

# Preschool Camp

SUMMER 2019



In partnership with

Allen Creek  
Preschool 



# Allen Creek Preschool



Allen Creek Preschool supports the healthy growth of children in an environment that promotes emotional, intellectual, and interpersonal understanding. This collaborative endeavor on the part of children, teachers, parents, and family consultants provides a rich and unique early childhood experience. Allen Creek Preschool fosters creativity, independence, individuality, and respect for self and community. We teach effective ways to manage a range of feelings so that children gain emotional strength. We provide structures and experiences that both ground and stretch children and we value all modes of exploration, discovery, and expression.



## Emerson

### SCHOOL

A K-8 SCHOOL OF HIGHER LEARNING

We believe that school doesn't have to be boring; that if we challenge, excite, nurture, and engage the whole child, we can inspire a love of learning that will last a lifetime. Here, what's best for children drives the curriculum—not tests. It's where passionate educators are empowered to teach, and intimate classrooms are places of joy, exploration, and respect for one another. It's where bright students learn to tap into their curiosity and search for answers, rather than memorize them.

Emerson is a special environment where smart is cool, and classrooms are comprised of other gifted, unique peers who help and encourage each other to become their best. It's where bright students thrive, and we encourage you to learn more about how our school might benefit your child.





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 and Allen Creek Preschool while challenging our campers to discover and enhance individual talents and creative abilities. Throughout our summer program, 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.*





## ABOUT

Summer at Emerson is excited to partner with Allen Creek Preschool to provide the opportunity for a quality camp experience for three, four, and five year olds. Camp is open to all students in this age range, regardless of school attended, or even if he/she is not enrolled in school yet. We offer six individual weeks of half day morning camps (9:15am-12:15pm) for preschoolers; register for as many weeks as you'd like.

## Leadership

- Rose Hacker, Emerson School Summer Program Director
- Carly Meloche, Preschool Program at Allen Creek Director
- Lorna Rankin, Preschool Program at Allen Creek Liaison

## Contact and Information

- **Camp Location:** Allen Creek Preschool, 2350 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
- **Call or Text:** (734) 660-5108
- **Email:** [summer@emerson-school.org](mailto:summer@emerson-school.org)
- **Website:** [www.Emerson-School.org/Summer](http://www.Emerson-School.org/Summer)

## AGE LEVELS

Camps are designed for specific age levels as set by the instructors. You know your child best and can decide if he/she would be best served in a camp that is open to just one age or spanning two years. The age ranges are firm based on how old your child will be on June 24, 2019. Please note that a child who attends Young 5s during the 2018-2019 school year and is enrolling in Kindergarten in the 2019-2020 school year is eligible to participate in our preschool camps designed for 5 year olds.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION AND MORNING TRANSITIONS

Our goal at *Preschool Camp at Allen Creek* 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 the registration process or by contacting the Summer Program Director at [summer@emerson-school.org](mailto: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.

We understand that transitions to new places can be difficult for many preschoolers and if your child isn't ready for you to leave in the morning, that is okay. We will work with our families to see what each child is comfortable with and parents are not rushed out the door; rather if your child is having a tough time separating, parents are welcome to start camp in the classroom and/or remain in our library until feeling comfortable to leave.

## CAMP FEES, REGISTRATION, & PAYMENT

Half-day camp fees range from \$180-\$200, as noted with each camp's description. Camp fees are not pro-rated for any reason. Online registration begins at 12:01am on February 1, 2019. 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 May 1, 2019. If camps are added after May 1st, payment in full is required at time of registration. All paper checks received will be processed electronically. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks and an \$8 fee for ACH errors. Camp confirmation will be emailed immediately after payment is processed.



## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Each day a parent/guardian must walk each camper inside and sign in on our iPads with a personalized identification number (PIN). This number will be emailed out to all parents the week before your child attends camp and will include a PIN for each adult that is authorized to pick up your child. At the end of each day, a parent/guardian must come into the building to use his/her PIN to sign out on our iPads and pick up their camper(s). Please do not share your PIN with anyone and if you need to add another person, email the Summer Director at [summer@emerson-school.org](mailto:summer@emerson-school.org), and that person will be assigned their own PIN.

The parking lot at Allen Creek is very small and will be busy at drop off and pick up time. Street parking is available just two blocks away on Franklin Street and we ask all that are able to make the short walk to park there, leaving the few spaces at Allen Creek for families with special needs or infants.

## SPARE CLOTHES

Bring your child to camp in clothes he/she can play in and that you don't mind getting dirty. Exploration and creative play can get messy! Pack a complete change of clothes in your child's back pack each day just in case.

## SNACKS

Simple snacks with water are provided by *Preschool Camp at Allen Creek* daily. The campers will use this time to learn a variety of skills, such as serving themselves, pouring water, and taking turns listening to peers. Snacks are meant to be easy for kids to eat and we try to stay away from the most common allergens. We will gladly help find a replacement snack for campers with food allergies and campers are always welcome to bring snacks from home.

## SUNSCREEN

Apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at camp. Each camp will spend a portion of each day outside on the playground; if you'd like your child to wear a hat, just send it in! Summer at Emerson cannot supply sunscreen for any camper.

## CAMP WITHDRAWALS

Remaining balances, less deposit, will be refunded for withdrawals made *before* May 1, 2019. Those who withdraw after May 1st, 2019 are responsible for the full fee and refunds will not be processed. Exceptions will be only be considered for medical circumstances with a note from a physician.

## 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 via email with plenty of notice. Deposits for cancelled camps will be applied toward your balance or refunded. Every effort is made to avoid this possibility.

## WAITING LISTS

Many camps fill quickly, so register early. Once a camp is full, you may choose to join the online waiting list. There is no deposit to join a waiting list and you will be notified via email if a spot becomes available.

## OFF CAMPUS TRIPS

Two of our camps will be exploring off campus and will be navigating the Ann Arbor city bus to do so. Campers signed up for these camps are required to complete the online Field Trip Authorization Form online with registration.

## HEALTH FORM

Your child's health information is required to register for any camp at *Preschool Camp at Allen Creek*. 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. Medication will remain in the Summer Office and dispensed to campers as needed. This includes emergency medication for allergic reactions, prescription medications, and over-the-counter medications.

## ELECTRONICS AND TOYS

Campers should not bring electronics or toys from home with them to camp as they serve as distractions during camp time and could possibly be damaged. Please leave these items at home during camp.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

During camp, your child's photograph may be taken and possibly 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.

## FAMILY PETS

Due to campers' allergies and fears, pets are not permitted in the building when dropping off or picking up your child at Preschool Camp at Allen Creek.

## FACILITIES

Allen Creek Preschool is located on the west side of Ann Arbor, on the north east corner of Maple Rd. and Miller Ave. The air-conditioned classrooms were designed specifically for preschoolers and the extensive outdoor space will be fully utilized by all camps this summer.

## STAFF

All camps are designed and run by a professional staff of caring and experienced teachers. Summer at Emerson and Allen Creek Preschool are fully licensed by the State of Michigan as child care providers and the majority of our staff members are CPR and First Aid certified.

### CAMP WEEKS AND HOURS

**Camp Hours:** 9:15am-12:15pm

- **Week 1:** June 24-28
- **Week 2:** July 1-5 NO CAMPS
- **Week 3:** July 8-12
- **Week 4:** July 15-19
- **Week 5:** July 22-26
- **Week 6:** July 29-August 2
- **Week 7:** August 5-9

*Please note there are no camps or activities available July 1-5; Preschool Camp at Allen Creek is closed this week.*

### ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registering for camp is an easy process through our online registration portal. Our online service is fast, safe, and simple:

1. Visit [Emerson-School.org/Summer](http://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

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

- Have your child's health and emergency information available as this is required for all campers.
- For our preschool camps, in order to properly place your child with his/her peers, in the "Grade Level" field, you will choose one of the following, based on how old your child will be on June 24, 2019.
  - PS 3: if your child will be three years old on June 24, 2019
  - PS 4: if your child will be four years old on June 24, 2019
  - PS 5: if your child will be five years old on June 24, 2019, and/or if your child is currently enrolled in a Young 5s program in the 2018-2019 school year and will attend Kindergarten in the 2019-2020 school year.
- 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 May 1, 2019.
- If you have any questions, email, call, or text the Summer at Emerson office at [summer@emerson-school.org](mailto:summer@emerson-school.org) or 734-660-5108.











## WEEK 1 | JUNE 24-28

### **Creatures In My Backyard (Age: 3)**

Through music, we will explore what creatures we might see just by walking outside. We will read books, learn songs, and incorporate art into each day. Campers will learn some basic music theory concepts, explore instrument-playing, play music games, and learn lots of songs about critters and more.

*Instructor: Katie Chappell-Lakin Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### **Calling All Artists (Ages: 3 & 4)**

Let the artist in you come out and explore a variety of art materials and techniques! Find out what it is you enjoy doing the most! Materials include watercolors, tempera paint, colored pencils, oil pastels, model magic, stamps and ink, newsprint, and more!

*Instructor: Debbie Weldon Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### **Mad Scientists (Ages: 4 & 5)**

Poof, splat, BANG, we're all scientists this week! We will experiment with everyday objects and turn them into something extraordinary! Let's get messy, explore, create, and learn about science.

*Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### **Exploring Ann Arbor: A Field Trip Camp (Age: 5)**

Come explore Ann Arbor with us! We will navigate the Ann Arbor bus system to explore some of the amazing sites around the city. The bus stop is only a block away! Depending on the weather, trips could include: West Park, the Arboretum, UMMA, the Natural History Museum, and AA District Library. Each trip would offer the opportunity for a variety of learning and adventures, from ecosystems and playgrounds to art pieces and even the library. Campers will experience the thrill of riding the bus (pulling the cord!) and the opportunity to build friendships along the way. We'll also spend time processing all they're seeing as we break for snack at each location. So many new sounds and sensations are fun to experience with friends and keep our campers engaged. Campers will need to bring: a backpack, water bottle, change of clothes, footwear that can get wet, and a hat each day. This camp is also offered during week 3.

*Instructors: Marcia Healey and Dina Stillings Fee: \$200 Limit: 12*

## WEEK 3 | JULY 8-12

### **Color My World (Ages: 3 & 4)**

Do you love rainbows and color? We will use science to discover about color, create art from different sources of color, eat foods of different colors, and many other colorful activities.

*Instructor: Jane Broglio Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### **Camping In My Big Backyard (Ages: 3 & 4)**

What does it mean to go camping with your family? What would you take along? How could you cook your food? As we pretend to go camping we will create our very own campground, "cook" some food for snack, and take hikes to see the sights.

*Instructor: Midge Wakefield Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

## **Trains, Trains, Trains (Ages: 4 & 5)**

Come build train tracks with an extensive set of wooden railway and trains. We'll share tips and tricks to making your railway creations more functional and creative with special pieces and different track shapes. Reading classic train books and singing along will keep us interested all week. There are so many different occupations, kinds of trains, and loads to be hauled for us to explore together!

*Instructor: Lorna Rankin Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

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*Instructors: Marcia Healey and Dina Stillings Fee: \$200 Limit: 12*

## **WEEK 4 | JULY 15-19**

### **Wonder of Water (Age: 3)**

Summertime is fun with the wonder of water! Campers will explore outside and inside the many joyful ways to play with water. Sprinklers, pouring, rivers, dripping, and waterways are just some of the things we'll explore in this camp.

*Instructor: Dina Stillings Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### **Butterflies, Bugs, & Beetles (Ages: 3 & 4)**

Butterflies, bugs and beetles come in so many colors! Join us while we make our own caterpillars and paint them with lots of colors. We will create our own bug houses and collect items to store inside. As we dig in the sand or dirt do you think we'll find any bugs? When we're out on a walk, do you think we'll see a butterfly flutter by? Come and find out with us.

*Instructor: Midge Wakefield Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### **Brown Bear, What Do You See? (Ages: 4 & 5)**

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Grouchy Ladybug, The Very Busy Spider*, and more! Eric Carle is one of the most beloved authors of children's books and we will use his books to play games, create crafts, engage in dramatic play, explore science, and much more!

*Instructor: Jane Broglio Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### **Light & Shadow (Ages: 4 & 5)**

Come explore various ways to play with light and shadow. Using overhead projectors, light tables, and flash lights, we'll experiment with translucent, opaque, and reflective objects. We then will create art that catches and reflects light. Shadow puppets will be fun to create and then tell stories!

*Instructor: Lorna Rankin Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*



## WEEK 5 | JULY 22-26

### Fairy-Tastic (Ages: 3 & 4)

Welcome to our Fairy-tastic world! We will be creating fairy and sparrowman houses, doors, and gardens. Then, we will explore what else they may need and make it along the way. Imagination at its best!

*Instructor: Jane Broglia Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### What Can We Find in the Deep Blue Sea? (Ages: 3 & 4)

Have you ever wondered if something might have lived inside a sea shell? Or why sharks have so many teeth? Why do fish have scales instead of fur? We will explore many kinds of shells, paint sea pictures with sponge brushes, and make imprints of fish in clay. We might just have to do a little fishing while we flex our muscles while playing outside.

*Instructor: Midge Wakefield Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### Build it Big (Age: 4)

This camp features our extensive wooden block collection where we'll build spaces for dramatic play and incorporate other materials such as cardboard boxes and cloth. We'll experiment with different methods to build a block tower to be stable and sturdy. Our very own sculptures to take home will be created with a variety of materials.

*Instructor: Lorna Rankin Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### Five Senses Exploration (Ages: 4 & 5)

Come and explore our world using your five senses! Campers will play games, read and create books, conduct experiments, make crafts, and more as they learn to investigate the world around them!

*Instructor: Katie Seymour Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

## WEEK 6 | JULY 29 - AUGUST 2

### Nature Crafts (Ages: 3 & 4)

Do you love the outdoors and all the beauty that it holds? We will use objects from nature to create unique crafts. Paint with leaves, seed art, flower suncatchers, painted rocks, stick wind chimes, and more!

*Instructor: Jane Broglia Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### On Our Way! (Ages: 3 & 4)

This camp will be all about taking vacations, camping, and modes of transportation. We will read books, learn songs, and incorporate art into each day. Campers will learn some basic music theory concepts, explore instrument-playing, play music games, and learn lots of songs about vacation and being on-the-go!

*Instructor: Katie Chappell-Lakin Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### Messy Science (Age: 4)

Let's make some messy and exciting mixtures such as baking soda and vinegar volcanoes or ooblick with corn starch and water. We will blow giant bubbles, create paintings with a pendulum, and more messy fun! Be sure to wear clothes that can get messy!

*Instructor: Lorna Rankin Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

## **Spanish (Ages: 4 & 5)**

Try this fun opportunity to start learning a second language while having a blast with friends! We will make crafts, sing songs, read books, and play lots of games while being immersed in the language from a native speaking instructor. Spanish will be so fun!

*Instructor: Amparo Herbert Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

## **WEEK 7 | AUGUST 5-9**

### **Art Gallery Camp (Ages: 3 & 4)**

Make a masterpiece or two each day and display them in our classroom "Art Gallery." At the end of the week, campers will get a sampling of how their art would look in a real art gallery. We'll learn about classic and contemporary artists, and create with watercolors, tempera, oil pastels, clay, fabric, and colored pencils.

*Instructor: Debbie Weldon Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### **Storytelling & Folktales (Ages: 3 & 4)**

Discover fun ways to interact with classic stories. Watch the teacher tell different folktales each day with dolls, flannel board sets, puppets, and house hold items. Create your own props to go along with your version of the stories. Pretend to cook in the Three Bears' kitchen. Paint your own peg doll characters. Help the Little Red Hen make her bread. Play Gingerbread Man tag and more.

*Instructor: Lorna Rankin Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### **Tools For Tots (Ages: 4 & 5)**

Let's have some fun and build up our fine motor skills by making some cool stuff! Using tools safely and properly helps kids gain confidence and opens up a new world of fun! Using scissors, glue, pencils, markers, and even some hand tools, students will create projects while becoming a pro and commanding their digits! Join us and let's have fun while we build our fine motor skills and MAKE some cool stuff!

*Instructor: Brain Monkeys Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*

### **Cities (Ages: 4 & 5)**

We will be exploring city life through songs, music, sounds, books, and art. Kids will learn some basic music theory concepts, explore instrument-playing and ensemble work, play music games, and learn lots of songs about cities.

*Instructor: Katie Chappell-Lakin Fee: \$180 Limit: 12*







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