Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: The Little Hive Field School

Provider No.: 52947

Address: 2807 Duff Ave, Ames, IA, 50010

County: Story

Director's Name: Jessica Vanroekel

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5633451711

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HHS Visit Date: 12/11/2025

Licensing Period: 08/15/2025 to 08/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/08/2025

Comments: Fire inspections due at least every three years: completed by Ames Fire Dept Jason Ziph

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM		
Tuesday	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM		
Wednesday	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM		
Thursday	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM		
Friday	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			27		27
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Unannounced licensing visits took place 11-13-25 and 12-11-25. Director/Owner Jessica Van Roekel was present for the visit.

The Little Hive Field School began operating in August of 2025. The programming takes place on the Camp Canwita grounds in Ames. Programming is meant to be focused on outdoor activities and includes indoor programming space as well. Curriculum is pulled from Iowa Early Learning Standards and is play-based with an emphasis on outdoor activities.

This program operates Monday through Friday, 830 AM to 1130 AM currently. Parents can chose the days/number of sessions.

We are a play-based outdoor school that emphasizes exploration and connection to the natural world. We will utilize Exploring Nature with Children. It is our goal to ensure learning is fun, interactive and engaging for all students. With a certified educator on our team, we believe in the importance of preparing young learners for Kindergarten and First Grade. Students will focus their learning around the changing seasons with weekly poems, art, themed books, nature walks, and basics such as numbers/letters/shapes/colors and more!

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The little hive field school has a website and on-line access to registration.

The owner/director is invested in the program and believes that children will be prepared for kindergarten and first grades.

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Parents can play active roles in the programming and activities.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were not aspects identified that fall below standard.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full two year license is recommended.

Date: 12/18/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.