

## Explore Your Curiosities June 23 - August 15, 2014

#### **REGISTER ONLINE**

www.Emerson-School.org/Summer

# **Summer at Emerson Mission** At Summer at Emerson, we believe each child is unique and deserves the highest quality programs we can offer to help them grow and develop. Our staff is committed to upholding the high standards of Emerson School while challenging the students to discover and enhance individual talents and creative abilities. Throughout our summer camp, we give opportunities for each person to grow, explore, discover, create, imagine, play, and have fun!

Summer at Emerson enrolls students without regard to race, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, or physical handicap.

## Summer at Emerson 2014

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Week 1: June 23-27

Week 2: June 30- July 3 (no camp on July 4th)

Week 3: July 7-11

Week 4: July 14-18

Week 5: July 21-25

Week 6: July 28-August 1

Week 7: August 4-8

**Week 8: August 11-15** 

## **Camp Hours**

Morning Camp: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Lunch Hour: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Afternoon Camp: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## **Child Care Hours**

Before Camp: 8:00am - 9:00am After Camp: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

## Summer at Emerson 2014 Information

#### **Program Overview**

Summer at Emerson is open to all students, regardless of school attended. We offer eight individual weeks of half-day camps for children who have completed grades K-8 during the 2013-2014 school year. Morning (9am-12pm) and afternoon (1-4pm) camps can be selected to enjoy a full-day of fun. Enroll in as many educational and fun camps as you like, from one half-day camp up to sixteen camps!

#### **Grade Levels**

All camps are designed for students completing grades specified in the camp description during the 2013-2014 school year. Grade levels are set by the instructors and will not be altered.

#### **Before and After Camp Child Care**

Child care is available before and after camp on a drop-in basis each day. Before camp child care runs from 8-9am for \$6/day. After camp child care runs from 4-6pm for \$6/hour. There is a strict \$4/minute per child late fee for all campers picked up after 6pm. Child care charges are billed to your account and sent via email. Note: if your child arrives before 8:50am or is picked up after 4:10pm, you will be charged for child care.

#### **Lunch Hour**

The lunch period (12-1pm) includes supervised lunch and outdoor recess time. This hour is provided free of charge if morning and afternoon camps are chosen during the same week. The lunch hour may be added for \$10/day for our half-day attendees on a drop-in basis. Your account will be billed at the end of each week for this time. Note: If your child attends half-day camp and is picked up after 12:10pm or arrives before 12:50pm, you will be charged for lunch time child care.

#### Lunch

Students must bring their own lunch and drink each day or they can choose to order a sack lunch. Sack lunches are provided by Main Dish and must be ordered at least a week in advance. Lunches are ordered only online for \$5/day. There are no vending machines at *Summer at Emerson* and no heating or refrigeration available at camp.

#### **Snacks**

Daily snacks with apple juice are provided for each morning and afternoon camp. We will happily find a replacement snack for campers with food allergies but not for finicky eaters. The snack schedule will be posted each week for all campers and parents to see. Campers are always welcome to bring snacks from home.

#### **Camp Fees**

Half-day camp fees range from \$115-\$145, as noted with each camp's description. Camp fees are not prorated for any reason. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per half-day camp (which is applied to the camp fee) plus a one-time registration fee of \$15 per camper is required at time of registration. There is a \$25 fee for all returned checks and an \$8 fee for online ACH errors.

#### **Registration & Payment**

Online registration begins on February 1, 2014. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per half day camp plus a one-time registration fee of \$15 per camper is required at time of registration. We accept payment through electronic funds transfer, VISA and MasterCard. **All balances are due June 1, 2014.** If camps are added after June 1st, payment in full is required at time of registration. All paper checks received will be processed electronically. Camp confirmation will be emailed immediately after payment is processed.

#### **Camp Withdrawals**

Remaining balances, less deposit, will be refunded for withdrawals made before June 1, 2014. Those who withdraw after this date are responsible for the full fee. Exceptions will be considered for medical circumstances with a doctor's note.

#### **Camp Cancellations**

Summer at Emerson reserves the right to cancel any camp if minimum enrollment is not met. If this is the case, you will be notified immediately via email. Deposits for cancelled camps will be applied toward your balance or refunded.

#### **Health Form**

Your child's health information is required to register for any camp at Summer at Emerson. Health information, including insurance information, will be collected online during registration. Please be sure to note if your child has any allergies, medically-necessary dietary restrictions, or needs to take medication while at camp.

#### Medication

Campers who require medication during camp hours must have a completed Medication Authorization Form on file (found in the Document Center online). Prescription medications require a physician's signature and all medications must be submitted to the Summer Office in their original containers. No camper may be in possession of any medications. Medication will remain in the Summer at Emerson office and dispensed to campers as needed. This includes emergency medication for allergic reactions, prescription medications, as well as over-the-counter medications.

#### **Additional Information**

Our goal at Summer at Emerson is for every camper to enjoy his/her experience at camp. If your child has any special considerations/accommodations which may help ease his/her transition into camp, please share this information with us during registration by contacting the Summer Program Director at summer@ emerson-school.org. This confidential information will only be shared with staff members in direct contact with your child, on an as-needed basis. We strive to get to know each camper and to make him/her comfortable with us; your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

#### **Waitlists**

Many camps fill quickly, so register early. Once a camp is full, you may choose to join the online waitlist. You do not need to pay a deposit for waitlisted camps and will be notified via email if a spot becomes available.

#### **Drop-Off and Pick-Up: Safety First!**

Each day a parent/guardian must walk each camper inside to sign in. At the end of each day, a parent/guardian must come into the building to sign out and pick up their camper(s). No camper will be permitted to leave the building without an adult. If anyone else needs to pick up your child, simply add his/her name to the list of authorized pickups online.

#### Sunscreen

Apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at camp. If a second application is needed, please provide sunscreen that is clearly marked with your child's full name. We will remind students to reapply sunscreen after lunch, before going out for recess. A sunscreen application waiver must be completed online before we can assist your child. Summer at Emerson can not supply sunscreen for any camper.

#### **Photography**

Occasionally, your child's photograph may be taken. We print a variety of photos at the end of each week and post them on a bulletin board for the campers to enjoy and take home Friday afternoon. These photos may also be used in future Summer at Emerson publications, social media promotions or advertisements. It is our policy not to publish children's names with their photos. Please contact the Summer Program Director, in writing, prior to your child attending camp if you do not want your child photographed.

#### **Off Campus Trips**

School buses provided off-campus transportation for field trips (noted in class description). Campers signed up for these field trips are required to complete the online Field Trip Authorization Form.

#### **Family Pets**

Due to campers' allergies and fears, please do not bring pets into the building when dropping off or picking up your child at Summer at Emerson.

#### **Facilities & Staff**

Emerson School is located just ten minutes southwest of downtown Ann Arbor on a beautiful, 20 acre, rural setting. The air-conditioned classrooms, technology lab, and gymnasium, as well as the outdoor sports fields, playground, and nature areas, will be fully utilized throughout the summer. All camps are designed and run by a professional staff of caring and experienced teachers, many full-time Emerson faculty. Summer at Emerson is fully licensed by the State of Michigan as a child care provider and the majority of our staff members are CPR and First Aid certified.

#### TRADITIONAL CHESS CAMP Completed Grades K-8

\*This is a full-day camp

A long-standing and popular *Summer at Emerson* tradition, this week of challenging chess play and expert instruction is open to chess players of all ability levels. We will split the campers into two groups based on ability levels and along with instruction and match play, recreation time will be spent outside. The first four days of chess instruction will be followed by a four-round tournament on Friday. *Summer at Emerson* will provide each Chess camper a membership to the Michigan Chess Association.

Instructors: John Smalec and Fred Kung Full-Day Fee: \$245 Limit: 20

#### **CRAFTY CREATIONS** Completed Grades K-2

Let's get crafty! Join us for this fun Make-It and Take-It Craft Camp where students explore cool, interesting crafts from around the world, develop new skills, and get creative juices flowing! Each day is jam-packed with FUN activities like bowl making, weaving, and nature-inspired crafts. This new camp is a big "WOW" in the world of crafts.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16

#### GAMES GALORE Completed Grades K-2

Over the years, Lenny has found lots of fun games for kids to play in gym class. This camp will deliver a sampling of many of them, but without laps to be sweated through or push-ups to be grunted and groaned over. Quidditch, Crazy Kickball, Rollerball and more – Games Galore!

Instructor: Lenny Dale Fee: \$115 Limit: 16

#### **BUILD IT UP, BREAK IT DOWN** Completed Grades 2-4

In this camp, we'll use an assortment of materials to build all sorts of creations. Discover the variety of construction skills needed for different projects and materials. From foam noodles to LEGO pieces, we'll build it all up; and of course, what could be more fun than watching it all topple down?

Instructor: Simon Burchill Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### **VIDEO GAME DESIGN WITH KODU** Completed Grades 3-5

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Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 3.

#### YOUNG DIRECTORS Completed Grades 3-6

Are you ready to produce your own stop motion movies? Bring in your LEGO blocks, toys, or action figures to star in your very own movie. By the end of the week, we'll all have some wonderful masterpieces to take home. Who will be the next Spielberg? Be sure to bring in a USB drive to take your projects home.

Instructor. John Evans Fee: \$125 Limit: 12 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 4.

#### SPA LA LA Completed Grades 3-6

This camp is for the girly girls that love to have fun and create! You will enjoy putting on mud masks, doing manicures and pedicures, styling hair, making beauty recipes, and so much more when you attend this camp. Come have the chance to relax and enjoy the full spa experience! **Instructor**: Erin Barney **Fee**: \$120 **Limit**: 12

#### **COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING** Completed Grades 6-8

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#### **WACK-OLYMPICS** Completed Grades K-2

There is no better way to start *Summer at Emerson* than Wack-Olympics camp! Games, games, and more games, and every one of them is about FUN, trying something new and unusual, and having a good time. Summer needs silliness, and this tournament of laughter gives participants the chance to be zany and loony indeed. Come and get wild under Lenny's direction!

Instructor: Lenny Dale Fee: \$120 Limit: 16 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 8.

#### **BEACH ART PARTY** Completed Grades K-2

Get ready for some wet and sandy fun as we design custom pieces of art! Design your own sun visor, move to the party music and create some incredible underwater art! Learn about the world-famous sidewalk chalk artist Julian Beevers while we create unique sidewalk designs. There will be an Obsta-COOL course, spray bottle painting, sand and shell designs, beach party day and more fun on the run!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 5.

#### **LEGO STOP MOTION** Completed Grades 2-5

Try your hand at making a stop motion movie using LEGO pieces. Together we will write the script, design the sets, and then you direct and film your own movie. Learn how to use the computer program so that you can take your skills home and build on everything you've learned long after camp ends! Bring in a USB drive to take the videos home at the end of the week; cameras, computers and LEGO pieces provided.

Instructor: Simon Burchill Fee: \$130 Limit: 10 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 8.

#### **REPTILEMANIA** Completed Grades 3-5

Corn snakes, iguanas, and crested geckos, "Oh My!" These reptiles and many more will be coming to *Summer at Emerson*. Campers will have the opportunity to learn all about them with a "hands-on" approach. We'll also create scrapbooks to relive these special moments. The animal show that we'll put on for the other campers will be unforgettable!

Instructor: John Evans Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### **ORIGAMI & KIRIGAMI** Completed Grades 3-5

We will divide our time in this camp between two very unique forms of art: origami-the art of folding paper and kirigami-the art of cutting paper. Geometric shapes, intricate designs, animals, and familiar objects can all be made with origami and kirigami. This camp will be appropriate for anyone, regardless of experience level, so come check it out!

Instructor: Larry Biederman Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

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#### **ROBOTICS WITH MINDSTORMS EV3** Completed Grades 4-8

The new LEGO Mindstorms Education EV3 robotics platform is full of newly developed activities to engage students in a number of ways such as computer science, technology, engineering, and math. Through brainstorming and creativity, students will be encouraged to problem solve through a process of selecting, building, testing, and evaluating. Hands-on activities using an array of sensors, motors, and intelligent units will encourage students to cooperate and communicate together to solve a given task.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14

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Instructor: Linda Lakshminarayanan Fee: \$230 full-day Limit: 14

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## Counselor in Training Program

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program at *Summer at Emerson* provides an opportunity for Middle School students to develop leadership skills in a comfortable atmosphere. Interested students who have completed grades 6-8 will learn what it takes to be a counselor in the summer program and enhance their leadership abilities.

Led by Linda Lakshminarayanan, CITs will work as a team, in small groups, and individually to learn about working with young children in a summer camp environment. Upon completion, CITs will be invited back to *Summer at Emerson* as a Junior Counselor to use their new skills and assist with one full-day week of camp.

The CIT program is held during the week of June 23-27, 2014 from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Attendance during this week is **mandatory**. Please note that there are a limited number of CIT spaces available and only a select number of Junior Counselor spaces available each week. Students who have participated in the CIT program in the past are still required to take the CIT training.

**Applications are due by April 30, 2014**; a response will be emailed to you by May 9, 2014. There is no application fee and if accepted to the CIT program, the \$230 tuition is due by June 1, 2014. The later week as a Junior Counselor has no charge.

CIT Application			
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Week 5 July 22-25	V	Veek 8 August 11-15	
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Applicant's Signature:		Date:	_
Parent's Signaure:		Date:	_

Please submit completed application by April 30, 2014 to: Rose Hacker, Director of *Summer at Emerson*, 5425 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

## Week 2 • June 30-July 3, no camp on July 4th Individual, Full-Day Field Trips • 9am-4pm

For the week of June 30-July 3, we are offering individual full-day field trips designed to see something new, have fun, foster new friendships, and also to be flexible to parents' schedules. These individual days are open to all campers who have completed grades K-8 during the 2013-2014 school

Each day, we'll divide the campers into small groups by grade and head out for our field trip promptly at 9am, retuning to Emerson by 4pm. The trips and activities will be led and supervised by Summer at Emerson Staff and will occur rain or shine, so send your child dressed appropriately. Lunch and snacks are included for each camper each day. If your child does not like the included lunch offering, he/she can bring a lunch, but will need to carry it throughout the day.

You can register for the days individually as needed. Each day will run from 9am-4pm, with before and after camp child care available from 8-9am and 4-6pm at \$6/hour. It is imperative that all campers arrive on time as we will be boarding a school bus first thing after taking attendance. All campers will attend the field trip each day; no one will remain at school. A non-refundable deposit of \$10 per day is due upon registration and full payment is due by June 1, 2014. There is no camp on Friday, July 4th.

Full-Day (9am-4pm) Fee: \$60

## **Great Lakes Zoological Society & Sky Zone**

Additional Child Care (8-9am & 4-6pm): \$6/hour

We will visit this new, local, indoor zoo, featuring reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates just around the corner from Emerson where we will get a hands-on presentation from the staff. After our exploration, we'll eat lunch (TBD) and head to Sky Zone in Canton bounce on the trampolines for the afternoon. There are many fun games to be played on the wall-to-wall trampolines for kids of all ages!

## Tuesday, July 1St

Tuesday, July 1St Full-Day (9am-4pm) Fee: \$75

#### Toledo Zoo

Additional Child Care (8-9am & 4-6pm): \$6/hour

We will board a charter bus and head down to the Toledo Zoo for the day. Plenty of games will keep us occupied during the hour-long bus ride there and back and we wil enjoy seeing many animals throughout the day. Lunch: turkey and cheese sandwich, applesauce, cookie and juice box.

## Wednesday, July 2nd Full-Day (9am-4pm) Fee: \$65

## **Greenfield Village**

Additional Child Care (8-9am & 4-6pm): \$6/hour

A school bus will take us to Greenfield Village where we can explore the many historic buildings, Firestone farms, check out the rides, and explore the craft shop. Lunch: cafeteria style with many different food options; campers can choose their lunch (with adult supervision).

## Thursday, July 3rd

Full-Day (9am-4pm) Fee: \$60

## **Zap Zone & Lillie Park**

Additional Child Care (8-9am & 4-6pm): \$6/hour

We will visit Zap Zone on Carpenter Road in the morning where everyone will have the opportunity to play Laser Tag, ride the bumper cars, shoot the Canon Blasters and play games in the arcade. Cheese pizza lunch with fruit and juice will be served at Zap Zone before we head to Lillie Park at Platt and Ellsworth to check out the trails and enjoy the outdoors.

#### **LEGO LAND** Completed Grades K-2

Are you ready to enter the world of LEGO? Come ready to create, invent, and build our own little world. Each day will bring new challenges and obstacles. I bet you never thought you could make a cake out of LEGOS. We'll make a rainbow of creativity that everyone will enjoy.

Instructor: John Evans Fee: \$120 Limit: 14

#### KIDS ON CANVAS Completed Grades K-2

These are no ordinary paintings! Come check out our new painting camp that features fabulous artists, acrylic painting techniques, and most importantly, buckets of fun! Campers will use acrylic paint, canvas boards, canvas paper, and stretched canvas to create paintings that explore patterns, include texture, and incorporate design while learning about amazing artists before us. We will also have some super, Picasso-style fun!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 7.

#### FORTS, TUNNELS & MAZES Completed Grades K-2

This camp is for the builders and explorers! Now is your time to create giant forts with friends that connect by tunnels. Explore your forts, tunnels, and mazes through winding pathways, trap doors, and hidden passages!

Instructor: Erin Barney Fee: \$115 Limit: 16

#### **VIDEO GAME DESIGN WITH KODU** Completed Grades 3-5

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Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 1.

#### **SPEED & AGILITY** Completed Grades 3-5

Learn and experience ways to make yourself faster, quicker, and more explosive for whatever athletic pursuit you favor. Strength, plyometrics, running form, sport-specific adaptation of exercise, core and balance training - it's all here. Come get a great workout in this summer!

Instructor: Lenny Dale Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### MAKE YOUR OWN FLANNEL PJS Completed Grades 3-5

Gotta love those flannel jammie pants! Perfect for lazin' around the house on a Saturday morning! In this camp you will make your own pair of flannel lounging pants. Learn to lay out your pattern, cut it out, and use a sewing machine to complete the job. This camp is good for guys or girls. A basic learn-to-sew camp with a fun and useful product! Instructor: Sue Beech Fee: \$120 Limit: 10

#### **ACTING UP** Completed Grades 4-8

Spend a fun week learning the basics of acting and performance. A wide variety of activities will develop our minds, bodies, and voices—all the tools of the actor. Absolutely no skills needed to join our enthusiastic group of thespians. There will be dynamic dialogue, creative communication, improvisation, movement, and much more to engage your creative performances.

Instructor: Todd Sheets Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### **WILDERNESS TRAINING** Completed Grades 4-8

What would you do if you ever got caught in the wild? We'll study and practice all the skills you need to survive: how to start a fire - even without matches - then cook and prepare food over it. We'll also build a shelter, and share some fun survival tips and tricks. All of these techniques can be learned safely at camp. We will be making bacon and french toast, orange cupcakes, and banana boats. A detailed ingredients list is available upon request.

Instructor: Simon Burchill Fee: \$120 Limit: 10

#### ABRAKADABRA MAGICAL ART Completed Grades K-2

Do you believe in magic? Get swept up in hocus-pocus fun and arty creative activities! Learn a new magic trick each day! Mix up a new, interesting color for a bubbling magic potion. Create a rabbit; then make him disappear. Use special paper and PRESTO your artwork magically appears. Put on your magic hat and join the FUN! This concoction of art and magic includes ten art and creativity projects along with a caldron of magical activities and games.

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Instructor: Lenny Dale Fee: \$115 Limit: 16

#### **LEGO PHYSICS & BEYOND** Completed Grades K-2

Back by popular demand, campers will build a variety of models with a Science and Technology LEGO set. Working as a team, campers each assemble part of a model and then join their parts to complete the building project. The models demonstrate various physical science and technology concepts, including forces and motion, simple machines, measurement, energy, magnetism and more. Campers will also experiment with their own designs during extension activities

**Instructor.** Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 7.

#### SPY SCHOOL Completed Grades 2-4

If you've ever dreamed of being a spy, this camp is for you. We've brought back the camp that will teach you the secret skills needed to be a great spy. Learn to blend into your environment, send secret messages, outwit the enemy, and save the day!

Instructor: Simon Burchill Fee: \$120 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 6.

#### **BUG CATCHERS** Completed Grades 3-6

Put away the bug spray for this camp. We'll be searching and catching all sorts of insects and bugs. If we're lucky, we might raise some larva and witness a true metamorphosis. Which is more ferocious a Tiger Swallowtail or a Redspotted Purple? Bring your net and find out.

Instructor: John Evans Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### **EXCITING ELECTRICITY** Completed Grades 3-6

This camp is all about electricity and magnetism. We will be using batteries, wires, motors, lights, buzzers and more to explore the differences between series and parallel circuits, test conductivity of solids and liquids, create switches, and make electromagnets. We'll test materials for their magnetic properties and will explore unusual materials that are magnetic. We'll also see what we can do with iron filings. This camp will really light up your life!

Instructor: Larry Biederman Fee: \$115 Limit: 16

#### **AMIGURUMI** Completed Grades 4-8

Join Sue on a week-long journey to bring your amigurumi creatures to life. Amigurumi is the Japanese art of crocheting small stuffed animals or creatures. This is a great class for learning how to crochet, plus you get to craft your very own cute creature! Penguins, pigs and pandas are just some of the cute animals you can make.

Instructor: Sue Beech Fee: \$120 Limit: 10

#### **JUNKYARD WARS** Completed Grades 4-8

This new camp is for builders, future engineers, and hands-on problem solvers. Each day, campers will be challenged to build contraptions out of a myriad of spare parts and various materials in order to accomplish a given set of tasks. At the end of each day, we will test the efficacy of his or her contraption individually and/or against others in a friendly competition. Come check it out!

Instructor: Mike Wilson Fee: \$135 Limit: 14

#### **DID YOU SAY CLAY?** Completed Grades K-2

Hooray for clay! Roll, pinch, pat, press, paint, and sculpt your way through this fun camp! Campers will learn about the cultures of Italy, China, Turkey, and Africa's Zulu tribe by making beads, chops, tiles, and masks. Sculptors Jean Dubuffet and Lucien den Arend will inspire us to sculpt with colorful shapes and designs, and the fun continues with leapin' lizards, monsters, and more!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 5.

#### **OBSTACLE COURSES** Completed Grades K-2

Swing like a monkey, run like a cheetah, and dodge like a zebra; this camp will test your inner animal skills. We will crawl, run, jump, dodge, and twist our way through tons of amazingly cool obstacle courses, inside and out! Instructor: Summer at Emerson Staff Fee: \$115 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 6.

#### FAIRY TALE THEATER CAMP Completed Grades K-2

Come make new friends, laugh, read, be creative, and put on your very own stage production! Campers will read scripts from popular children's stories and work as teams to prepare them for performances. We will participate in various games and challenges to put their improvisation and creative skills to the test.

Instructor: Todd Sheets Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP Completed Grades 1-4

This camp is all about basketball skills-and-drills and fun-and-games. Whether you're just learning the sport or wanting to improve your game, this camp is a fun way to explore basketball fundamentals. We'll cover shooting, dribbling, ballhandling, and basic concepts of offense and defense. Come join us for a week of fun and basketball! All skill levels are

Instructor: Kim Smith Fee: \$115 Limit: 15

#### **NUTS FOR NOODLES** Completed Grades 2-5

You've probably played with floating noodles in the pool, but this camp will teach you some of the hundreds of games that you can play with noodles without even getting wet! If you love to swing, dive, build, point, throw, and jump, this camp is perfect for you! Come learn a bunch of new ways to use these fun toys.

Instructor: Śimon Burchill Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### LEGO MINDSTORMS MAYAN ADVENTURE CHALLENGE Completed Grades 3-5

You are an archaeologist who is excavating the newly discovered tomb of Mayan King Ixtua. The tomb is over 700 hundred years old and well protected. Even though you have the Mayan manuscript that gives a description of the inside of the tomb and possible traps, how are you going to defuse the traps set for spider monkeys and gain access? Fortunately, you brought you NXT Mindstorm with you to Guatemala! Your Mission: get the robot down the tunnel, rest on the pressure panel, and return to the tunnel entrance.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14

#### **SEW BY HAND** Completed Grades 3-6

A needle, some thread, a little fabric, and lots of imagination can make magic. Campers will learn some of the basics of hand stitching such as making a neat, even seam, sewing on buttons, and selecting the proper fabrics. From there, we are limited only by our own imaginations. The result may be toys or handbags, clothing or useful household items. We will share ideas, take time to talk, and learn useful life-long skills in a relaxed and supportive group. Instructor: Linda Lakshminarayanan Fee: \$115 Limit: 10

#### **YOUNG DIRECTORS** Completed Grades 3-6

Are you ready to produce your own stop motion movies? Bring in your LEGO blocks, toys, or action figures to star in your very own movie. By the end of the week, we'll all have some wonderful masterpieces to take home. Who will be the next Spielberg? Be sure to bring in a USB drive to take your projects home.

Instructor: John Evans Fee: \$125 Limit: 12 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 1.

#### **DANGEROUS CAMP FOR BOYS** Completed Grades 4-8

Gentlemen, this camp is just for you! We'll skip rocks, play marbles, learn how to play blackjack, send coded messages, change a car tire, and more. Best of all, we'll challenge the Daring Girls to a fire building competition which will be followed by yummy s'mores and baked apples. All ideas are inspired by the book, "The Dangerous Book For Boys." Ingredient list: apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, raisins, butter, milk chocolate, marshmallows, graham crackers. Instructor: Larry Biederman Fee: \$120 Limit: 14

**DARING CAMP FOR GIRLS** Completed Grades 4-8 Calling all girls that are ready to learn some unusual, rough and tumble, cool things! Have you ever wanted to learn how to change a tire on a car? How about doing first aid and tying knots? How do you use a hammer, drill, pliers, and other common tools? Learn about these things and then challenge the Dangerous Boys to a fire building competition, complete with s'mores and baked apples. All ideas are inspired by the book, "The Daring Book For Girls." Ingredient list: apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, raisins, butter, milk chocolate, marshmallows, graham crackers.

Instructor: Sue Beech Fee: \$120 Limit: 14

#### YUMMY ART Completed Grades K-2

This very popular camp returns with all NEW lessons and activities! Get your chef hat on and use items from the kitchen to create art and learn about artists such as Gauguin and Kahlo who are inspired by fruit. We will create prints, collages and sculptures with rice, pasta and other yummy foods, even chocolate! We'll even make edible treats. (No peanut products will be used).

**Instructor:** Abrakadoodle **Fee:** \$145 **Limit:** 16 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 8.

#### **CRAFTY GAMES** Completed Grades K-2

In this new camp, we are combining two of our favorite things to do into one fun camp: craft and play games! As we learn how to do some new, interesting crafting skills, we will also be making games. We can then learn how to play our new games with friends. Have you ever played bottle cap checkers? What games can you make using popsicle sticks? Come find out with us this summer.

Instructor: Sue Beech Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### **SUPER HERO CAMP** Completed Grades K-2

Put on your cape, mask, and utility belt; we have crime fighting to do! *Summer at Emerson* has a bad guy or two that need to be brought to justice. Feel free to dress-up each day to make sure we can outsmart and capture "Emerson's Evil Eluder." **Instructor:** John Evans **Fee:** \$115 **Limit:** 16

#### **COUNT ME IN MATH CAMP FOR GIRLS** Completed Grades K-2

Let your daughter join us to enhance her math skills through engaging and purposeful games and activities designed specifically for girls. She will play, dance, create and compete. Campers will think it's all fun and games, but adults will know better. Count Me In Match uses an approach that's out of the box and away from the desk that lets girls collaborate to solve challenging problems and strengthen their math skills. Check out our newest camp this summer! Instructor: Jess Leonard Fee: \$115 Limit: 12 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 5.

#### "HANDS ON" DRAMA DAYS Completed Grades 3-5

Dramatic play allows for energetic, collaborative interaction. This camp uses a variety of drama games and activities to create this group dynamic. Our young actors will explore the three tools of the actor, create costumes and props, and learn about the use of stage makeup. They will also perform memorable mini-performances to showcase their new skills to other campers. Whether shy and reserved or already confident in front of a group, these days guarantee fun for all.

Instructor: Todd Sheets Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### **LEGO ROBOTIC ADVENTURES** Completed Grades 3-5

Come build a LEGO MINDSTORMS robot that walks on its own or a rover that uses an ultrasonic sensor to navigate around obstacles! Challenge a friend to a robotic sumo match and push the other robot out of the ring! If you're feeling adventurous, take on 'The Pit O' Despair'! Campers will learn about engineering and robotics by using the LEGO MINDSTORMS NXT system in this amazingly fun camp.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 5.

#### **GAME SHOW GALORE** Completed Grades 3-6

You can be on your very own game show this week! This camp will use your brains when you are a contestant, your creativity when you are a designer, and your goofy acting skills when you are the host. Although you won't win a car or a trip to Paris, we'll still have fun answering trivia questions, guessing hidden puzzles, and competing in funny physical competitions. Come on down to Game Show Galore!

Instructor: Larry Biederman Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### **CARTOONING** Completed Grades 4-8

If you love to draw and enjoying cartooning, manga, or anime, then this is the camp for you. We will learn about various cartoon techniques including how to story board, drawing tricks, and creating your own cartoon characters, super heroes and more! Materials will be provided.

Instructor: Mike Wilson Fee: \$120 Limit: 12

#### **GROUP INITIATIVE** Completed Grades 4-8

Build, fix, jump, stretch, and climb though an assortment of challenges and non-competitive games. Bring your unique talents to the group and work as a team to face the different obstacles that are put in your way. You will be amazed at the results when the group works together to overcome these challenges!

Instructor: Simon Burchill Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP** Completed Grades 5-8

This camp is all about basketball skills-and-drills and fun-and-games. Whether you're new to the sport, or trying to improve your game for next year's team tryouts, this camp will teach you plenty. We'll improve on fundamentals such as shooting, dribbling and ball-handling, while also exploring team offenses and defenses. Come join us for fun and take your game to the next level! All skill levels are welcome.

Instructor: Kim Smith Fee: \$115 Limit: 15

#### **BEACH ART PARTY** Completed Grades K-2

Get ready for some wet and sandy fun as we design custom pieces of art! Design your own sun visor, move to the party music and create some incredible underwater art! Learn about the world-famous sidewalk chalk artist Julian Beevers while we create unique sidewalk designs. There will be an Obsta-COOL course, spray bottle painting, sand and shell designs, beach party day and more fun on the run!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 1.

#### **FUNKY JUNK** Completed Grades K-2

Hey, don't throw that away, we can make something out of it! Funky Junk is back to teach how to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. We'll clean out the recycle bins and make some tremendous creations while learning to care for our planet. Instructor: John Evans Fee: \$115 Limit: 16

#### **WEDO ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING** Completed Grades K-2

This course introduces young students to robotics where they will program LEGO models to move and interact. Using language and literacy skills, campers follow the LEGO software program that guides them through a set of building instructions. After the robot is constructed and connected to the computer, campers are shown how to write simple programs. Campers then watch as the motors and sensors on their model animate their very own creations. We then challenge campers to extend their programs and models using their own ideas and other programming techniques taught in camp.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 6 and morning of week 7.

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#### **CLAMATION ANIMATION** Completed Grades 3-5

You can create your own worlds with a box, clay, construction paper and markers! Build your own mini-set to be filmed using the stop-motion style of filmmaking. We will make the most inanimate objects come to life. By the end of the week, we'll all have some wonderful masterpieces to take home. Who will be the next Cameron or Tarantino? Instructor: Todd Sheets Fee: \$125 Limit: 12

#### SPA EXTRAVAGANZA Completed Grades 3-8

Who doesn't enjoy a day at the spa? Enjoy an entire week of pampering, fun and friendship in Spa Extravaganza. You will paint a friend's fingérnails, try out funny hairstyles using pipe-cleaners (think Pippi Longstocking), craft a beautiful pair of earrings to complement your new style, and even make a sweet-smelling body scrub using essential oils. Not only will you be looking and smelling divine, darlings, but you will also learn how to treat your insides with the same loving care. We will share great recipes that are easy to prepare for family and friends long after camp ends. Instructor: Leslie Capozzoli Fee: \$120 Limit: 12

#### **RUBE GOLDBERG INVENTORS** Completed Grades 3-8

\*This is a full-day camp Rube Goldberg's inventions accomplished simple jobs through multiple bizarre steps. Inventors in this camp will work in small teams to design and create their own Rube Goldberg-style invention to sharpen their skills in physics, creativity and humor. We'll use familiar objects such as ramps, rope, tubes, weights, balls, and funnels and most importantly, lots of duct tape. With so much fun in past years, we've taken over the gym to have plenty of space for the inventions and have two fantastic instructors to bring expertise and guidance to the inventors. Instructors: Larry Biederman & Mike Wilson Full-Day Fee: \$230 Limit: 30

#### **ULTIMATE FRISBEE** Completed Grades 4-8

A combination of soccer and football; you must run the field like in soccer, but in order to score you must catch the frisbee in the end zone. This is a non-contact sport that encourages passing, teamwork, and running to open spaces. Learn the ins and outs of the game, including all the rules and how to throw a frisbee in different ways. Instructor: Alex Heidtke Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### MONTH OF THE MAD MOON Completed Grades 4-8

A crazy priest of the Sun, civil war in the Baronies, and a drought on the Northern plains. What more could go wrong? More importantly, what can you and your band of adventurers do to halt complete chaos? Join Will Purves for a week of Bronze Age Role-playing set in the fantasy world he has been creating and playing in for over 30 years. No experience necessary! Instructor: Will Purves Fee: \$115 Limit: 10

#### **DID YOU SAY CLAY?** Completed Grades K-2

Hooray for clay! Roll, pinch, pat, press, paint, and sculpt your way through this fun camp! Campers will learn about the cultures of Italy, China, Turkey, and Africa's Zulu tribe by making beads, chops, tiles, and masks. Sculptors Jean Dubuffet and Lucien den Arend will inspire us to sculpt with colorful shapes and designs, and the fun continues with leapin' lizards, monsters, and more!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 4.

#### YOGA WELLNESS CAMP Completed Grades K-2

Come see how fun it can be to learn how to live a healthy lifestyle! In this camp, children will focus on creative ways to maintain a healthy body, mind, and spirit with yoga, lessons on nutrition and the body, relaxation techniques, light meditation and more! Through imagination play, art, games and the exploration of nature, campers will learn techniques for awareness and acceptance of themselves and others.

Instructor: Meredith Newman Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### JEDI TRAINING CAMP Completed Grades K-2

Do you have a fascination with all things Star Wars? Do you play with lightsabers, dress up as your favorite character, and watch the movies over and over again? If so, Emerson is proud to bring back the very popular Jedi Training Camp for its fourth summer! Imaginations will soar during a week of action packed adventure, fun and even a little education! Instructor. John Evans Fee: \$115 Limit: 16

#### WET 'N WILD GAMES Completed Grades K-2

Join your friends for indoor and outdoor games, including sack races, limbo, water balloons, and more! Have fun with your friends while playing capture the flag and see who can balance an egg on a spoon the longest. Be sure to bring a bathing suit and towel each day!

Instructor: Jess Leonard Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### **LEGO ROBOTIC ADVENTURES** Completed Grades 3-5

Come build a LEGO MINDSTORMS robot that walks on its own or a rover that uses an ultrasonic sensor to navigate around obstacles! Challenge a friend to a robotic sumo match and push the other robot out of the ring! If you're feeling adventurous, take on 'The Pit O' Despair'! Campers will learn about engineering and robotics by using the LEGO MINDSTORMS NXT system in this amazingly fun camp.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the afternnon of week 4.

#### **MEDIEVAL TIMES** Completed Grades 3-5

Come design a coat of arms, create armor and shields, and build a castle. We will dress as knights, kings, queens and jesters throughout the week. In order to protect the kingdom you must meet the great wizard, Merlin, and work together to defeat the dragon!

Instructor: Alex Heidtke Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### FIDDLE FRENZY Completed Grades 3-6

Yeehaw! Get your fiddle, viola, cello, bass, guitar or piano and join us for some foot-stomping fun! Play old favorites like *Bile 'em Cabbage Down* and *Old Joe Clark*, but learn some new tunes, too, found in the *Mark O'Connor Fiddle Method* book. Play a reel and a jig, and learn a few of the dance steps, too. Students should have at least one full year of playing experience. **Instructor**: Leslie Capozzoli **Fee:** \$115 **Limit**: 10

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Instructors: Larry Biederman & Mike Wilson Full-Day Fee: \$230 Limit: 30

#### **TOPSY TURVY CAKE** Completed Grades 4-8

Topsy-turvy cakes are very popular and really fun to make. Highly impressive to look at and a blast to decorate, these cakes really let you go to town with clever ideas on decorating. In this camp, we'll learn all about making these awesome cakes and by the end of the week, you'll have designed, baked, constructed and decorated your very own mini 3-tier topsy-turvy cake to take home! This camp will include the following food items: flour, sugar, salt, eggs, chocolate, milk and cheese.

Instructor: Carol Kelly Fee: \$130 Limit: 12

#### **ADVENTURE! MYSTERY! SUSPENSE!** Completed Grades 4-8

If you want to create worlds where extraordinary things happen, this is the place to be. From maps to plots, and characters to creatures, you will work on creating fictional worlds for role-playing or for your own stories. This is always a week of laughs, writing, great friends, writing, and creativity!

Instructor: Will Purves Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### KA-POW SUPER HERO ART CAMP Completed Grades K-2

Come create super-sized drawings and masks! Imagine superheroes and your own superpowers! Make a paint super-mess and produce spectacular sculptures and paintings! Blast off with super space art and more! We will create nonstop super FUN in this super-duper art camp!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16

#### **LEGO COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN** Completed Grades K-2

Everyone has used LEGO bricks to create and invent everything from cars to castles but what if you could actually see your designs before you built them? With the special design software, students will become their own LEGO building architect. Join us to invent, design and create!

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 8.

#### **PUPPY LOVE** Completed Grades K-2

Do you love dogs? Using stuffed animals, we will learn how to care for and have fun with our canine friends. We will make a dog bed, a bandana, homemade dog biscuits and a new fancy collar for your new puppy, as well as a name tag and leash! Come join us as we listen to your favorite dog stories and learn about the care and needs that our little friends require. Note: no real dogs will be part of this camp; just the stuffed variety.

Instructor: Summer at Emerson Staff Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### **OBSTACLE COURSES** Completed Grades K-2

Swing like a monkey, run like a cheetah, and dodge like a zebra; this camp will test your inner animal skills. We will crawl, run, jump, dodge, and twist our way through tons of amazingly cool obstacle courses, inside and out! Instructor: Katie Knoedler Fee: \$115 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 4.

#### SPY SCHOOL Completed Grades 2-4

If you've ever dreamed of being a spy, this camp is for you. We've brought back the camp that will teach you the secret skills needed to be a great spy. Learn to blend into your environment, send secret messages, outwit the enemy, and save the day!

Instructor. Simon Burchill Fee: \$120 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 3.

#### **CULINARY CREATIONS** Completed Grades 2-5

Join us for a hands-on culinary journey to learn how to make lots of different kinds of yummy foods that will satisfy those after school hungries and late night cravings. Burritos, lasagna, popcorn, and pancakes - what can you make all by yourself? Kitchen safety and how to measure will be emphasized as we make delicious snacks! Campers will be allowed to eat the food they prepare; recipes will include peanut butter, sun butter, nuts, eggs, and cheese along with other ingredients.

Instructor: Sue Beech Fee: \$130 Limit: 14

#### **RADIO DRAMA** Completed Grades 3-5

Radio shows are the audio movies that play on the biggest screen of all . . . your imagination! Campers will learn about the history of radio theatre, how sound effects are created, and the basics of radio performance. Everyone will both act and make sound effects throughout the week. We will create our own stories for practice before performing some professional scripts.

Instructor: Todd Sheets Fee: \$120 Limit: 12

#### MAKE A MUPPET Completed Grades 4-8

With a little fabric, a bit of sewing, and lots of glue and accessories, campers will create a hand puppet that looks like it just walked off of Sesame Street. When the puppets are completed we will have time to create a story for our characters, give them all a chance to perform together, and really let their personalities shine.

Instructor: Linda Lakshminarayanan Fee: \$120 Limit: 10

#### BASKETBALL CAMP Completed Grades 4-8

This camp is geared for those who already know the fundamentals of basketball and want to step it up. We will improve upon basic skills through fun team games. Each day will end in a scrimmage, but don't be fooled; this camp will be hard work!

Instructor: Summer at Emerson Staff Fee: \$115 Limit: 15

#### **COOKING KIDS** Completed Grades K-1

Did you know you can make lots of things to eat all by yourself? Campers will have the opportunity to make tasty snacks and even cook a family meal. Focus will be on basic recipes that kids can make easily, on their own! Enjoy lots of fun in the kitchen while learning basic safety skills and how to measure. Campers will be allowed to eat the food they prepare; recipes will include peanut butter, sun butter, nuts, eggs, and cheese along with other ingredients.

Instructor: Sue Beech Fee: \$130 Limit: 14

#### ANIMAL SAFARI ART Completed Grades K-2

Lions and tigers and snakes, oh my! Create jungle cats, monkeys, elephants and more when you go on this adventure. We'll make safari art with paints, modeling materials and wild animal print papers. During camp we'll even create pictures of your awesome adventure so you don't forget about the fun games and the animal stories that you learned through your exploration.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16

#### JUNKYARD GAMES Completed Grades K-2

If you enjoy being active and playing games, this is the camp for you. Junkyard Games takes sports to an entirely new level. Have you ever thought of using rolled up socks as a baseball? Or a trashcan as a basketball hoop? How about a broom as a hockey stick? We will explore these ideas and many more as we reuse and recycle household items to create and play our own junkyard games. Be ready for lots of fun and creativity!

Instructor: Jess Leonard Fee: \$115 Limit: 16

#### WEDO ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING Completed Grades K-2

This course introduces young students to robotics where they will program LEGO models to move and interact. Using language and literacy skills, campers follow the LEGO software program that guides them through a set of building instructions. After the robot is constructed and connected to the computer, campers are shown how to write simple programs. Campers then watch as the motors and sensors on their model animate their very own creations. We then challenge campers to extend their programs and models using their own ideas and other programming techniques taught in camp.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the morning of weeks 5 and 7.

#### **SUMMER SHOW STOPPERS** Completed Grades 3-5

Do you love to perform? Do you have to sing and dance along when your favorite song is on? Then get ready to take a closer look at the world of musical theater! We will spend the week learning the music and choreography to a piece from a popular musical. No previous experience required for your Broadway debut!

Instructor: Beth Muszkiewicz Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### SIMON'S SPECIALS Completed Grades 3-5

Get the highlights of all the camps that Simon has done over the years. Spend a day as if we were in England, enroll in Spy School, face "Survivor" challenges, build a fort, play with noodles and see what many other tricks Simon has up his sleeve! **Instructor**: Simon Burchill **Fee:** \$115 **Limit:** 14

#### **BASKETBALL SKILLS** Completed Grades 3-5

In this camp we will learn and develop the fundamentals of basketball through fun and innovative games. Campers will learn that it is okay to have fun while learning how to play the game of basketball. All skill levels are welcome.

Instructor: Summer at Emerson Staff Fee: \$115 Limit: 15

#### INTRO TO CHILDRENS CLASSICS Completed Grades 4-8

There are many books which are considered to be 'classics'. We will look at a broad range of stories, such as Huckleberry Finn, The Wizard of Oz, Great Expectations, Sense and Sensibility, and Call of the Wild. We will look at the overall plot, main characters, writing styles, and discuss the themes and ideas that are reflected in these stories. In just one week, you will become knowledgeable and well-read enough to impress your parents and teachers.

Instructor: Carol Kelly Fee: \$115 Limit: 10

#### **INVENTOR'S WORKSHOP** Completed Grades 4-8

This brand new camp is for young adults who are interested in designing and building an invention, which according to the U.S. Patent Office is "a new, useful process, machine, improvement, etc., that did not exist previously and that is recognized as the product of some unique intuition or genius, as distinguished from ordinary mechanical skill or craftsmanship." Campers will be given access to the necessary materials, supplies, and tools required to take an idea to the prototype stage. Materials, supplies, ideas and guidance will be provided.

Instructor: Mike Wilson Fee: \$135 Limit: 12

#### LEARN TO PLAY CHESS Completed Grades K-4

Do you want to learn how to play chess? This camp is designed for the begining chess player. Learn about the individual pieces and how they move, play games with campers of similar knowledge of the game, and advance into more complex combinations. Along with instruction and match play, recreation time will be spent outside.

Instructor: John Smalec and Fred Kung Fee: \$115 Limit: 16

#### FANTASY FAIRY TALE ART CAMP Completed Grades K-2

Take a creative journey deep into the world of fairy tales! Campers will live happily ever after in this creative storybook of experiences, inspired by fairytales. We'll use a wide variety of art materials to re-create Rapunzel's tower, build homes for our three little pigs, create a wolf disguise to hide behind as we meet Little Red Riding Hood and much more! Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16

#### **WEDO ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING** Completed Grades K-2

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**Instructor:** Brain Monkeys **Fee:** \$145 **Limit:** 14 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 5 and afternoon of week 6.

#### **ARCHAELOGICAL ADVENTURES** Completed Grades K-2

Put on your hat and get ready for an adventure! Follow maps, learn about ancient cultures, battle mummies, dig up fossils, and go on a quest to discover lost artifacts.

Instructor: Alex Heidtke Fee: \$115 Limit: 16

#### **POKÉMON ADVENTURE CAMP** Completed Grades 2-5

Do you like Pokémon? Then this camp is made just for you! Join us as we become the very best Pokémon trainers, scientists, artists and so much more! We'll explore a new Pokéworld having fun with our favorite Pokémon, and invent brand new ones. We'll create our own Poké-gear to help us in our adventures, view and share our cards, and work together to defeat Team Rocket, along with lots more Pokémon fun! Capture all the excitement here this summer at Pokémon Adventure Camp!

Instructor: Kyle Zill Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### **READERS' THEATER SCRIPTS & PLAYS** Completed Grades 3-5

Are you ready to read, act, and create a set? Campers will be split into small groups to practice a Reader's Theatre script. We will work on our lines, delivery and constumes, and build sets the first four days and run performances for other campers on Friday. Performances will be videotaped and a copy will be provided.

Instructor: Todd Sheets Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### **GEOCACHING** Completed Grades 3-8

Want to learn about geocaching? Geocachers register and hide small containers called geocaches for other people to find. There are now over 2 million caches currently hidden in various public areas such as parks and downtown areas. We will learn how to use a GPS, how to find caches and how to place them. We'll do most of our caching using temporary caches at Emerson, but on Thursday, we'll venture to a nearby park (via school bus) to find some real geocaches. We will have GPS units for everyone to use, but you may bring your own GPS or other device if prefer. Instructor: Larry Biederman Fee: \$120 Limit: 14

#### **RUN FOR FUN** Completed Grades 4-8

All of us are 'born to run.' This camp will encourage the idea that running is play, not drudgery. Whether it is through the pure fun of games, the exhilaration of a challenge, or the discovery of how you can run 'easier' yet go faster, 'Run for Fun' aims to help you be the joyful runner you are meant to be. On Thursday, we'll tag along with the Geocachers to a nearby park (via school bus) to experience running outside on trails.

Instructor: Lenny Dale Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### **QUILTING** Completed Grades 4-8

\*This is a full-day camp

Keep your eyes peeled for a fabric pattern you like, possibly one that matches your bedroom! Bring in your own fabric for the top of your quilt and we'll learn how to rotary cut it and then sew it into quilt squares using a sewing machine. Then, you can add the padding, and finally put the whole thing together into a finished quilt. Each camper will make their very own quilt to keep for ages. Details about the quantity of fabric to bring in will be provided in June. *Summer at Emerson* will provide the backing, padding, and all other supplies to finish the quilt during this week-long, full-day camp. **Instructor:** Sue Beech **Full-Day Fee:** \$230 **Limit:** 8

#### CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST Completed Grades K-2

Do you love Christmas? Do you wish it came more than once a year? At Summer at Emerson, we can make those dreams come true! Come and celebrate Christmas in August! Enjoy making Christmas crafts; we will make ornaments to decorate our tree, assemble a candy wreath, a ginger bread house, and more. Snowmen will be sculpted and painted to last all year. Best of all, Christmas carols will be sung while we work all week!

Instructor: Summer at Emerson Staff Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### KIDS ON CANVAS Completed Grades K-2

These are no ordinary paintings! Come check out this fun painting camp that features fabulous artists, acrylic painting techniques, and most importantly, buckets of fun! Campers will use acrylic paint, canvas boards, canvas paper, and stretched canvas to create paintings that explore patterns, include texture, and incorporate design while learning about amazing artists before us. We will also have some super, Picasso-style fun!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 3.

#### **LEGO PHYSICS & BEYOND** Completed Grades K-2

Back by popular demand, campers will build a variety of models with a Science and Technology LEGO set. Working as a team, campers each assemble part of a model and then join their parts to complete the building project. The models demonstrate various physical science and technology concepts, including forces and motion, simple machines, measurement, energy, magnetism and more. Campers will also experiment with their own designs during extension activities.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 3.

#### **TOPPLING DOMINOES** Completed Grades 3-5

Do you enjoy setting up and toppling dominoes? We'll explore many creative variations in toppling dominoes such as moving up and down levels and creating dazzling pyramids, spirals, and more. We also have several hundred DVD cases to stretch great distances down the hallways and throughout the gym. You'll really fall for this camp!

Instructor: Larry Biederman Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### MAKING MUSIC Completed Grades 3-5

Music is such an important part of our lives. Imagine a birthday without the famous song we love to hear, or a ballgame without an anthem. Explore many types of music in this camp, from a drum ensemble to a jazz combo to a string quartet. Practice playing simple songs on the piano and bells. Sing to your heart's content! Learn to count basic rhythm patterns and to read treble and bass clef notes. Let's get together this summer and make some music! Instructor. Leslie Capozzoli Fee: \$120 Limit: 12

#### **BAKING EXTRAVAGANZA** Completed Grades 3-8

Join in for a week of baking delicious muffins, breads, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, and more! Learn the basics of baking: which ingredients are important for which reason, why you should add eggs in separately, and the art of combining wet and dry ingredients. It'll be fun to discover the behind-the-scenes of baking! This camp will include the following food items: flour, sugar, salt, eggs, chocolate, milk and cheese. Campers will have the option to consume their creations as well as take some home.

Instructor: Carol Kelly Fee: \$130 Limit: 12

#### **STRENGTH TRAINING** Completed Grades 4-8

For virtually anything you want to get in shape for, strength training can provide a very effective and efficient means to your goal. This camp will provide instruction and practice in free weight and body weight exercise, with the guiding principle of 'train, don't strain', so that campers come away with the knowledge to safely and scientifically gain strength and confidence.

Instructor: Lenny Dale Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### **QUILTING** Completed Grades 4-8

\*This is a full-day camp

Keep your eyes peeled for a fabric pattern you like, possibly one that matches your bedroom! Bring in your own fabric for the top of your quilt and we'll learn how to rotary cut it and then sew it into quilt squares using a sewing machine. Then, you can add the padding, and finally put the whole thing together into a finished quilt. Each camper will make their very own quilt to keep for ages. Details about the quantity of fabric to bring in will be provided in June. *Summer at Emerson* will provide the backing, padding, and all other supplies to finish the quilt during this week-long, full-day camp. **Instructor:** Sue Beech **Full-Day Fee:** \$230 **Limit:** 8

#### **FASHION ART CAMP** Completed Grades K-2

Attention boys and girls: Join us for Abrakadoodle's ultimate style camp! From Leonardo da Vinci to Louis Vuitton this is the place to create your own unique style inspired by the illustrators, designers and artists who focus on the world of high fashion and design! Create dresses or shirts that scream WOW! Design cool accessories. Try out your creative ideas on sneakers or high heels! Get in the spotlight and ready for the Ultimate Kids Fashion Show featuring unique designs created by YOU!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16

#### **WACK-OLYMPICS** Completed Grades K-2

There is no better way to close out *Summer at Emerson* than Wack-Olympics camp! Games, games, and more games, and every one of them is about FUN, trying something new and unusual, and having a good time. Summer needs silliness, and this tournament of laughter gives participants the chance to be zany and loony indeed. Come get wild with Lenny! **Instructor:** Lenny Dale **Fee:** \$120 **Limit:** 16 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 1.

#### **LEGO COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN** Completed Grades K-2

Everyone has used LEGO bricks to create and invent everything from cars to castles but what if you could actually see your designs before you built them? With the special design software, students will become their own LEGO building architect. Join us to invent, design and create!

**Instructor:** Brain Monkeys **Fee:** \$145 **Limit:** 14 This camp is also offered during the morning of week 6.

#### KONNICHIWA! THE JAPANESE EXPERIENCE Completed Grades K-2

Other than watching anime, what kind of things do children in Japan do? Slip into some geta sandals and try your hand at Japanese games, music, and art! We will also learn some introductory Japanese and celebrate the Tanabata Festival while we explore this exciting culture!

Instructor: Melinda Krajniak Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### **LEGO STOP MOTION** Completed Grades 2-5

Try your hand at making a stop motion movie using LEGO pieces. Together we will write the script, design the sets, and then you direct and film your own movie. Learn how to use the computer program so that you can take your skills home and build on everything you've learned long after camp ends! Bring in a USB drive to take the videos home at the end of the week; cameras, computers and LEGO pieces provided.

**Instructor:** Simon Burchill **Fee:** \$130 **Limit:** 10 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 1.

#### **BEST OF BIEDERMAN** Completed Grades 3-4

This camp is a collection of the best science activities we have ever seen! Larry has a million explosive science activities and this is the camp to see the best of them all! We will safely make fire in unusual ways, set up cola and Mentos fountains, explore the awesome properties of liquid nitrogen and dry ice, and so much more. Even if you don't love science, you will love the fun experiments in this camp.

Instructor: Larry Biederman Fee: \$125 Limit: 16

#### **TV SATIRE** Completed Grades 3-5

Do you like to laugh? Do you like to make people laugh? Come have fun learning about television satire! Have fun making parodies of infomercials and television shows. We will learn how to create short scenes and deliver funny lines. Have fun learning how to goof around on camera!

Instructor: Todd Sheets Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### **GALACTIC GAMING** Completed Grades 3-8

Are you a gamer? Could you sit and play video games all day and all night? From handhelds to the computer and consoles, you just might get the chance to play them all. Bring your DS and game face to camp and warm up your fingers. We will have several game choices each day including MarioKart Wii, Guitar Hero, and various sports games. Fun tournaments will be set up along with free-play. Bring it on GAMER! Note: No "M" rated games and "T" rated games must be approved by the instructor.

Instructor: Summer at Emerson Staff Fee: \$125 Limit: 14

#### **SPRINGTIME IN MONET'S GARDEN** Completed Grades K-2

Come experience a taste of Monet's garden through music, art, literature, games and the French language. We will explore a variety of different ways to recreate Monet's masterpieces as well as increasing our knowledge about Monet's life in Giverny, France. Artistic expression will flourish as we wade in the water lilies, inhale the beauty of our own flowering garden, and learn to speak some French, of course!

Instructor: Sarah Longcore Fee: \$115 Limit: 12

#### YUMMY ART Completed Grades K-2

This very popular camp returns with all NEW lessons and activities! Get your chef hat on and use items from the kitchen to create art and learn about artists such as Gauguin and Kahlo who are inspired by fruit. We will create prints, collages and sculpture with rice, pasta and other yummy foods.even Chocolate! We'll even make edible treats. (No peanut products will be used)

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$145 Limit: 16 This camp is also offered during the afternoon of week 4.

#### GUIDED BUILDING: THINKING OUTSIDE THE LEGO BRICK Completed Grades K-2

This is not your ordinary LEGO building camp; we take our LEGO building very seriously! Campers will be given a new building challenge each day. In each challenge there are specific parameters such as height, weight, design and/or task. These challenges stretch and push young minds towards developing higher level thinking skills. Welcome to the world of thinking outside the brick with LEGO.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$145 Limit: 14

#### HARRY POTTER CAMP Completed Grades 3-5

Join the escapades of Harry and his friends. Play Quidditch, write with invisible ink, make your very own wand, and brew fantastic potions. Come join us where the magic of science, art, friendship, and literature meet!

Instructor: Carly Meloche Fee: \$115 Limit: 14

#### **GAMES GALORE** Completed Grades 3-5

Over the years, Lenny has found lots of fun games for kids to play in gym class. This camp will deliver a sampling of many of them, but without laps to be sweated through or push-ups to be grunted and groaned over. Quidditch, Crazy Kickball, Rollerball and more — Games Galore!

Instructor: Lenny Dale Fee: \$115 Limit: 16

#### THAT'S MAGIC! Completed Grades 3-5

Have you ever wondered how a magician fools you? In this brand new camp, we will give you the secrets behind the tricks and teach you how to fool you friends with easy-to-do slight of hand, card tricks, and more. You'll even get to take home the props you used during the week to fool your family and friends!

Instructor: Simon Burchill Fee: \$125 Limit: 10

#### **CUPCAKERY: ANIMALS & FLOWERS** Completed Grades 4-8

Based on the popular book 'Hello Cupcake', we will use candy and frosting to create too-cute-to-eat cupcakes to take home each day (don't worry, you can still eat them)! This week will focus on cupcakes that look like animals and flowers. This camp will include the following food items: flour, sugar, salt, eggs, chocolate, and milk.

Instructor: Carol Kelly Fee: \$130 Limit: 12

#### **BEST OF BIEDERMAN** Completed Grades 5-8

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Instructor: Larry Biederman Fee: \$125 Limit: 16

## Lunch Options from Main Dish Kitchen

- Lunches cost \$5/day and include a Capri Sun
- You may order lunches online by individual days each week
- Payment is due at time of ordering; refunds will not be provided for lunches
- Lunch orders must be placed by the Monday of the week preceding the week you're ordering

#### **Monday** - served with baby carrots and pretzels

- 1) 2 Pieces Pita Bread with Hummus on the side
- 2) Turkey, Colby Jack and Lettuce on Whole Wheat Bread

#### Tuesday - served with pineapple and fritos

- 1) Italian Mini Sub with Ham, Salami, Provolone and Lettuce
- 2) Vegetarian Fried Rice

#### Wednesday - served with a banana and goldfish

- 1) Ham and Cheese Tortilla Wrap
- 2) Veggie and Cheese Tortilla Wrap

#### Thursday - served with an apple and granola bar

- 1) Pita Bread with Cream Cheese, Shredded Carrots and Cucumber
- 2) Salami and Cheese on Whole Wheat

#### Friday - served with buttered popcorn and apple sauce

- 1) Cinnamon Raisin Bagel with Cream Cheese
- 2) Chicken Salad served on a Whole Wheat Wrap

## Online Registration

Registering for our camps continues to be an easy process through our online registration portal. Our online service is fast, safe and simple. If you are a returning family, your login and password remain the same as last year. There is a link to retrieve this infomation on the main page if you need it. For new families, simply go online to set up your account.

- 1. Visit Emerson-School.org/Summer (or choose Summer at Emerson from under the About tab).
- 2. Click on the Register Online link.
- 3. Click on **Create an Account** and follow the on-screen steps to register your child for camp.

#### **Helpful Hints for Online Registration:**

- Have your child's health and emergency information available as this is required for all campers.
- To secure your child's spot in camp, a non-refundable deposit of \$25 per half day camp plus a one-time registration fee of \$15 per camper is required at time of registration.
- Payments are accepted in the form of electronic check, Visa or MasterCard. Balances for all camps are due June 1, 2014.

If you have any questions, please call the Summer at Emerson office at 734-660-5108.

## Summer at Emerson Instructors

**Abrakadoodle** is an art program that emphasizes creativity and imagination and introduces children to different artists, cultures and art techniques. Learn more at Abrakadoodle.com.

**Erin Barney** is a school social worker in Dexter. Her interests include staying active, making art, building friendships, and working within the community to make it a bright and positive place!

**Sue Beech** has been at *Summer at Emerson* for twelve years, teaching the kids games, songs, cooking, and quilting but the thing that she does best is anything related to crafting.

**Larry Biederman** student taught at Emerson in 2001 and has been working at *Summer at Emerson* ever since. He teaches math at WSC Academy, and he loves being a husband and father and doing volunteer work.

**Brain Monkeys** is a local company in which students are free to stretch, re-invent, and improve the curricula set in front of them. Check out all of Brain Monkeys programs at BrainMonkeys.com.

**Simon Burchill** has led multiple camping programs over the past two decades. He currently works for the University of Michigan at their Challenge Program.

**Leslie Capozzoli** has been the Orchestra Director at Emerson School for ten years. Her summer music camps provide a terrific way to make music among friends in a fun and comfortable atmosphere.

**Lenny Dale** has taught P.E. and coached at Emerson for years. Lenny's a big kid at heart, loving friendly competition and sharing his enthusiasm with kids.

**John Evans** has a been teacher in Milan for over 17 years. This will be his 12th *Summer at Emerson*. He loves teaching kids about animals, bugs, and other creepy crawlies. John also enjoys sharing his sense of humor and creativity with all of the campers.

**Alex Heidtke** is currently a teacher and track coach in Dexter. He is ready to bring his knowledge, imagination and flexibility back to *Summer at Emerson* for his second year.

**Carol Kelly** has been teaching for two decades and enjoys spending time with students and having fun pursuing her many hobbies. Carol enjoys reading, quilting and cake baking in her down time.

**Katie Knoedler** is a third grade teacher in White Lake and can't wait to lead camps at her first *Summer at Emerson*.

**Melinda Krajniak** teaches Japanese language and culture at Emerson School. Between her time living in Japan and America, she has taught every age group from elementary to adult.

**Linda Lakshminarayanan** has been Emerson School's librarian since 2000. Her interests include storytelling and reading books of all kinds, sewing, and other crafty things.

Jess Leonard earned her degree in Education from Michigan State University and has been teaching at Dexter Schools for the past 5 years. She loves the outdoors, being active, and can't wait to return to Summer at Emerson!

**Sarah Longcore** is the Lower School French teacher at Emerson School. She has her masters degree in French from EMU, has lived in France, loves Monet, and visits Claude's colorful garden in Normandy every year.

**Carly Meloche** is a recent graduate of Grand Valley State University and will be returning for her third *Summer at Emerson*. She is beyond excited to share her love for Harry Potter with our campers!

**Beth Muszkiewicz** has been with the After School & Summer Camp Programs for four years as the Program Assistant. She was involved in choir & theater during Middle School & High School and was a counselor for Showchoir Camps of America.

**Meredith Newman** is a graduate of the Jonny Kest Yoga Program and the After School Yoga teacher at Emerson School. She has more than a decade's experience as a youth leader and is returning for her third *Summer at Emerson*.

Will Purves is a local educator, writer, writing coach, tutor, game designer, and owner of Raven Education Works. He brings 30 years of teaching and writing experience to camp, as well as a love of games and play! Learn more at RavenEducation.com.

**Todd Sheets** is finishing his MFA at EMU and enjoyed running Radio Drama Camp at *Summer at Emerson* so much last year, that he has designed many more amazing theatrical camps for our campers to try out this year.

**John Smalec** is our veteran chess instructor, helping kids master the game for over 20 years at Emerson! He has coached Emerson students to many proud trophies and looks forward to introducing the game to new campers this summer.

**Kim Smith** played Division I college basketball at Harvard where she also graduated with honors. She has coached youth sports for over 25 years and currently coaches Girls' Basketball at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor.

**Mike Wilson** is a Middle School Science teacher at Emerson School. His interests include all things Steampunk, cartooning, and baseball.

**Kyle Zill** is a counselor for Emerson's After School Program and a local substitute teacher. Before moving back to Michigan last year, Kyle was a HS English teacher in Raleigh, North Carolina.



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