.
- **Week Three — Herpetology and Wildlife.** Reptiles, amphibians, and the wider web of life they belong to.



Field guides, journals, and unhurried attention — this is the heart of an Enrichment day.

Each Monday follows the same rhythm: we gather to set the tone for the day and offer a brief prayer together in the Lighthouse chapel, move into our nature studies instruction with Melissa, spend time in hands-on learning and wildlife observation on our beautiful property, settle into guided nature journaling, share a communal lunch, and close with further activities and reflection time before heading home.

At a glance:

- **Dates:** Monday, August 24 · Monday, August 31 · Monday, September 14th
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **Where:** Our TOA campus
- **Tuition:** \$180 per child

This is for the whole community. This cohort is open to any child in the community — TOA families, homeschooled, enrolled at another school, wherever they learn. No enrollment at TOA required. We'd love for your child to spend these three Mondays alongside other kids who are curious about the natural world, growing in gratitude for its beauty, an understanding of our place within it, and a sense of responsibility to care for it well.

What to bring:

- **Week One:** a small spiral-bound notebook and a pencil
- **Week Two:** a small spiral-bound notebook, a pencil, and water shoes or boots
- **Week Three:** a small spiral-bound notebook and a pencil
- A packed lunch and water bottle, every week

What to wear: Comfortable clothes for being active outdoors in this season's weather — no uniform needed. A couple of notes: shorts at a modest, mid-thigh length, and shirts free of graphic prints or snarky text.

Registration is open now, and space in this first cohort is limited. Since we begin in just one week, we'd encourage you to register as soon as you're able.

[Register for the Enrichment Program →](#)

And if you know another family who'd love this — homeschool friends, a neighbor, someone at church — feel free to forward this along. We'd love to have them join us too.

We can't wait!

Warmly,

Sophia Zaferes, *Director of Enrichment*

Grace Johnston, *Assistant Director of Enrichment*

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