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SUMMER 2024
CAMP GUIDE

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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 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.



The mission of Emerson School is to provide a dynamic and nurturing learning environment that fosters empathy, communication, creativity, leadership, and above all, a lifelong love of learning.

We fulfill our mission with small class sizes, by providing individualized attention across a broad and rich, student-centered curriculum and through a committed, talented team of educators who help children achieve sustained academic success.

At Emerson, students develop the confidence and skills to become their best selves.



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About Summer At Emerson

Summer at Emerson is open to all children regardless of which school they attend. We offer seven individual weeks of half-day camps and full-day camps for children who have completed grades K-8 during the 2023-2024 school year. **Note:** A child who attends Young 5s during the 2023-2024 school year and is enrolling in Kindergarten in the 2024-2025 school year is not yet eligible to attend *Summer at Emerson*. Morning (9am-12pm) and afternoon (1pm-4pm) camps can be selected during the same week to enjoy a full day of fun. Feel free to mix and match your half-day camps and enroll in as many as you want!

Facilities & Staff

Emerson School is located just ten minutes southwest of downtown Ann Arbor in a beautiful, 20 acre, rural setting. The air-conditioned classrooms, technology labs, Performing Arts Theater, 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 instructors and counselors. *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.

Leadership

Carly Meloche, *Summer at Emerson Director*

Catherine Audette, *Summer at Emerson Assistant Director*

Camp Location



5425 Scio Church Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Contact and Information

Call or Text: (734) 660-5108

Email: summer@emerson-school.org

Website: www.Emerson-School.org/Summer





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Camp Dates

- Spring Break Camp: March 25-29 (Open to Emerson and non-Emerson families)
- Week 1: June 17-21
- Week 2: June 24-28
- *OFF: July 1-5
- 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
- Dog Days of Summer (*Emerson Students Only*): August 12-16

*Please note that no camps or activities will be available during the week of July 1-5;
Summer at Emerson is closed this week.

Camp Hours

Morning Camp: 9:00am-12:00pm

Lunch Hour: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Afternoon Camp: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Full-Day Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm

Child Care Hours

Morning Care: 8:00am-9:00am

After Care: 4:00pm-6:00pm

*Child care is available on a drop-in basis,
billed at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.*

Camp Fees

Half-Day Camps: \$175-\$232

Full-Day Camps: \$315-\$392

Grade Levels

All camps are designed for students completing grades specified
in the camp description during the 2023-2024 school year.
Grade levels are set by our instructors and will not be altered.





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Brain Monkeys

Brain Monkeys is a STEAM education company that offers enrichment programming for kids of all ages! Emerson School and Brain Monkeys have partnered through *Summer at Emerson* for several years, and we are excited to continue to provide quality STEAM education together. Make sure to look for the Brain Monkeys camps each week for a hands-on, exploratory learning experience!



Abrakadoodle

Emerson is thrilled to bring back Abrakadoodle every week this summer! Abrakadoodle brings art onsite to kids in schools and community sites through their mobile art program. They provide well-trained teachers, who help inspire kids to immerse in learning and creating art—sometimes getting messy, but always having a blast!

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 8am-9am for \$10/day. After-camp child care runs from 4pm-6pm for \$10/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 And Recess

Our lunch period (12pm-1pm) includes supervised lunch and outdoor recess time. This hour is provided free of charge for campers attending a full day of camp. The lunch hour may be added for \$12/day for our half-day attendees on a drop-in basis. Your account will be billed for this time and sent via email. **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 child care.

Lunch

Campers who are registered for a morning and afternoon camp during the same week or a full-day camp have lunch and recess from 12pm-1pm supervised by *Summer at Emerson* staff. Campers must bring their own lunch and drink each day. We do not have lunch service, drinks, or refrigeration available at *Summer at Emerson*. Microwaves are available.





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Snacks

Daily snacks are provided by *Summer at Emerson* for each morning and afternoon camp. The snack schedule—with allergen information—is posted each week at the sign-in area for all campers and parents to see. Typical snacks include: popcorn, pretzels, fruit snacks, Pop Chips, Lorna Doone cookies, Pirate's Booty, Sun Chips, Cheez-Its, and Baked Lays. All snacks will be individually packaged for safety purposes. We will happily find a replacement snack for campers with food allergies but not for finicky eaters. Campers are always welcome to bring snacks from home.

Registration & Payment

Online registration for all *Summer at Emerson* and *Spring Break at Emerson* camps will open to the public at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 7th, 2024. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per 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 by May 3, 2024. If camps are added after May 3rd, 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.

Registration System Note

When registering for camps, it is possible that you may experience some delays with our system. Please note that this temporary issue is due to buffering, clock synchronization, and an overwhelming number of people trying to register at the exact same time. In the past, this delay has lasted no more than 60 seconds. Please continue to refresh your page, and we will do all that we can to ensure a smooth registration period.

Early Registration For Emerson Families

Emerson families have the opportunity to register for camps prior to the public registration date. A password will be shared with the Emerson community in order to access these camps early. We ask Emerson families to please keep this password confidential. Any families outside of the Emerson community who use this password and attempt to register early will immediately be removed from camps. Thank you for respecting this special privilege for those students who attend Emerson during the school year.





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Online Registration

Signing up for 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 information 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.

HELPFUL TIPS 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 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 3rd, 2024.
- If you have any questions, please email, call, or text: summer@emerson-school.org or 734-660-5108.

Camp Withdrawals

Remaining balances, less deposit, will be refunded for withdrawals made before May 3rd, 2024. Those who withdraw after May 3rd, 2024 are responsible for the full fee and refunds will not be processed. Exceptions will only be considered for medical circumstances with a doctor's note.



Camp Cancellation

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. Deposits for canceled camps will be applied toward your balance or refunded. Every effort is made to avoid this possibility.

Waiting Lists

Since many camps fill quickly, we recommend registering as soon as possible. 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.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Our goal at *Summer at Emerson* is for every camper to enjoy their experience at camp. If your child has any special considerations/accommodations which may help ease their 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. 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 them comfortable with us. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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 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 our 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, and over-the-counter medications. Our Summer Medical Professional, Lauren Vemuri, will be stationed at the Front Desk every Monday morning to collect any necessary camper medications for the week.

Illness Policy

If a child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher or has vomited within the last 24 hours, please do not bring your child to Summer at Emerson. If a child has a fever or vomits while at *Summer at Emerson*, we will contact parents immediately for pick up. If a child is not feeling well or is injured while in our care, we will also contact parents to alert them of the situation.

COVID-19

If there should be a significant surge in COVID cases at camp or in the community at large, *Summer at Emerson* reserves the right to institute policies and protocols that will help keep campers and staff safe. These may include an indoor and/or outdoor mask requirement or weekly COVID testing. We will defer to our Summer Medical Professional, Lauren Vemuri, on all camp-wide health decisions along with the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD).

Masks Optional

At this time, *Summer at Emerson* does **not** require that face masks be worn while at camp. However, if a camper or family feels more comfortable wearing a mask to camp, that is a perfectly acceptable and supported decision. Every family has a unique set of circumstances that impacts their decisions, and we respect each camper's (and/or family's) decision to wear or not wear a mask. We will rely on campers to accept and comply with their family's decision about mask wearing.



POLICIES & PROTOCOLS

Drop-Off And Pick-Up

Every day, a parent or guardian must walk each camper into the building and sign them in electronically on an iPad at our sign-in station with their personalized identification number (PIN). Each adult that is authorized to pick up a camper should have a four digit PIN assigned to them. If you need to add another person as an authorized pick-up for your child, email the Summer Director at summer@emerson-school.org and that person will be assigned their own PIN. These numbers will be emailed out to all families the week before your child attends camp. At the end of each day of camp, a parent or guardian must use their PIN to sign out on our iPads and pick up their camper(s). No camper will be permitted to leave the camp without an adult. Please do not share your PIN with anyone that is not officially authorized to pick up your child.

Electronics

Campers should not bring electronics with them to camp. Video games, laptops, cell phones, and cameras are not allowed. The only exception to this is when needed specifically for a certain camp. In those cases, electronic devices can be used during camp time *ONLY* and then stored away in their locker or at the *Summer at Emerson* office. Electronic devices are not to be used at recess or in before or after camp child care.

Screen Time & Media

We believe that the best camp experiences happen away from screens while kids are engaging with their fellow campers both indoors and outdoors. With this in mind, we strongly discourage excessive screen time in our camps. If an instructor wishes to show any type of visual media (movies, television, YouTube videos, etc), it must be pre-approved by the Summer Director in writing. We strive to make sure that any media shown pertains specifically to camp content and is no longer than 10-15 minutes. **Note:** Exceptions may be made for rainy days when recess and/or before and after camp child care takes place inside. In these circumstances, age appropriate movies with a 'G' or 'PG' family rating may be shown with the approval of the Director.

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 to the Summer Office. We highly recommend bringing spray sunscreens. We will remind campers to reapply sunscreen after lunch, before going out for recess. A sunscreen application waiver must be completed online at the time of registration before we can assist your child. Summer at Emerson cannot supply sunscreen for any camper.

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 Director in writing prior to your child attending camp if you do not want your child photographed.

Birthday Treats

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at camp, please contact the Summer Director at least one week in advance to coordinate with your child's instructor(s). In order to be inclusive and to help keep our camp as safe as possible, we celebrate birthdays at *Summer at Emerson* with non-food treats. Some ideas include: Play-Doh, erasers, small toys, books, stickers, bubbles, etc. We will NOT be accepting any food birthday treats.

Family Pets

Due to campers' allergies and fears, pets are not permitted in the building when dropping off or picking up your child at *Summer at Emerson*.



COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program at *Summer at Emerson* provides an opportunity for middle and high school students to develop leadership skills in a comfortable atmosphere. Interested students who have completed grades 6-12 will learn what it takes to be a counselor in our summer program and enhance their leadership abilities. Led by Sam Boughton, veteran *Summer at Emerson* instructor, CITs will work as a team - in small groups and individually - to learn about working with young children in a summer camp environment. Upon successful completion of training, 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 17th-21st, 2024 from 9am-4pm. 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 and would like to return as a Junior Counselor this year should complete the Returning Junior Counselor Application found on our website. The training week is not required to be repeated. Applications are due by Friday, March 8th, 2024. After collecting all applications, decisions will be made and a response will be emailed to you by Monday, April 8th, 2024. There is no application fee and if accepted to the CIT program, the \$322 camp fee is due by May 3rd, 2024. The week as a Junior Counselor has no charge from 9am-4pm; child care is available from 8am-9am and 4pm-6pm at \$10/hour.

Applicant's Name: _____

Email: _____

School and Grade (2023-2024): _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Parent(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Please list in order of preference (1-3) the following weeks you are available to return as a Junior Counselor:

_____ Week 2 June 24-28	_____ Week 5 July 22-26
_____ Week 3 July 8-12	_____ Week 6 July 29-August 2
_____ Week 4 July 15-19	_____ Week 7 August 5-9

On a separate sheet of paper, please detail your experience with children, volunteer activities, hobbies, interests and explain why you would be a great addition to the Summer at Emerson staff. Also, include any specific camps you may have interest in assisting with as a Junior Counselor keeping in mind that Junior Counselors are generally assigned to K-2 camps.

We certify that all of the included application information is accurate. We understand that there is limited space available in the program per week and our first choice may not be available.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit your completed application by March 8th, 2024 to: Director of Summer at Emerson, 5425 Scio Church Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or at summer@emerson-school.org



SPRING BREAK AT EMERSON

(Open to all Emerson and Non-Emerson students)

Spring Break at Emerson camps are available to campers currently enrolled in grades K-8 in the 2023-2024 school year.

Spring Break Camp Times

All *Spring Break at Emerson* camps run from Monday, March 25th through Friday, March 29th.

Spring Break Camp Withdrawals

Those who withdraw from *Spring Break at Emerson* after March 1st, 2024 are responsible for the full fee and refunds will not be processed. Exceptions will only be considered for medical circumstances with a doctor's note.

Spring Break Camp Cancellation

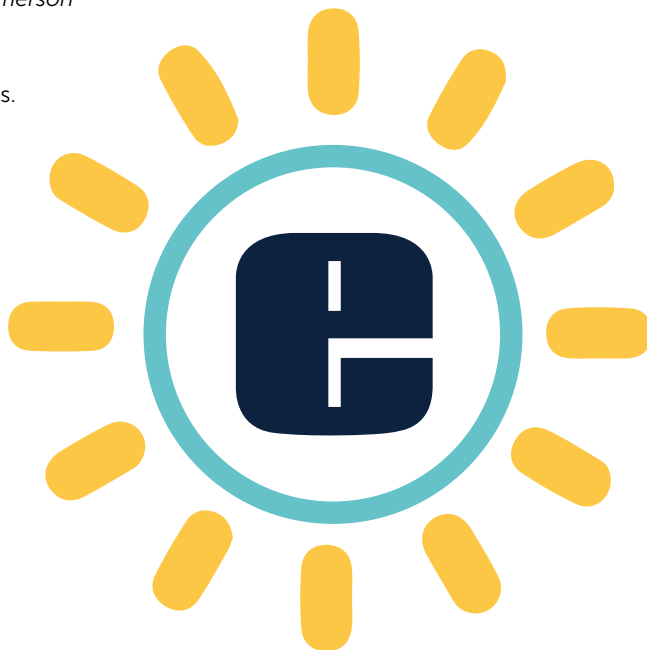
Spring Break at Emerson reserves the right to cancel any camp if minimum enrollment is not met. If this is the case, you will be notified via email. Deposits for canceled camps will be refunded in full.

Spring Break At Emerson Registration

Registration for *Spring Break At Emerson* is open to both Emerson and non-Emerson families. If you already have an account with our past or current summer camps, there is no need to make a new one. Families will be able to register for *Spring Break At Emerson* through the same online portal at Emerson-School.org/Summer. If you are a returning family, your login and password remain the same. There is a link to retrieve this information on the main page if you need it.

If you do NOT have an account yet, registering for our camps continues to be an easy process through our online registration portal. For new families, simply go online to set up your account:

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(Open to all Emerson and Non-Emerson students)

Spring Break Camp Descriptions & Information

K-2 MORNING CAMP

9:00AM-12:00PM

Vroom! Art (Completed Grades K-2)

VROOM VROOM VROOM! Rev up your engine as you move and create transportation vehicles, signals, and signs! Blast off as you sculpt and mold a rocket. Explore opposites to make a print using truck tracks. Let the sirens sound off to create symmetrical emergency vehicles. Identify shapes and street signs to navigate the road. Discover how to cut and assemble shapes to make trucks and trains. Get your wheels turning as you VROOM into new creations!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

3-8 MORNING CAMP

9:00AM-12:00PM

Cooperative Board Games (Completed Grades 3-8)

In this new camp, play tabletop board games that draw emphasis on collaboration and teamwork to reach specific goals together, rather than competitively. We will explore a variety of cooperative tabletop board games as well as the strategies needed to win.

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$175

Limit: 16

K-2 AFTERNOON CAMP

1:00PM-4:00PM

Cute and Cuddly Art (Completed Grades K-2)

Calling little art lovers of all things cute and cuddly! Who doesn't love to snuggle up with a favorite blanket or cuddle a cute teddy bear? Young artists will explore these ideas and more in their artwork through the lens of beloved children's book characters and illustrations. Campers will have cute and cuddly sensory experiences, talk about emotions, and delve into favorite stories. It's time to cuddle up with good books and make some amazing cute and cuddly artwork!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

3-8 AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

Let's Make A Short Film! (Completed Grades 3-8)

Have you ever wanted to create your own movie? In this camp, work as a large group or in small groups to bring a short film from concept to reality. On Friday, campers will watch their films on the big screen! Whether you would like to be on camera or behind the scenes, this camp is great for film lovers and creative people alike!

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$190

Limit: 16





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WEEK 1

JUNE 17-21

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Kick, Catch & Splash Art Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Kickstart your imagination, catch your art tools, and join us to make a splash! Design whimsical basketball courts that will encourage us to make up our own games. Be inspired by artistic swimmers whose choreography creates geometric designs. Paint silhouettes of skateboarders doing tricks. Create visual effects that show the teamwork of an equestrian and their horse jumping over an obstacle. Design fashion sneakers, Olympic medals, and gymnast sculptures while you learn that sports can be a form of art! This camp is also offered during Week 4 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Artsy City Builders! STEAM Art Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Calling all creative minds: we are planning a city! Let's use art tools to design skyscrapers, bridges, community pools, houses, bistros, airports and even museums. Create an artsy garden with trees and sculptures. Paint your own urban skyline inspired by Van Gogh. Use art skills to turn STEAM concepts into 3D masterpieces. Join us on the road to fun! This camp is also offered during Week 4 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Explore Your Senses (Completed Grades K-2)

Get ready to explore and learn about the five senses during this exciting week of hands-on experimenting, crafting, and fun! Campers will spend this week using their senses to do hands-on experiments and making their own art as they explore how the senses help us discover the world around us.

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$180

Limit: 12

Chefs In Training (Completed Grades K-3)

Join Chef Cooper for an introduction to cooking! Throughout this week, campers will learn the basics of cooking and the importance of kitchen safety while having a delicious treat to enjoy at the end of each day. Dietary restrictions are happily obliged!

Instructor: Cooper Hoffman

Fee: \$200

Limit: 12

Beginner Chess (Completed Grades K-5)

Let's play chess! In this beginner course, you will be introduced to the basic rules and strategies for playing one of the most popular games in history. Campers can expect a stress-free week of skill building activities, game playing with friends, virtual matches, chess challenges, and lots of fun! No prior experience required. Join us as we learn to play together!

Instructor: Grant Weston

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12



Ice Cream Dreams 1-2 Section I (Completed Grades 1-2)

Dreaming of ice cream? Join us for some delicious fun! We will face the blind ice cream taste test, make melting ice cream Play-Doh, compete in an ice cream sundae relay race, and the cherry on top...make our own ice cream! This camp is also offered during Week 3 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Meghan Sochocki

Fee: \$198

Limit: 10

Paper Sculptures (Completed Grades 2-5)

Calling all artists to join a crafting club to explore the multiple uses of paper including making paper, quilling, and book binding. We'll use gorgeous papers to make paper lanterns, flowers, and marble masterpieces. Create a tablescape display and a keepsake worth displaying!

Instructor: Kristen Ellis

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12



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The Eagles View Podcasting I (Completed Grades 2-8)

Come learn all about podcasts and how to make one! Campers will take charge in researching, creative writing, and performing on "The Eagle's View" podcast. In this camp, we will learn the ins and outs of podcasting: the difference between scripted and Q&A podcasts, where to listen to podcasts, what makes a podcaster different from a YouTuber, and much more. Campers will get to create content for the podcast which will be listened to by the whole Emerson community and beyond! This camp is also offered during Week 3 in the morning.

Instructor: Jessica Taranto

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12



Photography Fun! (Completed Grades 3-5)

Join us for some fun with photography! If you are interested in learning how to take amazing pictures, this is the camp for you. We will practice taking photos both indoors and outdoors, finding tons of interesting subjects from everyday life. By the end of week, campers will complete a collage of favorite photos to share with their friends and family.

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee: \$175

Limit: 12

Future Athletes 3-5 (Completed Grades 3-5)

Get ready to show off your athletic skills! Campers will be introduced to a wide variety of sports all week. We will play games both indoors and outdoors: soccer, basketball, volleyball, kickball, Ultimate frisbee, and much more. Please bring a water bottle and lots of energy!

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$187

Limit: 14

WEEK 1

JUNE 17-21

AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

Artosaurus Art Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Explore the wild world of dinosaurs and other reptiles! Experiment with a variety of art techniques while learning about science, technology, engineering, and math concepts used to study extinct animals. Dig into the life of dinosaurs and have a ferociously fun time! This camp is also offered during Week 5 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

"What If...?" Worlds (Completed Grades K-2)

What if the world was covered in lava? What if – instead of humans – everyone was an animal? What if every day on Earth was "Opposite Day?" Campers will be challenged to use their imaginations and teamwork skills in order to complete challenges unique to each "What If...?" world they find themselves in.

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

Great Big Messy Art Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Oh, go ahead and make a mess! That's what this camp is all about: messy art and creative imagination-expanding experiences! Everything we do is messy: sticky spaghetti designs, paint that fizzes and pops, messy portraits that match our own messy faces, squeeze art, and African mud painting. These happy, creative experiments will spark our imaginations! This camp is also offered during Week 5 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Chess Challengers (Completed Grades 2-8)

For campers who feel ready to move beyond the basics of chess, let's take it up a notch! Come together with fellow chess lovers and learn the advanced rules of the game. Play in intense bracket matches and swap strategies to make us all better players. Do you have what it takes to be an Emerson Chess Champion?

Instructor: Grant Weston

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12



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Creative Art and Dance Camp (Completed Grades 3-5)

Come celebrate the beautiful and artistic community we live in! We will learn about numerous Ann Arbor artists, including street artist extraordinaire David Zinn, musician Mr. B, and painter Connie Cronenwett of the WSG Gallery. Each day, we will draw, paint, and create dances inspired by these Ann Arbor artists and their many art forms. A final presentation/performance will take place on the last day of camp.

Instructor: Lesley Criscenti

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12

Nature Art Camp (Completed Grades 3-5)

There is so much beauty and wonder that nature has to offer. In this camp, we will not only learn all about nature's many gifts...we will create art with them! While spending lots of time outside in the gorgeous summer weather, we will create artwork sourced from natural materials, such as wood, leaves, grass, flowers, and much more. What artistic discovery will you make in the great outdoors?

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee: \$180

Limit: 12

Brainiac Board Games (Completed Grades 3-8)

If you like board games that exercise your mind and make you think, then you have come to the right place! We will explore Monopoly, Clue, Catan, and many other classics while highlighting the real life skills that are used in each game.

Instructor: Cooper Hoffman

Fee: \$186

Limit: 10



Japanese and Korean Side Dishes I (Completed Grades 3-5)

Join us in the kitchen to learn about and cook a variety of yummy Korean and Japanese side dishes, also known as banchan and okazu! We will work with vegetables, rice, eggs, and traditional seasonings. This camp is also offered during Week 2 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Allie Whitman

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12

Future Athletes 6-8 (Completed Grades 6-8)

Get ready to show off your athletic skills! Campers will be introduced to a wide variety of sports all week long. We will play games both indoors and outdoors: soccer, basketball, volleyball, kickball, Ultimate frisbee, and many more. Please bring a water bottle and lots of energy!

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$187

Limit: 14

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Fee: \$198

Limit: 10

Ready to Register?

Just scan the QR code or [click here.](#)





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WEEK 1

JUNE 17-21

FULL-DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Disney Mania (Completed Grades K-2)

Are you a Disney fan? In this new camp, enjoy your favorite Disney characters through music, crafts, games, and even an immersive trip to Disney World, complete with Mickey-shaped rice krispie treats, and homemade Dole Whip!

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$372

Limit: 14

Good Vibrations - Making Music I (Completed Grades 4-8)

Are you the next Taylor Swift? Or the next Thomas Edison? Either way, this camp will prepare you for greatness as you invent your own musical instrument and write songs to play by the end of the week! Using the principles of waveform physics, you will build, tune, practice, and perform your very own creations. We will also decode the patterns behind scales, harmonies, rhythms, and chord progressions, so you can compose your own hit songs! This full day camp is also offered during Week 6.

Instructor: Kairi Kim

Fee: \$374

Limit: 12

Dungeons and Dragons I (Completed Grades 4-8)

Hail, and well met! If you're looking for adventure, search no further: you've found it this summer at Emerson! Join us in playing the world's oldest and most popular role-playing game. Based on teamwork, collaborative storytelling, and creative problem solving, Dungeons and Dragons has captured the hearts of adventurers all around the world for over 40 years. All skill levels are welcome, beginners and experienced players alike. Get ready to roll for initiative because this summer will be a critical hit! This full day camp is also offered during Week 2 and Week 4.

Instructor: Kyle Zill

Fee: \$320

Limit: 8

Finding Fossils 5-8 (Completed Grades 5-8)

It's time to put on our paleontologist hats and explore different types of fossils found here in Michigan! Campers will learn about extinction events and how things are fossilized through a number of interactive activities. We will learn how to identify major paleo marine fossil groups, create our own ichnofossils using microscopes to sort microfossils from sediment, and create a project involving our favorite local "fossils."

Instructor: Natalie Tanner

Fee: \$365

Limit: 12

Escape Room Challenge I (Completed Grades 6-8)

Discover the thrill of problem-solving and teamwork in this escape room design challenge! Learn the ins and outs of escape room design from a former escape room employee. Campers will dive into the world of escape rooms, solve puzzles, and – in the ultimate challenge – design their own escape room! This full day camp is also offered during Week 3.

Instructor: Meg McClintock

Fee: \$372

Limit: 12

Counselor In Training (Completed Grades 6-12)

View more details and how to apply to our CIT Program in our Counselor in Training section included in this brochure. Please note that this camp will be temporarily password protected at the time of registration. You will not be able to register for the CIT program until your child is accepted into the program.

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$322

Limit: 20





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WEEK 2

JUNE 24-28

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Let's Go Camping Art Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Let's have camping fun without even leaving the art room! This art camp takes us to an imaginary world where we will hike, build a campfire, create a nature tapestry, and learn about wild animals. We will learn all about camping by mapping our campground, designing our own camping trailer, and "collecting" bugs in a jar. We will also use our imagination and explore painting, printing, collage, and other art media. This camp is also offered during Week 5 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Paws, Claws and Hooves Art Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Calling all animal lovers! Bring your imagination and we will provide a ROAAAAARing camp experience! Make your favorite animals come to life using paints, collage, and sculpture while learning about animal habits and habitats. If you love animals and nature, creating awesome art projects, and making new friends, then this is the camp for you! This camp is also offered during Week 5 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Bubble Explorers! (Completed Grades K-2)

Get ready to spend the week having your mind blown by exploring the wonderful world of bubbles! Learn the recipe for making the very best bubble solution. Prepare to get soapy as you blow giant bubbles, make bubbles bounce in your hands, and create your very own bubble art projects. By the end of the week, you will not only be bubbling over with fun, but you will be bursting with the science of bubbles!

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12

Mini Musical! K-2 (Completed Grades K-2)

Do you enjoy singing, dancing, and performing on stage? Join a group of theatrical friends for Mini Musical camp! Together, we will play theater games, learn performance skills, and put on our very own short musical production together at the end of the week. No auditions; just fun, teamwork, and creativity!

Instructor: Amanda Austin

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12

DIY Craft Creations (Completed Grades K-2)

We are going to use our creativity to complete some "Do It Yourself" (or DIY) crafts! Campers will use a vast array of supplies and crafting techniques. At the end of each day, we will take home some awesome crafts that you can use and wear!

Instructor: Katie Seymour

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

Super Soccer (Completed Grades K-2)

Soccer skills, drills, games, races, and lots of FUN!! For beginner or experienced soccer players, this camp is going to be a blast! Don't forget your water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the week.

Instructor: Molly Lipton

Fee: \$185

Limit: 16

Nature Scavenger Hunt Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

What's better than exploring nature? Scavenger hunting through nature! Campers will spend time outside on Emerson's sprawling campus identifying all kinds of plants, trees, flowers, and other natural gems. We will perform adventurous quests and complete thrilling tasks all in the pursuit of Nature Scavenger Hunt Victory!

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee: \$180

Limit: 12

Hot Wheels Physics (Completed Grades K-2)

Have you ever played with Hot Wheels cars and tracks? I bet you didn't know that you were exploring the wide world of physics when you raced those speedy cars around the track. Let's build, learn, and explore physics with Hot Wheels cars, tracks, and more!

Instructor: Brain Monkeys

Fee: \$226

Limit: 16

Math Around the World 1-2 (Completed Grades 1-2)

Join us as we explore the many different ways other cultures use math. We will assemble Chinese Tangrams, play a Mexican probability game, create eight-pointed Iranian stars, measure ingredients to make Pacific Island fruit punch, and lots more!

Instructor: Meghan Sochocki

Fee: \$193

Limit: 10



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Build it Up, Break it Down (Completed Grades 3-5)

Let your imagination run wild with Build It Up, Break it Down! Campers will be challenged in many different build competitions with LEGOs, Cranium noodles, Jenga blocks, and more. We will explore our creativity and team building skills through various challenges!

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12

Team Building Stars (Completed Grades 3-5)

Join us for a week of team building fun! Campers will participate in a variety of physical and mental games, activities, challenges, and exercises during the week. Activities will focus on building team skills, such as cooperation, communication, flexibility and fun! Food may be used in certain activities; attention to allergies/dietary restrictions and/or preferences will be taken.

Instructor: Becky Gracia

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12

Chocolatier (Completed Grades 3-8)

What would Summer at Emerson be without Chocolatier camp? We are back to teach you how to make chocolates from scratch. You will learn to distinguish the difference between semi-sweet, bittersweet, and confectionary coating. We will make truffles, turtles, chocolate-covered strawberries, and chocolates stuffed with hand-made fillings. Bonbons covered with chocolate and adorned with chocolate frosting are sure to please!

Instructor: Amparo Herbert

Fee: \$220

Limit: 14

Cooperative Board Games (Completed Grades 4-8)

In this new camp, explore tabletop board games that draw emphasis on collaboration and teamwork to reach specific goals together rather than competitively. This camp will explore a variety of cooperative tabletop board games as well as the strategies needed to win.

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$177

Limit: 14

Emerson Eagle (Completed Grades 4-8)

Do you want to know all about what's happening at camp this summer? Do you want to poll your fellow campers and provide them with interesting pieces of information? In this camp, we will interview campers and counselors to get the latest scoop. Using all of the content we gather, we will put together a newspaper with pictures and articles about Summer at Emerson 2024!

Instructor: Bryan Seymour

Fee: \$182

Limit: 12

All About Sports! (Completed Grades 3-5)

Are you interested in learning more about the sports you love? This camp is for anyone who is interested in individual and team sports. Join instructor Sam Boughton in this beginner level camp designed to teach the basics of common sports throughout the week. Come dressed ready to get a bit dirty and wear shoes that you are ready to run in!

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$185

Limit: 12



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AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

Space Art Adventure Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Join us and blast off to an outer space adventure! Learn about the solar system, meteoroids, meteors, meteorites, constellations, and much more. Find out why astronauts wear space suits and why telescopes are important tools. Create art that focuses on science, technology, engineering, and math concepts. Explore fun art techniques, play games, and make friends that are "out of this world" all while we reach for the stars! This camp is also offered during Week 6 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee:\$232

Limit: 16

Yummy Art Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Get your spoon, paintbrush, and chocolate syrup ready: we are going to create some art! We will build spaghetti sculptures, learn about food artists, paint a chocolate portrait, and much more. It's all about the wonderful and wacky world of food art! No peanut or peanut oils will be used. This camp is also offered during Week 6 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Backyard Olympics (Completed Grades K-2)

Do you have what it takes to go for the gold? In this camp, we will rival the 2024 Olympics by competing in a series of tasks and skills in the hopes of achieving Summer at Emerson Olympic glory! "Olympians" will be split into teams (or countries) to compete in our daily "Olympic Finals." These competitions will take place both indoors and outdoors and include ring toss, 100 meter dash, frisbee throwing, soccer, various tag games, and more!

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee:\$183

Limit: 16

Guided Building: Thinking Outside The Brick (Completed Grades K-2)

In this camp, we will tackle a new building challenge each day! With each activity, there are specific parameters, such as height, weight, design and/or task. These challenges stretch and push young minds towards developing their higher level thinking skills. Welcome to the world of thinking outside the brick with LEGO!

Instructor: Brain Monkeys

Fee: \$226

Limit: 16

Board Game Bonanza (Completed Grades K-2)

Do you love to play board games? Come and play lots of fun games – both classic and new – with your friends! We will play board games, card games, and even create our own games. Take your turn and come play with us!

Instructor: Katie Seymour

Fee: \$182

Limit: 12

Unicorn Rescue Society 101 I (Completed Grades K-3)

Unicorns are real! At least, we think they are...Join us and become a member of the Unicorn Rescue Society, based on the books by Adam Gidwitz. Each day, campers will travel the world on a mission to save mythical creatures. Along the way, we will learn about each country through interactive activities, make various unicorn themed crafts, go on scavenger hunts, and even try new foods! Foods will include sample Starbucks Vanilla Bean Frappuccinos (caffeine-free) and Duritos, a Mexican wheat snack. New to the Unicorn Rescue Society World? This is the perfect camp for you. This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the morning.

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$225

Limit: 16



Mini Musical! 3-5 (Completed Grades 3-5)

Do you enjoy singing, dancing, and performing on stage? Join a group of theatrical friends for Mini Musical camp! Together, we will play theater games, learn performance skills, and put on our very own short musical production together at the end of the week. No auditions; just fun, teamwork, and creativity!

Instructor: Amanda Austin

Fee: \$183

Limit: 12



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Hot Wheels Camp (Completed Grades 3-5)

Ignite your passion for speed and design with Hot Wheels! Campers will work together to design and build incredible race tracks throughout the classroom. Campers can expect team challenges, stunts, and design throughout the whole week! Tracks and cars will be provided.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$185

Limit: 12

Math Around the World 3-5 (Completed Grades 3-5)

Join us as we explore the many different ways other cultures use math. We will decode Ancient Greek messages, construct a numbering system for a Brazilian street, play a Native American probability game, measure ingredients to make Pacific Island fruit punch, and lots more!

Instructor: Meghan Sochocki

Fee: \$193

Limit: 10

Japanese and Korean Side Dishes II (Completed Grades 3-5)

Join us in the kitchen to learn about and cook a variety of yummy Korean and Japanese side dishes, also known as banchan and okazu! We will work with vegetables, rice, eggs, and traditional seasonings. This camp is also offered during Week 1 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Allie Whitman

Fee: \$255

Limit: 12

Superhero Science (Completed Grades 3-5)

Some superheroes are born with their powers. Others gain them throughout their lifetime. But some superheroes use intelligence, science, and engineering as the key to their superpowers! Spend this week exploring the science behind common superpowers with hands-on experiments. Then, at the end of the week, transform into your very own superhero persona and compete in challenges to save the world from villainy.

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$198

Limit: 12

Gourmet Chocolatier (Completed Grades 3-8)

Are you ready for some chocolate challenges? You will be amazed at how easy it is to learn how to make chocolate pieces, 3D structures, and a sculpture carved out of a solid block of chocolate. Your creativity will be at its max in this revamped chocolate camp!

Instructor: Amparo Herbert

Fee: \$220

Limit: 14

Engineering Challenges (Completed Grades 3-8)

Engineering contests challenge the building and thinking skills of campers of all ages. Each day, we will host a different competition. Who can build a contraption to keep an egg from breaking when we drop it from the roof? Can you build a bridge using spaghetti? Put your engineering skills to the test!

Instructor: Larry Biederman

Fee: \$198

Limit: 14

Ultimate Frisbee (Completed Grades 4-8)

Have you ever thrown a frisbee? Do you want to learn while playing one of the most exciting frisbee games? If so, this is the camp for you! Ultimate frisbee is a mix between frisbee and soccer and is a huge blast! You will need a great pair of running shoes and a can-do attitude. Join our camp for a great time and a great team sport.

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$182

Limit: 14

Introduction to Graphic Design I (Completed Grades 5-8)

This camp will introduce campers to the fundamentals of graphic design, including typography and design skills, using free software like Canva and Google Drawings! This camp is a great opportunity for campers to develop essential technological and artistic skills. This camp is also offered during Week 6 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Angelina Griffin

Fee: \$187

Limit: 14

Quiz Bowling (Completed Grades 5-8)

Have you ever wanted to play Jeopardy? Do you like participating in trivia games with your friends? In this camp, we will play team-based academic quiz games with questions from a variety of academic subject areas as well as current events. You will practice specific skills for successfully answering questions in Quiz Bowl competitions, and you will get plenty of experience in this game show style format. We will also play some quiz games that involve using a bowling ball and knocking down pins. Combine your brain and your brawn for some good old fashioned Quiz Bowling!

Instructor: Bryan Seymour

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12



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WEEK 2

JUNE 24-28

FULL-DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Jr. Escape Room Challenge I (Completed Grades 3-5)

Through engaging puzzles and challenges, campers will boost teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity as they solve escape rooms. Learn the ins and outs of escape room design from a former escape room employee. Participants will even get the chance to create their own puzzles and foster a love for problem-solving. This full day camp is also offered during Week 5.

Instructor: Meg McClintock

Fee: \$372

Limit: 12

Geology Rocks (Completed Grades 3-5)

While the classic science fair volcano experiment is awesome, it barely scratches the surface of how magnificent the volcano really is! In this camp, we will explore the three major types of rocks and how they work, common minerals found within them, the spheres that make up Earth, and the plate tectonics that started it all. With samples brought in from all around the Ann Arbor area, campers will learn what makes up the earth directly below their feet. This camp is great for campers who are interested in the sciences and the ever-changing world around them!

Instructor: Natalie Tanner

Fee: \$374

Limit: 12

LEGO Creator (Completed Grades 3-8)

LEGO lovers rejoice! Join fellow creators for a week-long LEGO extravaganza. Build LEGO sets across various themes, from Star Wars to Harry Potter to Minecraft to LEGO City. Sets range from under a hundred pieces to massive structures of over 4,000 bricks! Feel free to create impressive LEGO Mocs or use the spare pieces to build your own LEGO designs. Let's get building!

Instructor: Grant Weston

Fee: \$366

Limit: 12

Dungeons and Dragons II (Completed Grades 4-8)

Hail, and well met! If you're looking for adventure, search no further: you've found it this summer at Emerson! Join us in playing the world's oldest and most popular role-playing game. Based on teamwork, collaborative storytelling, and creative problem solving, Dungeons and Dragons has captured the hearts of adventurers all around the world for over 40 years. All skill levels are welcome, beginners and experienced players alike. Get ready to roll for initiative because this summer will be a critical hit! This full day camp is also offered during Week 1 and Week 4.

Instructor: Kyle Zill

Fee: \$350

Limit: 8

Music On Your Mind I (Completed Grades 4-8)

Music is just tiny movements in the air molecules around you... so why does it make us feel so great? Learn how people – and some animals – create and enjoy music. Through games, model-making, and musical investigation, we will follow the path that music takes into our ears, through the brain, and out of our mouths and fingers. We will also search for the evolutionary origins of music in birds and early humans, learn how the world's best musicians get so good, and explore our own reactions to all kinds of music! This full day camp is also offered during Week 7.

Instructor: Kairi Kim

Fee: \$374

Limit: 12

WEEK 3

JULY 8-12

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Kids On Canvas I (Completed Grades K-2)

These are no ordinary paintings! Get ready for a Kids on Canvas painting adventure that features fabulous artists, acrylic painting techniques, and – most importantly – buckets of fun! Create paintings on canvas that explore patterns, include texture, and incorporate fun designs and eye-popping portraits. Grab a paintbrush and have a world of fun learning about amazing artwork and artists from around the world! This camp is also offered during Week 6 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Did You Say Clay? I (Completed Grades K-2)

Hooray for clay! Roll, pinch, pat, press, paint, and sculpt your way through this creative series that features projects with Crayola Air-Dry Clay, Model Magic, and modeling clay. During this camp, we will learn about famous sculptors, sculpting techniques, and cultures. Campers will be inspired to create their own expressions of 3D art using colorful shapes and designs, beads, sequins, pipe cleaners and much more! This camp is also offered during Week 6 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16



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Awesome All-Stars (Completed Grades K-2)

Come play lots of different games both indoors and outdoors! Each day will begin with a series of soccer skills, games, and races. Later on, we will explore other sports like tennis, basketball, wiffle ball – the list goes on and on! This camp is designed for both beginner and experienced athletes. Don't forget your water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the week!

Instructors: Molly Lipton & Ella Krahn **Fee:** \$187
Limit: 26

ASL with Friends I (Completed Grades K-2)

This camp offers the basics of American Sign Language! We will cover topics such as the alphabet, numbers 1-10, introductions, family, emotions, needs, places, and much more. This camp is great for those that love to make friends – you never know when ASL will come in handy! This camp is also offered during Week 4 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Natalie Tanner **Fee:** \$193
Limit: 12

Chess Champions - Beginner Level (Completed Grades K-5)

Step into the exciting realm of strategic brilliance with Chess Champions! This camp is geared towards new players who are eager to learn the ropes. Participants will learn the basics of chess and compete with players of a similar skill level in this intellectually stimulating and fun-filled camp. Campers can expect to learn the basics, play, and have fun! No previous chess experience required.

Instructor: Brady Keough **Fee:** \$189
Limit: 12

Colors of the Rainbow (Completed Grades 1-2)

Discover your true colors! In this multi-sensory camp, we will explore the colors of the rainbow using our five senses.

RED & ORANGE DAY - Apple bowling, fruit volcanoes, and make fox sock puppets

YELLOW DAY - Make homemade lemonade and a "smelling bee" experiment

GREEN DAY - Visit Emerson's Permaculture Garden and a colored ice cubes experiment

BLUE DAY - Ocean art project and scavenger hunt

INDIGO & VIOLET DAY - Learn about purple skies and make a collage

Instructor: Meghan Sochocki **Fee:** \$198
Limit: 10

Cardboard Creations (Completed Grades 2-4)

Cardboard boxes can be turned into castles, cars, or imaginary contraptions with endless possibilities! In this camp, campers will use a special, child-friendly set of tools to cut and connect cardboard together to create whatever they desire. By the end of the week, campers will each be given their own basic set of connectors and tools that they can keep and build with.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys **Fee:** \$226
Limit: 16

Field Hockey, Folktales & Food (Completed Grades 2-4)

What do field hockey, recipes, folktales, and fairy tales all have in common? Come explore these topics and make connections during this summer field hockey camp! Learn about the history of field hockey and other countries that play field hockey. Explore stories and recipes from these countries, even making food from a few of these locations. We are excited to have you join us for field hockey games and fun!

Instructors: Claire Hughes & Alison Wink **Fee:** \$193
Limit: 24

Friendship Bracelet Frenzy (Completed Grades 2-4)

Have you ever wanted to learn how to make patterned friendship bracelets? Are you already a skilled finger weaver? No matter your experience, you are welcome in Friendship Bracelet Frenzy! We will spend this week making basic to complex friendship bracelets based on your interests. We will mainly focus on string friendship bracelets using embroidery floss, but we will have some elastic string and beads available, too. You will leave this week with new skills, bracelets, and friends!

Instructor: Elsa Musko **Fee:** \$182
Limit: 12

The Eagles View Podcasting II (Completed Grades 2-8)

Come learn all about podcasts and how to make one! Campers will take charge in researching, creative writing, and performing on "The Eagle's View" podcast. In this camp, we will learn the ins and outs of podcasting: the difference between scripted and Q&A podcasts, where to listen to podcasts, what makes a podcaster different from a YouTuber, and much more. Campers will get to create content for the podcast which will be listened to by the whole Emerson community and beyond! This camp is also offered during Week 1 in the morning.

Instructor: Jessica Taranto **Fee:** \$189
Limit: 12



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Origami Lab I (Completed Grades 3-5)

Learn the basics of origami while embracing your inner zen! Projects include animals, flowers, geometric shapes, and more – all made from folded paper. We will also come up with fun ways to display our creations. This camp is also offered in the morning during Week 4 and Week 5.

Instructor: Allie Whitman

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

Ancient Art Explorers I (Completed Grades 3-5)

In this camp, we will embark on a journey to explore the rich artistic heritage of ancient civilizations such as China and Greece. Campers will conduct research, gain insights into the cultural significance of art, and create our own artwork inspired by these ancient cultures. This camp is also offered during Week 5 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Angelina Griffin

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12

CO2 Dragsters 3-5 (Completed Grades 3-5)

If you are interested in designing, building, and racing super fast CO2-powered dragsters, then you will really enjoy this camp. Campers will design, build, and customize their dragster in only THREE camp meetings so that more time can be spent on racing. A double-elimination drag racing tournament will be held on the last day of camp to determine who is the class dragster champion!

Instructor: Mike Wilson

Fee: \$215

Limit: 12

Land O' LEGOs! (Completed Grades 3-8)

Join us for a week of LEGO fun! Campers will work on creating LEGO sets as well as putting together abstract structures from scratch. No need to bring a thing but your imagination and patience!

Instructor: Cooper Hoffman

Fee: \$182

Limit: 12



Disc Golf (Completed Grades 3-6)

Come try a new sport! Together, we will learn how to throw a frisbee, aim at targets, run around, and take time to relax. Through indoor and outdoor games, we will learn the rules and regulations of the sport of disc golf while having fun and building friendships!

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$183

Limit: 12

B.E.S.T Camp (Completed Grades 6-8)

Who doesn't love a good detective story? Come learn the ways of how to do detective work and solve the mysteries no one else can. Then, apply your new skills to help solve the great Emerson mystery of the missing letters. There's no better place to be this summer than Brilliant Emerson Sleuth Training!

Instructor: Alex Heidtke

Fee: \$194

Limit: 12

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WEEK 3

JULY 8-12

AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

Adventure Park Art Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Give your creativity a whirl and create a theme park with a roller coaster, a Ferris wheel, and much more! Ride along with us and explore different art materials and techniques to create your dream amusement park. Unleash your imagination and join us on this adventure while you play with your new friends and have an outrageously fun time! This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

FAB Art: Fun & Beautiful I (Completed Grades K-2)

Everything we create is FAB (Fun And Beautiful) as we explore watercolor techniques, papers, 3D art, and perspective. Design FUN art featuring unique masks, fish that grow, and even lovable Minions. Create BEAUTIFUL art as we fold and cut paper in unique ways, paint tonal gradations, learn to crop images, and invent our own designs. Let your creativity flow and make FAB art! This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Lost in Space (Completed Grades K-2)

Step into the world of exploration and seeking! This camp will allow kids to work both individually and collectively in a fun, engaging, and exploratory setting. Get ready to put several super fun twists on the traditional game of hide-and-seek and come get Lost In Space! Note: This camp entails playing hide-and-seek in darker spaces with the help of glow-in-the-dark materials to guide campers along the way. This camp is perfect for campers who love active games, working as a team, and who are not afraid of the dark!

Instructors: Molly Lipton & Ella Krahn

Fee: \$187

Limit: 26

Tinkerbell and Neverfairies' Talents (Completed Grades K-2)

Campers will join Tinkerbell and her fairy friends as they learn about the fairies of Pixie Hollow! Through activities, crafts, and a letter from a fairy friend, campers will learn new discoveries and have a chance to try out a new fairy talent. What type of fairy will you become?

Instructors: Kaylyn Edwards

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

Combining Colors I (Completed Grades K-2)

Creative minds, companies, and artists all use colors to convey emotions and feelings! Why are so many restaurants red and yellow? Why is it easier to sleep in a blue room rather than a yellow room? Color psychology is a new and fascinating science that is ready for young minds to explore! With fun activities, engaging crafts, meaningful discussions, and a collage project to finish off the week, this camp is targeted toward those curious, young minds. This camp is also offered during Week 4 in the morning.

Instructors: Natalie Tanner

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

Ice Cream Dreams 1-2 Section II (Completed Grades 1-2)

Dreaming of ice cream? Join us for some delicious fun! We will face the blind ice cream taste test, make melting ice cream Play-Doh, compete in an ice cream sundae relay race, and the cherry on top...make our own ice cream! This camp is also offered during Week 1 in the morning.

Instructor: Meghan Sochocki

Fee: \$198

Limit: 12

Chess Champions - Intermediate Level (Completed Grades 2-8)

Continue to learn and expand your chess knowledge with intermediate Chess Champions! This camp is made for those who understand the basics of chess and want to challenge themselves against players of a similar skill level. Campers will be put in tournament style games and will compete to be crowned champion!

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12

Nothing But Net! (Completed Grades 3-5)

Let's play basketball! In this camp, we will hone our basketball skills with drills and activities that will later translate into games. If you are looking to stay active and learn the basics of basketball or work on existing skills, then this is the camp for you! All skill levels are welcome.

Instructor: Cooper Hoffman

Fee: \$183

Limit: 12



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Literary Zines (Completed Grades 3-5)

Are you passionate about your favorite books? In this camp, create (maga)Zines while exploring the worlds of books you are passionate about. Campers will write book reviews, create artwork, and publish their own zines about their favorite stories, encouraging others to find some new great books for their summer reading lists!

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12

Spider-Man: Saving the Spider-Verse (Completed Grades 3-5)

Campers will participate in a variety of activities based on the web-slinging, friendly neighborhood Spider-Man! We will use our new skills and put together different clues to help protect the Spider-Verse. Campers will get a chance to become heroes themselves, learning that anyone can wear the mask!

Instructor: Makayla Edwards

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12

Scratch Programming (Completed Grades 3-6)

Using Scratch, a computer learning tool and a visual programming language, campers will create games, animations, stories, and art! We will draw pictures, add sound and movement, and share our projects. These activities will help campers understand mathematical and computational concepts along with the process of design.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys

Fee: \$226

Limit: 16

Myth Testers (Completed Grades 3-8)

Join us as we test popular myths! Do fish have a three-second memory? Is it difficult to find needles in a haystack? Does toast always land with the buttered side down when you drop it? We will also test some popular consumer product claims. Are Bounty Paper Towels really the "quicker picker uppers?" Do M&Ms melt in your mouth but not in your hand? Allergy Note: Activities will include M&Ms and Tootsie Pops.

Instructor: Larry Biederman

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

Skill Toys (Completed Grades 3-8)

Campers will love learning about the wide world of skill toys! A skill toy is a toy that takes a level of skill to become proficient. Examples are yo-yo, kendama, hacky sack, juggling, and various others. Come join this exciting new camp!

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$182

Limit: 12

Intro to Reading Music: Part 1 - Section A (Completed Grades 4-6)

Learn how to read the language of music! Through a blend of interactive kinetic and aural activities and worksheets, we will learn how to read pitches, rhythm, major key signatures, simple time signatures, accidentals, and some common major scales. No previous music experience is required and no instrument is required. This camp is also offered during Week 4 and Week 5 during the afternoon.

Instructor: Jasper Zientek

Fee: \$180

Limit: 12

Cross Stitch Camp (Completed Grades 4-8)

Calling all cross stitch enthusiasts! Come try your hand at the oldest embroidery technique in the world... with a modern twist. You will learn the basic stitches and techniques to follow prefabricated patterns, from simple geometric designs to intricate life-like pictures. If you want to get really creative, you can sketch out your own design to create a one-of-a-kind piece of art. End the week with a piece that will impress your family and friends.

Instructor: Sam Heidtke

Fee: \$182

Limit: 12



CO2 Dragsters 6-8 (Completed Grades 6-8)

If you are interested in designing, building, and racing super fast CO2-powered dragsters, then you will really enjoy this camp. Campers will design, build, and customize their dragster in only THREE camp meetings so that more time can be spent on racing. A double-elimination drag racing tournament will be held on the last day of camp to determine who is the class dragster champion!

Instructor: Mike Wilson

Fee: \$215

Limit: 12



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WEEK 3

JULY 8-12

FULL-DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Ocean Explorers Extravaganza (Completed Grades K-2)

Dive into the Ocean Explorers Extravaganza Camp! Join us for an immersive and interactive experience, where the wonders of the ocean come alive in a week of unforgettable fun. Our young explorers will engage in exciting activities, like creating underwater dioramas, embarking on a thrilling ocean quest treasure hunt, and sculpting magnificent sandcastles. We will get our hands messy while learning about marine ecosystems and basic oceanography through playful, hands-on experiments and games.

Instructor: Karsen McCord

Fee: \$377

Limit: 12

Astronomy and the Nature of Everything I (Completed Grades 3-5)

Calling all astronauts! We are tracking a mysterious signal from outer space. Let's hop from planets to asteroids to stars and finally through a black hole to find its source. Get ready to solve puzzles and codes sent by a possible alien pen pal and use relativity and gravity to map out each day's spaceship trip. Will we find life on another planet, a human lost in space, or a time-traveling message from the future? This full day camp is also offered during Week 4.

Instructor: Kairi Kim

Fee: \$374

Limit: 12



Passport to Cooking (Completed Grades 6-8)

Join us as we explore the world through food! Throughout the week, we will learn recipes and techniques to cook food inspired by different regions around the world. Each day, campers will create one globally inspired dish to taste and share, along with discovering delicious new recipes to take home with them.

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$389

Limit: 12

Emerson Detectives (Completed Grades 3-5)

Do you think you have what it takes to be an Emerson detective? Get ready for a week filled with investigations and mystery-solving. Break out of escape rooms, solve an Emerson mystery just like in the board game Clue, test your investigation skills with scavenger hunts, and more! You will be a daring detective by the end of this camp.

Instructor: Emily Barbour

Fee: \$372

Limit: 12

Escape Room Challenge II (Completed Grades 6-8)

Discover the thrill of problem-solving and teamwork in this escape room design challenge! Learn the ins and outs of escape room design from a former escape room employee. Campers will dive into the world of escape rooms, solve puzzles, and – in the ultimate challenge – design their own escape room! This full day camp is also offered during Week 1.

Instructor: Meg McClintock

Fee: \$372

Limit: 12

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WEEK 4

JULY 15-19

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

World Travel 3D Art Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Travel with us on this creative journey and change the way you see the world! Create 3D masterpieces inspired by world cultures. Learn about Chinese ceramics, Croatian "licitar" hearts, Maori design carvings from New Zealand, "nicho" boxes from Mexico, and much more. Create art using a variety of materials, play games, and understand that through art, we can connect with people from all over the world. This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Underwater Art Camp I (Completed Grades K-2)

Make a big splash and join us for adventures in Underwater Art Camp! Campers will learn all about jellyfish, octopuses, dolphins, whales, and even mermaids! There's nothing fishy about using cool tools and materials to create fun paintings, collages, sculptures, and more. Campers will have oceans of fun designing cool art projects, playing games, reading stories, learning about ecology, and examining underwater habitats. So dive in! You won't get wet, but you will make some new friends and have tons of fun under the sea! This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Mo Willems Mania (Completed Grades K-2)

Come and join us for a fun-filled camp inspired by the creativity, silliness, humor, and heartwarming characters created by author and illustrator Mo Willems. Puppets, reader's theater, art, dramatic play, and storytelling will bring characters like Piggie and Gerald to life. If you love art, theater and animals, then this camp will be the just right place for your talents to shine!

Instructor: Debbie Carbone

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12

Rainforest Art Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Is that a poison dart frog? Or a squirrel monkey? Whatever exotic friends we may discover, Rainforest Art Camp is sure to inspire creativity! Each day, campers will learn new tons of fun facts about various rainforests. Then, we will complete a unique art project based on these wild and amazing creatures from across the world.

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee: \$180

Limit: 12

Combining Colors II (Completed Grades K-2)

Creative minds, companies, and artists all use colors to convey emotions and feelings! Why are so many restaurants red and yellow? Why is it easier to sleep in a blue room rather than a yellow room? Color psychology is a new and fascinating science that is ready for young minds to explore! With fun activities, engaging crafts, meaningful discussions, and a collage project to finish off the week, this camp is targeted toward those curious, young minds. This camp is also offered during Week 3 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Natalie Tanner

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

Mini Chefs Academy I (Completed Grades K-2)

Whip up yummy snacks like pizza with silly toppings, cupcakes, and even rainbow fruit skewers! We will learn basic kitchen skills, how to try new recipes and foods, and all about how fun cooking can be! This camp is also offered as an afternoon session this week.

Instructor: Karsen McCord

Fee: \$200

Limit: 12

Taylor Swift: The Eras Camp 1-3 (Completed Grades 1-3)

Are you a Swiftie? Whether you attended the Eras Tour in person or not, this camp has all things Taylor. Make and trade friendship bracelets, sing the songs, and dance along! This camp is for all of Taylor's biggest fans. Have a favorite era? The camp will cover them all using the schedule below:

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FRIDAY: Evermore/Midnights

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$200

Limit: 12

Sculpey Fun! (Completed Grades 2-4)

Making miniatures with polymer clay is big time fun! You can create food, creatures, magnets, key chains, jewelry, and so much more. Join us for a variety of projects using Sculpey oven bake clay. We will explore different ways to use polymer clay, try out new techniques, and make our imaginative creations come to life. Everything you make will be baked and ready to take home by the end of the camp week.

Instructor: Elsa Musko

Fee: \$200

Limit: 12



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Wild About the Wilderness (Completed Grades 2-4)

Who's ready to spend the week learning the basics of outdoor camping skills? In this camp, we will learn all about knife safety, fire starting, outdoor awareness, cooking, and more!

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12

Soccer Stars (Completed Grades 3-5)

This is where the passion for soccer meets skill development, teamwork, and the thrill of the game! Our camp is designed for young soccer enthusiasts, from beginners aiming to learn the basics to experienced players looking to sharpen their skills and ignite their soccer star potential. Campers are expected to wear closed-toed shoes and bring lots of water!

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$185

Limit: 14

Science Investigators (Completed Grades 3-5)

Are there more germs on things found in your backpack? Or on a toilet seat? Do you really need to wear sunscreen on a cloudy day? Are yawns contagious? Spend this week conducting your very own science experiments to discover which common myths are truth and which are fiction.

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$195

Limit: 12

Biederman's Best Science 3-5 (Completed Grades 3-5)

This camp is a collection of the best science activities! Larry has a million explosive science experiments, and this is the camp to see the best of them all. We will safely make fire in unusual ways, explore the awesome properties of liquid nitrogen, and many more exciting chemical and physical reactions.

Instructor: Larry Biederman

Fee: \$198

Limit: 14

Origami Lab II (Completed Grades 3-5)

Learn the basics of origami while embracing your inner zen! Projects include animals, flowers, geometric shapes, and more – all made from folded paper. We will also come up with fun ways to display our creations. This camp is also offered in the morning during Week 3 and Week 5.

Instructor: Allie Whitman

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

The Oregon Trail (Completed Grades 4-8)

Join us as we bring history to life through the lens of the iconic Oregon Trail journey. Participants will play the card game, board game, and classic PC game inspired by the real Oregon Trail. We will learn all about pioneer life, decision-making on the trail, and the rich history of the West in a unique and engaging way!

Instructor: Meg McClintock

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12

Art Expression (Completed Grades 6-8)

Come create together! Campers will dive into the various ways to use art as a means of expression. We will experiment with painting, clay, drawing, collage, and more while exploring themes related to self, nature, emotions, and the world! The week will consist of both instructor and camper-led time to work on projects. Campers will be given opportunities to share their work with the group each day. All artwork will be sent home on the last day of camp.

Instructor: Becky Gracia

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

Creative Writing (Completed Grades 6-8)

Calling all writers! We encourage you to play with your writing and learn the different elements of stories through a variety of games. This camp is for young authors looking to develop their writing skills or to begin creative writing for the first time. You will spark a long-lasting appreciation and love for writing.

Instructor: Alex Heidtke

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12

Model Rocketry 6-8 (Completed Grades 6-8)

If you are interested in launching rockets, then this is the perfect camp for you! Each camper will receive a Viking rocket and several engine types (from A8-3 to C6-5). The Viking rocket has 48 possible fin configurations, and it is much easier to build than other kits. Since building the Viking rocket will be much less time-consuming, we will be spending more time launching. Possible launch altitude for this rocket is 1,600 ft. 3, 2, 1... BLAST OFF!!

Instructor: Mike Wilson

Fee: \$210

Limit: 12

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WEEK 4

JULY 15-19

AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

Kick, Catch, & Splash Art II (Completed Grades K-2)

Kickstart your imagination, catch your art tools, and join us to make a splash! Design whimsical basketball courts that will encourage us to make up our own games. Be inspired by artistic swimmers whose choreography creates geometric designs. Paint silhouettes of skateboarders doing tricks. Create visual effects that show the teamwork of an equestrian and their horse jumping over an obstacle. Design fashion sneakers, Olympic medals, and gymnast sculptures while you learn that sports can be a form of art! This camp is also offered during Week 1 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Artsy City Builders II (Completed Grades K-2)

Calling all creative minds: we are planning a city! Let's use art tools to design skyscrapers, bridges, community pools, houses, bistros, airports and even museums. Create an artsy garden with trees and sculptures. Paint your own urban skyline inspired by Van Gogh. Use art skills to turn STEAM concepts into 3D masterpieces. Join us on the road to fun! This camp is also offered during Week 1 in the world.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Backyard Games (Completed Grades K-2)

Let's have fun in the sun! Kids will learn different backyard games that they can play with their families at home. Examples of these games include bocce ball, spike ball, variations of tag games, oversized outdoor bowling, can jam, cornhole, and much more. Join us for a week of outdoor fun! Sunscreen and breezy clothes are recommended as this camp will be held outdoors.

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$182

Limit: 16

Rainbow Art Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple...and more! In this camp, we will channel our creativity to create art inspired by one of nature's most amazing natural wonders: the rainbow! Campers will create various art projects and crafts dedicated to our color of the day.

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee: \$193

Limit: 16

ASL with Friends II (Completed Grades K-2)

This camp offers the basics of American Sign Language! We will cover topics such as the alphabet, numbers 1-10, introductions, family, emotions, needs, places, and much more. This camp is great for those that love to make friends – you never know when ASL will come in handy! This camp is also offered during Week 3 in the morning.

Instructor: Natalie Tanner

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12

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Instructor: Karsen McCord

Fee: \$200

Limit: 12



Fun Out Of The Sun (Completed Grades 3-5)

Come have some fun in the gym! This will be a week full of tag, capture the flag, and all of the fun gym games that you can think of. There will be team building, challenges, and tournaments! Campers are encouraged to wear closed-toed shoes and bring lots of water.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$185

Limit: 12



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Flower Power Art (Completed Grades 3-5)

In this camp, campers will delve into the world of iconic artists like Vincent Van Gogh and Georgia O'Keeffe, who are renowned for their flower-themed artwork. Campers will explore their techniques and styles and then create their own masterpieces inspired by these artists.

Instructor: Angelina Griffin

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12



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Limit: 12

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Fee: \$180

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Instructor: Larry Biederman

Fee: \$198

Limit: 14

Jackbox Party (Completed Grades 6-8)

This camp is all about fun and friendly competition. Dive into the world of Jackbox classics like Fibbage, Blather Round, Drawful, Quiplash, and Mad Verse City. Join us for a week of interactive play, socializing, and endless entertainment with the coolest party games in town! Jackbox games will be played with the "family-friendly" filter on at all times.

Instructor: Meg McClintock

Fee: \$187

Limit: 14

Criminal Investigation Camp (Completed Grades 6-8)

Come put your problem solving skills to the test and use real-world investigative techniques to help solve a case! Find out how reliable eyewitness testimony truly is, practice collecting physical evidence, and learn about the laws that must be followed during criminal investigations. At the end of the week, after analyzing all of the evidence, find out if your suspect is guilty or innocent!

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12



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WEEK 4

JULY 15-19

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

All The World's A Stage (Completed Grades 1-5)

Come together for the annual Summer at Emerson play! We will spend our time together writing out a plot and characters, crafting costumes and set pieces, and rehearsing for our performance that we will put on at the end of the week.

We will get to show off our thespian skills for our families, friends, and other fellow campers. This camp is perfect for anyone interested in theater, from beginners to experienced performance veterans.

Instructor: Grant Weston

Fee: \$377

Limit: 12

Passport to Michigan I - Emerson Students Only (Completed Grades 2-5)

Pack your bags and join us on adventures to local destinations for a field trip frenzy. Smile for your passport photo and collect stamps as we travel to visit animals, sample tasty treats, explore nature, and appreciate the beauty around us. If you love the AADL Summer Games program, perhaps we will even spy some codes while we are out and about! Campers must bring lunches, snacks, and water to each activity. The places we will visit include DeBuck's Family Farm, Detroit Zoo, LEGOLand and/or the Aquarium, Outdoor Adventure Center, Blank Slate Creamery, and the Ann Arbor Art Fair! This camp is offered to Emerson students only. This full day camp is also offered during Week 7.

Instructor: Kristen Ellis

Fee: \$315

Limit: 10

Astronomy and the Nature of Everything II (Completed Grades 3-5)

Calling all astronauts! We are tracking a mysterious signal from outer space. Let's hop from planets to asteroids to stars and finally through a black hole to find its source. Get ready to solve puzzles and codes sent by a possible alien pen pal and use relativity and gravity to map out each day's spaceship trip. Will we find life on another planet, a human lost in space, or a time-traveling message from the future? This full day camp is also offered during Week 3.

Instructor: Kairi Kim

Fee: \$377

Limit: 12

Emerson's Ultimate Game Show (Completed Grades 3-5)

Have you ever wanted to compete in your favorite game show? Now is your chance! Campers will focus on working as a team to complete different challenges inspired by their favorite game shows. This camp includes a variety of physical and trivial challenges throughout the week including capture the flag, Jeopardy, obstacle courses, water balloon fights, and more. Get ready to test your skills in Emerson's Ultimate Game Show!

Instructor: Emily Barbour

Fee: \$365

Limit: 12

Emerson School of Witchcraft and Wizardry (Completed Grades 3-5)

Ever wonder what it might be like to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry? In this full-day camp, you will get to experience magical activities and adventures through crafts, snacks, and games just like Harry and the gang! We will make butterscotch sweet drinks, chocolate frogs, pretzel rod wands, pumpkin pasties, and edible potions. No need to have read the full series to participate!

Instructor: Mary Hoskins

Fee: \$377

Limit: 12

Dungeons and Dragons III (Completed Grades 4-8)

Hail, and well met! If you're looking for adventure, search no further: you've found it this summer at Emerson! Join us in playing the world's oldest and most popular role-playing game. Based on teamwork, collaborative storytelling, and creative problem solving, Dungeons and Dragons has captured the hearts of adventurers all around the world for over 40 years. All skill levels are welcome, beginners and experienced players alike. Get ready to roll for initiative because this summer will be a critical hit! This full day camp is also offered during Week 1 and Week 2.

Instructor: Kyle Zill

Fee: \$350

Limit: 8

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WEEK 5

JULY 22-26

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Artosaurus Art Camp II (Completed Grades K-2)

Explore the wild world of dinosaurs and other reptiles! Experiment with a variety of art techniques while learning about science, technology, engineering, and math concepts used to study extinct animals. Dig into the life of dinosaurs and have a ferociously fun time! This camp is also offered during Week 1 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Go For The Distance! (Completed Grades K-2)

Go for the gold? More like go for the distance! This camp is all about challenges and games involving distance. We will compete in frisbee throwing contests, hopping and jumping competitions, and so much more! How far will YOU go to reach the finish line?

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee: \$187

Limit: 16

Tunnels, Forts & Mazes I (Completed Grades K-2)

Let your creativity and imagination run wild! Get ready to design and build giant forts with friends and connect them with tunnels, mazes, and hidden passages. Campers are encouraged to wear closed-toed shoes. This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the morning.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$185

Limit: 16



Great Big Messy Art Camp II (Completed Grades K-2)

Oh, go ahead and make a mess! That's what this camp is all about: messy art and creative imagination-expanding experiences! Everything we do is messy: sticky spaghetti designs, paint that fizzes and pops, messy portraits that match our own messy faces, squeeze art, and African mud painting. These happy, creative experiments will spark our imaginations! This camp is also offered during Week 1 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Mindful Explorers (Completed Grades K-2)

Let's explore together! This camp will take place primarily outdoors (with the option to move inside, if needed). Campers will engage in activities, exercises, arts, crafts, and games that teach and encourage basic mindfulness skills. These include using our five senses, active listening, body awareness, breathwork, noticing thoughts and feelings, kindness, and gratitude. We will be curious explorers as we explore ourselves, nature, and the world around us! Campers will earn "badges" throughout the week as they learn new skills. Food will be used in certain activities. Attention to allergies along with dietary restrictions and preferences will be taken.

Instructor: Becky Gracia

Fee: \$193

Limit: 16

Readers Theater (Completed Grades K-2)

Come read and perform your favorite stories in a fun and interactive way! Using books as scripts, campers will learn to read with inflection, perform the action, and turn a simple read-aloud into interactive performance pieces that will be enjoyed by all.

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12



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Wonders of the World (Completed Grades 1-3)

Did you know we can travel the world without even leaving Emerson? Thanks to technology, it is possible to visit the Pyramids of Giza, the Great Wall of China, the ancient streets of Pompeii, and so much more! In this camp, we will take a virtual trip around the world to experience incredible sites. Together, we will read stories, virtually tour, and learn about the history and culture of numerous famous landmarks. We will also play games and create projects inspired by our travels. Grab your passport and come along!

Instructor: Elsa Musko

Fee: \$185

Limit: 14

Junkyard Wars: Chain Reaction (Completed Grades 2-4)

What happens when dominoes are lined up and one is knocked over? It causes a chain reaction, and the other dominoes fall one by one! But What if we were to create a massive chain reaction? We could use dominoes, marbles, string, cups, and lots of other household supplies! In this camp, we will learn all about how to build an epic chain reaction that everyone will be talking about.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys

Fee: \$226

Limit: 16

Origami Lab III (Completed Grades 3-5)

Learn the basics of origami while embracing your inner zen! Projects include animals, flowers, geometric shapes, and more – all made from folded paper. We will also come up with fun ways to display our creations. This camp is also offered in the morning during Week 3 and Week 4.

Instructor: Allie Whitman

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

Canvas of Creativity: Digital Canva Creations (Completed Grades 3-6)

Explore the world of graphic design with Canva! Each day, dive into visual storytelling while learning to use shapes, colors, fonts, emphasis, proportion, and white space. From comic book pages to logos and digital collages, the creative journey awaits. Join us for a week filled with design, imagination, and plenty of fun!

Instructor: Kristen Ellis

Fee: \$187

Limit: 10

I Felt Like Sewing With Felt (Completed Grades 4-6)

Felt is the perfect fabric for learning to sew by hand and developing your sewing skills! The potential for creations is limitless: stuffed toys, tote bags, decorative items, and even simple jewelry! While creating, campers will learn simple sewing skills like threading a needle, cutting patterns, and sewing on buttons.

Instructor: Linda Lakshminarayanan

Fee: \$180

Limit: 10

Meme Creator (Completed Grades 5-8)

This camp will be focused on finding and creating awesome meme content! Join Instructor Sam Boughton for a tutorial on looking up current events and understanding them in a way to make clever and creative memes.

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$189

Limit: 14

WEEK 5

JULY 22-26

AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

Let's Go Camping Art Camp II (Completed Grades K-2)

Let's have camping fun without even leaving the art room! This art camp takes us to an imaginary world where we will hike, build a campfire, create a nature tapestry, and learn about wild animals. We will learn all about camping by mapping our campground, designing our own camping trailer, and "collecting" bugs in a jar. We will use our imagination and explore painting, printing, collage, and other art media. This camp is also offered during Week 2 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Paws, Claws and Hooves Art Camp II (Completed Grades K-2)

Calling all animal lovers! Bring your imagination and we will provide a ROAAAAARing camp experience! Make your favorite animals come to life using paints, collage, and sculpture while learning about animal habits and habitats. If you love animals and nature, creating awesome art projects, and making new friends, then this is the camp for you! This camp is also offered during Week 2 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16



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Just Dance! (Completed Grades 1-4)

Do you love to dance? In this camp, dancers will explore creativity and movement through dance. This camp will use all dancers' talents and strengths to compose their own routines by the end of the week. Please wear comfortable clothes you can move in and bring a water bottle. No prior dance experience is required.

Instructors: Holly Greca & Ella Krahn **Fee:** \$220

Limit: 16



Obstacle Courses I (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 cool obstacle courses, both indoors and outdoors. Campers are encouraged to wear close-toed shoes.

This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$185

Limit: 16

Ancient Art Explorers II (Completed Grades 3-5)

In this camp, we will embark on a journey to explore the rich artistic heritage of ancient civilizations such as China and Greece. Campers will conduct research, gain insights into the cultural significance of art, and create our own artwork inspired by these ancient cultures. This camp is also offered during Week 3 in the morning.

Instructor: Angelina Griffin

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12

Forming Fantasy Lands (Completed Grades 3-5)

Campers will explore through their imaginations to create their own fantasy worlds! Through activities, character creation, and more, campers will see what it truly takes to make a fantasy come to life. Let's see what type of stories will unfold in their own fantasy worlds!

Instructor: Kaylyn Edwards

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

DC/Marvel Mania! (Completed Grades 3-5)

Campers will participate in a variety of activities inspired by the many different heroes from DC and Marvel! They will become detectives, speedsters, mutants, and more through games and character creation. Campers will be able to become the heroes of their own story!

Instructor: Makayla Edwards

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12

Intro to Reading Music: Part 1 - Section C (Completed Grades 4-6)

Learn how to read the language of music! Through a blend of interactive kinetic and aural activities and worksheets, we will learn how to read pitches, rhythm, major key signatures, simple time signatures, accidentals, and some common major scales. No previous music experience is required, and no instrument is required. This camp is also offered during Week 3 and Week 4 during the afternoon.

Instructor: Jasper Zientek

Fee: \$180

Limit: 12

Hands-On Electronics (Completed Grades 2-4)

Using Snap Circuits, campers will explore and create basic to advanced circuits! We will learn about series and parallel circuits, digital logic circuits, noise maker circuits, and motion and light activated alarm circuits. Come join the electrifying world of electronics!

Instructor: Brain Monkeys

Fee: \$226

Limit: 16

Google Sites Creator (Completed Grades 5-8)

Have you ever been interested in creating Google sites? In this camp, we will learn how to create our own website with our own content. This will be a fun and easy way to learn how to create a website in one of the most streamlined platforms.

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

WEEK 5

JULY 22-26

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Time Travelers Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Step into a world of adventure, where young explorers journey through history's most exciting eras! Each day unlocks a new epoch, from unearthing dinosaur bones in our Dino Dig Sandbox to building pyramids in Ancient Egypt and embarking on a Knight's Quest through medieval obstacle courses. Campers will don their creative hats to craft royal crowns and decode hieroglyphics on a Pharaoh's Treasure Hunt. Interactive storytelling sessions bring historical figures and tales to life, fueling imaginations, and a love for learning.

Instructor: Karsen McCord

Fee: \$369

Limit: 12

Jr. Escape Room Challenge II (Completed Grades 3-5)

Through engaging puzzles and challenges, campers will boost teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity as they solve escape rooms. Learn the ins and outs of escape room design from a former escape room employee. Participants will even get the chance to create their own puzzles and foster a love for problem-solving. This full day camp is also offered during Week 2.

Instructor: Meg McClintock

Fee: \$372

Limit: 12



Rube Goldberg Inventors (Completed Grades 3-8)

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. Teamwork is essential in this super collaborative camp. We will use familiar objects, such as ramps, rope, tubes, weights, balls, and – most importantly – lots of duct tape. Monday through Thursday will provide time for constructing, testing, learning, and building. On Friday, we will host a showcase of our contraptions and then celebrate as we tear down for the remainder of the afternoon.

Instructor: Larry Biederman

Fee: \$392

Limit: 20

Messy Science (Completed Grades K-2)

Put on your lab coat for some hands-on science experiments! Campers will get messy and learn about chemical reactions while they make slime, play with oobleck, and hatch fizzy dinosaurs. All the fun of messy experiments without having to clean it up at home!

Instructor: Emily Barbour

Fee: \$374

Limit: 12

Summer STEM with LEGO (Completed Grades 3-5)

We love to keep creative minds brewing over the summer...and what better way than through play! This LEGO themed camp allows campers to explore STEM fields such as psychology, engineering, zoology, computer science, and more. Each activity goes hand in hand with a field in STEM as well as a short discussion about what that field explores. This camp is highly recommended for campers who love LEGO and want to know more about the world around them.

Instructor: Natalie Tanner

Fee: \$374

Limit: 12



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

Adventure Gaming (Completed Grades 3-8)

Join us for a week of adventure gaming! Throughout this camp, we will engage with a variety of role playing, strategy, deduction, and deceit based games. From the popular Ultimate Werewolf, Interactive Clue, and Stratego all the way to Escape Rooms and Risk, the opportunities for fun are endless. Are you ready for adventure?

Instructor: Grant Weston

Fee: \$385

Limit: 12

Kitchen Challenges (Completed Grades 6-8)

Have you ever watched a cooking competition and thought, "I could be a contestant!"? Or, do you binge-watch cooking shows in the hopes of picking up tips and skills to use at home? Spend this week participating in your very own kitchen challenges based on popular reality cooking shows. You will have the opportunity to practice the skills needed to become the next master chef. Each day, you will be challenged to cook at least one delicious dish to share and enjoy!

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$389

Limit: 12

WEEK 6

JULY 29-AUGUST 2

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Space Art Adventure Camp II (Completed Grades K-2)

Join us and blast off to an outer space adventure! Learn about the solar system, meteoroids, meteors and meteorites, constellations, and much more. Find out why astronauts wear space suits and why telescopes are important tools. Create art that focuses on science, technology, engineering, and math concepts. Explore fun art techniques, play games, and make friends that are "out of this world" all while we reach for the stars! This camp is also offered during Week 2 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Yummy Art Camp II (Completed Grades K-2)

Get your spoon, paintbrush, and chocolate syrup ready – we're going to create some art! We will build spaghetti sculptures, learn about food artists, paint a chocolate portrait, and much more. It's all about the wonderful and wacky world of food art! No peanut or peanut oils will be used. This camp is also offered during Week 2 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Pokémon Trainers Club K-2 (Completed Grades K-2)

Enter the world of Pokémon in this immersive and exciting adventure! Campers will explore, play, and learn about all things Pokémon. Between going on adventures for wild Pokémon and testing out Pokémon video games through history, this camp has it all!

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$183

Limit: 12

Magic School Bus (Completed Grades K-2)

Each day of this exciting camp will have a theme based on an episode of the celebrated series, The Magic School Bus! We will watch Ms. Frizzle and her campers' adventures, conduct our own science experiments, play games, and create imaginative projects. Join us for a wild ride!

Instructor: Elsa Musko

Fee: \$189

Limit: 14

Tag, You're It! (Completed Grades K-2)

While tag is one of the easiest games to play, there is so much more to learn about how fun it can really be! Throughout this week, we will learn and play all kinds of different tag games, including Capture the Flag, Duck Duck Goose, Freeze Tag, Categories, What Time Is It, Mr. Fox?, and so much more! Join us and become an expert on all things tag...you're it!

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee: \$182

Limit: 14

Rock Artists (Completed Grades 1-5)

Welcome to our rockin' adventure where creativity meets geology! From pet rocks, rock monsters, and rock messages, every day is a new opportunity to paint, play, and learn about the fascinating world of rocks! We will take a field trip to a local park to leave our inspirational messages of hope for the community. Please bring lunch, snacks, and water to be eaten at the park on the last day of this camp.

Instructor: Kristen Ellis

Fee: \$193

Limit: 10



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Summer Fun in the Kitchen! (Completed Grades 3-8)

Join us in the Emerson garden and kitchen where we will plan and prepare yummy summer dishes! Learn how to turn all those summer vegetables and fruits into delicious foods you can share with your whole family. Campers will learn about knife skills, measuring and mixing techniques, the importance of spices and ingredients, and food safety.

Instructor: Jyl Barnett Nolan

Fee: \$255

Limit: 14

Writer's Workshop I (Completed Grades 6-8)

Grab a pencil and get ready for a week of exercising your imagination! We will explore fun prompts, collaborative storytelling, personal narrative, writing games, and more. This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the morning.

Instructor: Allie Whitman

Fee: \$193

Limit: 14

Basketballers (Completed Grades 3-5)

Come learn the fundamentals of basketball! This camp is built on teamwork, fun, and a love for the sport. Whether you are a beginner looking to learn the basics, or you are an experienced player aiming to take your basketball skills to the next level, we hope you join us! Campers are encouraged to bring closed-toed shoes and a water bottle.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$183

Limit: 14



WEEK 6

JULY 29-AUGUST 2

AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

Kids On Canvas II (Completed Grades K-2)

These are no ordinary paintings! Get ready for a Kids on Canvas painting adventure that features fabulous artists, acrylic painting techniques, and – most importantly – buckets of fun! Create paintings on canvas that explore patterns, include texture, and incorporate fun designs and eye-popping portraits. Grab a paintbrush and have a world of fun learning about amazing artwork and artists from around the world! This camp is also offered during Week 3 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Did You Say Clay? II (Completed Grades K-2)

Hooray for clay! Roll, pinch, pat, press, paint, and sculpt your way through this creative series that features projects with Crayola Air-Dry Clay, Model Magic, and modeling clay. During this camp, we will learn about famous sculptors, sculpting techniques, and cultures. Campers will be inspired to create their own expressions of 3D art using colorful shapes and designs, beads, sequins, pipe cleaners and much more! This camp is also offered during Week 3 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

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Creative Station: LEGO Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Immerse yourself in the fun world of LEGO! Team building and cooperation will be present throughout the whole camp as campers will work together to complete challenges. LEGOs are provided, so all campers need to bring is their creativity and imagination!

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$182

Limit: 14

Gym Stations (Completed Grades K-2)

Have you ever wished that you could play all of your favorite gym class games in one day? In this camp, you can! Each day, campers will get the chance to experience all of their favorite gym class activities by hopping from one station to the next. Each station is set up in Emerson's gymnasium and will be mapped out according to set times so that campers can participate in as many games as possible. Ready, set. . . onto the next!

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee: \$183

Limit: 14

Girls Coding Camp for Emerson Students (Completed Grades 3-4)

Are you a third or fourth grade girl who is interested in coding and learning how to program a robot? Do you want to learn from girls who are already passionate about programming? If so, this is the camp for you! Come and join some of the girls from the Emerson Robotics Middle School Competitive Team to learn how to program. We will be using LEGO software for the EV3's, Ozobots, and more. You are sure to learn a lot while having a lot of fun! This camp is for Emerson students only.

Instructors: Marchell Burgess & Terry Chang

Special Fee: \$138

Limit: 10

Pokémon Trainers Club 3-5 (Completed Grades 3-5)

Are you a Pokémon Master? Explore the World of Pokémon from a more experienced perspective. Campers will hunt wild Pokémon, learn about competitive battling, and become more well versed in multiple areas of the Pokémon universe.

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$183

Limit: 12

Robotics and Engineering (Completed Grades 3-6)

Come explore the world of robotics! In this camp, we will develop higher level thinking skills by programming LEGO models to move and interact using language and literacy skills. Campers will follow the easy-to-use LEGO software program to build a model robot, write simple programs, and watch as the motors and sensors on their model animate their creations. We will then challenge campers to extend their programs and models using their own ideas or other programming techniques taught.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys

Fee: \$226

Limit: 16

Around the World in the Kitchen (Completed Grades 3-8)

Get ready to take a culinary adventure to different continents and cultures as we explore the tastes of food from around the world! This camp will show you how much fun and easy cooking international dishes can be. We will tour global cuisines and learn about each specific culture while we cook.

Instructor: Jyl Barnett Nolan

Fee: \$255

Limit: 12





SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

Intro to Reading Music: Part 2 - Section A (Completed Grades 4-6)

Learn MORE about how to read the language of music! In this camp, we will expand upon Part 1 of this camp with more activities. Through a blend of interactive kinetic and aural activities and worksheets, we will learn how to read more complex pitches and rhythm, learn minor key signatures, compound time signatures, accidentals, and some common minor scales. No previous music experience is required, and no instrument is required. Enrolling in Part 1 before Part 2 is encouraged. This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Jasper Zientek **Fee:** \$180
Limit: 12

Introduction to Graphic Design II (Completed Grades 5-8)

This camp will introduce campers to the fundamentals of graphic design, including typography and design skills, using free software like Canva and Google Drawings! This camp is a great opportunity for campers to develop essential technological and artistic skills. This camp is also offered during Week 2 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Angelina Griffin **Fee:** \$187
Limit: 14

"Back In My Day" Camp (Completed Grades 6-8)

We've all heard our parents or grandparents say "back in my day, we used to..." Now is your chance to fully understand what that means! In this camp, we will play older card games, like cribbage and canasta. We will also attempt jigsaw and word puzzles. We will learn how to hike up a hill both ways, tie certain fishing knots, and create outlandish stories like the ones we have all heard growing up. This camp looks to revive all the old school pastimes that have since become legend.

Instructor: Alex Heidtke **Fee:** \$187
Limit: 14

WEEK 6

JULY 29-AUGUST 2

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Superhero Training Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Welcome to a camp where our imagination takes flight in a world full of heroes and adventures! This action-packed week will be filled with exciting activities, from designing our own superhero costumes to tackling fun obstacle courses. Each day, we will explore different themes like superpowers, heroics, and the importance of teamwork and community helpers.

Instructor: Karsen McCord **Fee:** \$369
Limit: 14

Finding Fossils 3-5 (Completed Grades 3-5)

It's time to put on our paleontologist hats and explore different types of fossils found here in Michigan! Campers will learn about extinction events and how things are fossilized through a number of interactive activities. We will learn how to identify major paleo marine fossil groups, create our own ichnofossils using microscopes to sort microfossils from sediment, and create a project involving our favorite local "fossils."

Instructor: Natalie Tanner **Fee:** \$365
Limit: 12

Cooper's Corner (Completed Grades 3-8)

If you are missing "Simon's Specials" or any other Simon Burchill camp this summer, no need to worry! This camp will be a mixture of all activities Cooper learned from legendary Summer at Emerson instructor, Simon Burchill, over the past several years. Activities will cover a range of Simon's best camps, including Spy School, That's Magic, and everything else in between! Each day will enforce teamwork and critical thinking while carrying on the incredible legacy of Instructor Simon Burchill.

Instructor: Cooper Hoffman **Fee:** \$363
Limit: 12

Good Vibrations - Making Music II (Completed Grades 4-8)

Are you the next Taylor Swift? Or the next Thomas Edison? Either way, this camp will prepare you for greatness as you invent your own musical instrument and write songs to play by the end of the week! Using the principles of waveform physics, you will build, tune, practice, and perform your very own creations. We will also decode the patterns behind scales, harmonies, rhythms, and chord progressions, so you can compose your own hit songs! This full day camp is also offered during Week 1.

Instructor: Kairi Kim **Fee:** \$374
Limit: 12



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

The Play's The Thing (Completed Grades 6-8)

Dive into the art of acting by writing and performing scenes across the many genres of comedy, tragedy, mystery, and more! Develop your acting skills, spark creativity, and master the art of bringing stories to life on the stage.

Instructor: Meg McClintock

Fee: \$377

Limit: 12

Mock Trial Camp (Completed Grades 6-8)

Are you interested in learning more about law and how our court system works? Do you enjoy arguing and debating until you have proven your point? If either answer is yes, then join us for a week preparing and acting out a simulated court case! You will improve your research and debate skills, learn to think quickly on your feet, and practice public speaking as you act out your role in an exciting court case.

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$377

Limit: 12

WEEK 7

AUGUST 5-9

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Adventure Park Art Camp II (Completed Grades K-2)

Give your creativity a whirl and create a theme park with a roller coaster, a Ferris wheel, and much more! Ride along with us and explore different art materials and techniques to create your dream amusement park. Unleash your imagination and join us on this fun adventure while you play with your new friends and have an outrageously fun time! This camp is also offered during Week 3 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Creative Dance Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

This camp will include as many art forms as we can squeeze into one week! We will explore all kinds of art-making with our hands, bodies, voices, and hearts. Campers will express themselves through dance, enriched by props, costumes, poems, and songs. We will conclude this week of creativity with a concert for family, friends, and fellow campers.

Instructor: Lesley Criscenti

Fee: \$189

Limit: 12

FAB Art: Fun & Beautiful II (Completed Grades K-2)

Everything we create is FAB (Fun And Beautiful) as we explore watercolor techniques, papers, 3D art, and perspective. Design FUN art featuring unique masks, fish that grow, and even lovable Minions. Create BEAUTIFUL art as we fold and cut paper in unique ways, paint tonal gradations, learn to crop images, and invent our own designs. Let your creativity flow and make FAB art! This camp is also offered during Week 3 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Fitness Scavenger Hunt (Completed Grades K-2)

Love a good scavenger hunt? Let's take it up a notch with fitness! In this camp, campers will have fitness-based scavenger hunt findings to solve. From Emerson's gymnasium to the great outdoors of Emerson's sprawling campus, the possibilities for thrilling discovery and fun exercise are endless!

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee: \$182

Limit: 12

Tunnels, Forts & Mazes II (Completed Grades K-2)

Let your creativity and imagination run wild! Get ready to design and build giant forts with friends and connect them with tunnels, mazes, and hidden passages. Campers are encouraged to wear closed-toed shoes. This camp is also offered during Week 5 in the morning.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$185

Limit: 16

Unicorn Rescue Society 101 II (Completed Grades K-2)

Unicorns are real! At least we think they are...Join us and become a member of the Unicorn Rescue Society, based on the books by Adam Gidwitz. Each day, campers will travel the world on a mission to save mythical creatures. Along the way, we will learn about each country through interactive activities, make various unicorn themed crafts, go on scavenger hunts, and even try new foods! Foods will include sample Starbucks Vanilla Bean Frappuccinos (caffeine-free) and Duritos, a Mexican wheat snack. New to the Unicorn Rescue Society World? This is the perfect camp for you. This camp is also offered during Week 2 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$225

Limit: 12



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

Stuck on Scrapbooking (Completed Grades 3-5)

Learn the art of journaling and scrapbooking! Campers can take pictures at camp or bring photos from home to create a one-of-a-kind scrapbook souvenir. It will forever preserve the memories of a summer filled with fun, friends, and unforgettable moments!

Instructor: Meg McClintock

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

Building for Natural Disasters (Completed Grades 3-5)

Architects and civil engineers work together to create buildings that can withstand natural disasters, like earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. Spend the week in their shoes, designing and making your own model buildings. Be ready to test your builds against simulated natural disasters. Will your designs hold up against tremors, heavy water damage, or the mighty force of wind?

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12

Master Chocolatier (Completed Grades 3-5)

You thought you knew all about chocolate? Surprise! There is more to try while getting our hands all chocolatey. We will make a chocolate house that will be delicious. We will also learn how to make Nutella from scratch and then use it to frost our three different layers of chocolate cake. Let's top it off with hand made chocolate figures! It will be a glorious week of chocolate making.

Instructor: Amparo Herbert

Fee: \$220

Limit: 14

It's Your Turn! Tabletop Gaming (Completed Grades 3-8)

It's YOUR turn to have fun with Summer at Emerson! Join us as we explore the wide world of tabletop gaming. We will play classic card games like Euchre and Uno, critical board game masterpieces like Settlers of Catan and Ticket to Ride, modern marvels like Codenames and Dixit, and so much more. Campers of all skill levels from beginners to experts are welcome, so shuffle your cards and count your victory points to get ready for a summer full of fun!

Instructor: Kyle Zill

Fee: \$175

Limit: 12

Cartooning (Completed Grades 4-6)

Cartooning is a camp for kids who love to imagine, design, and draw cartoon and/or anime characters. Campers will learn the basics of cartoon character design and cartoon panel creation. Materials for the camp will be provided!

Instructor: Mike Wilson

Fee: \$187

Limit: 12

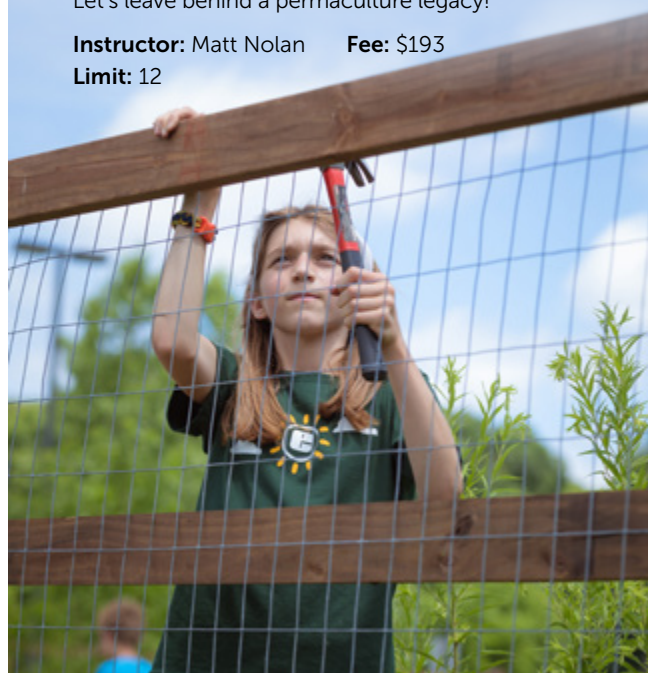
Permaculture Gardening Skills (Completed Grades 5-8)

Help learn about, care for, and add to Emerson's Permaculture Garden! We will spend our time nurturing chickens, hanging with worms, planting trees and veggies, adding to the cob oven, tending to compost, adding mulch, and—of course—tasting some of what's growing in the garden! We will use these hands-on experiences, as well as a few games and songs, to help us learn what "permaculture" is. In addition, the group will work on a "building" project that we can accomplish within the week, such as building a bench, adding an arbor, or painting signs. Let's leave behind a permaculture legacy!

Instructor: Matt Nolan

Fee: \$193

Limit: 12



Writer's Workshop II (Completed Grades 6-8)

Grab a pencil and get ready for a week of exercising your imagination! We will explore fun prompts, collaborative storytelling, personal narrative, writing games, and more. This camp is also offered during Week 6 in the morning.

Instructor: Allie Whitman

Fee: \$193

Limit: 14



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WEEK 7

AUGUST 5-9

AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

World Travel 3D Art Camp II (Completed Grades K-2)

Travel with us on this creative journey and change the way you see the world! Create 3D masterpieces inspired by world cultures. Learn about Chinese ceramics, Croatian "licitar" hearts, Maori design carvings from New Zealand, "nicho" boxes from Mexico, and much more. Create art using a variety of materials, play games, and understand that through art we can connect with people from all over the world. This camp is also offered during Week 4 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Underwater Art Camp II (Completed Grades K-2)

Make a big splash and join us for adventures in Underwater Art Camp! Campers will learn all about jellyfish, octopuses, dolphins, whales, and even mermaids! There's nothing fishy about using cool tools and materials to create fun paintings, collages, sculptures, and more. Campers will have oceans of fun designing cool art projects, playing games, reading stories, learning about ecology, and examining underwater habitats. So dive in! You won't get wet, but you will make some new friends and have tons of fun under the sea! This camp is also offered during Week 4 in the morning.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$232

Limit: 16

Obstacle Courses II (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 cool obstacle courses, both indoors and outdoors. Campers are encouraged to wear close-toed shoes. This camp is also offered during Week 5 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$185

Limit: 16

Hula Hooping Around (Completed Grades K-2)

You would be amazed at just how easily a simple hula hoop can transform any normal game into the ultimate fun fest! Together, we will play tons of fun games all with the use of hula hoops. These activities will include Jail Break, Cross the River, and much more!

Instructor: Ella Krahn

Fee: \$185

Limit: 16

Unicorn Rescue 2 (Completed Grades K-3)

The adventure continues: are YOU a member of the Unicorn Rescue Society? This camp builds off of Unicorn Rescue Society 101 with new countries, new clues, and new mysteries to solve. Visit countries, learn about cultures, and stop those pesky Schmoke Brothers once and for all! Food offerings will include Brazilian Briedarios and DIY candy sushi. Note: This camp is highly recommended to those who have taken Unicorn Rescue Society 101 either earlier in the summer or last summer as it builds on existing knowledge of the books and universe. New to the Unicorn Rescue Society? Check out Unicorn Rescue Society 101 Offered during Week 2 in the afternoon or Week 7 in the morning.

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$220

Limit: 12





SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

Theater 101 (Completed Grades 3-5)

Join us for an exploration of the performing arts, featuring theater games, improv, and dramatic scene performances. Unleash your creativity, build confidence, and explore the world of stage performance!

Instructor: Meg McClintock

Fee: \$194

Limit: 12

Egg-Citing Science (Completed Grades 3-5)

Which came first: the chicken or the egg? We may never know the answer to that question, but there are plenty more egg-citing ways that we can learn and play with eggs. Campers will discover how eggs are like human teeth, if an egg can bounce like a rubber ball, and even if it is possible to walk on eggs without walking on eggshells. Prepare for a week of egggy eggs-periments, because there's more than one way to crack an egg.

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley

Fee: \$198

Limit: 12

Ecology Explorers (Completed Grades 3-6)

In this camp, we will actively seek out all types of living things that interact in the environments around us. We will explore our ponds with microscopes, looking for the tiniest of living things and testing the quality of the water they live in. We will also explore our nature center with binoculars, learning to identify local birds and mammals to better understand how these animals interact and survive. In addition, we will explore our permaculture garden with magnifying lenses and our senses, observing the interactions of our friends that live there, singing songs, playing games, and even tasting some of the delicious foods that grow there. Come and explore the ecology of Emerson with us!

Instructor: Matt Nolan

Fee: \$195

Limit: 12

Chocolate Connoisseur (Completed Grades 3-8)

This is the ultimate chocolate experience! Challenge your senses and sharpen your love for chocolate in our sweetest chocolate camp yet. We will make the best recipes and all of the fun creations from past chocolate camps. To top it all off, we will make Tuxedo Strawberries!

Instructor: Amparo Herbert

Fee: \$220

Limit: 12

Intro to Reading Music: Part 2 - Section B (Completed Grades 4-6)

Learn MORE about how to read the language of music! In this camp, we will expand upon Part 1 of this camp with more activities. Through a blend of interactive kinetic and aural activities and worksheets, we will learn how to read more complex pitches and rhythm, learn minor key signatures, compound time signatures, accidentals, and some common minor scales. No previous music experience is required, and no instrument is required. Enrolling in Part 1 before Part 2 is encouraged. This camp is also offered during Week 6 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Jasper Zientek

Fee: \$180

Limit: 12

Gundam Model Mania (Completed Grades 3-8)

For over 40 years, Gundam – or Gunpla – have been an exciting staple of the world of model building. If you love anime, building models, or just think that giant robots are super cool, then this is the camp for you. Join us this summer to learn everything you need to know about building Gundam models, because Gunpla is freedom! No prior experience necessary.

Instructor: Kyle Zill

Fee: \$200

Limit: 12

Steampunk Camp (Completed Grades 4-8)

steampunk, (noun); "A genre of science fiction that has a historical setting and typically features steam-powered machinery rather than advanced technology." This camp is a place where campers can imagine, design, and create various steampunk components such as costumes, ship models, character development, and equipment! First, we will be introduced to several steampunk-based adventures and asked to choose a setting, a position role, and a steampunk name that best suits the camper's interests and character persona. Then, we will dive into design and make clothing, equipment, jewelry, documents, devices, and ship models that appropriately complement our own chosen steampunk roles. To top it all off, campers will create faux-vintage steampunk photos to create a steampunk adventure memory book.

Instructor: Mike Wilson

Fee: \$211

Limit: 12

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SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

WEEK 7

AUGUST 5-9

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Mini Wolverine's Explorer's Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Dive into the exciting world of learning with our Mini Wolverines Explorers Camp, inspired by the prestigious University of Michigan! This unique camp offers a week full of interactive activities, from conducting simple science experiments to engaging in team sports, mirroring the diverse academic and extracurricular life at U of M. Children will explore arts, music, and university traditions, fostering a love for learning and creativity. Each day is a new adventure, aimed at inspiring young minds and introducing them to the joys and possibilities of higher education. Join us for a week of fun, exploration, and discovery, all in the spirit of the maize and blue!

Instructor: Karsen McCord

Fee: \$375

Limit: 12

Passport to Michigan II - Emerson Students Only (Completed Grades 2-5)

Pack your bags and join us on adventures to local destinations for a field trip frenzy! Smile for your passport photo and collect stamps as we travel to visit animals, sample tasty treats, explore nature, and appreciate the beauty around us. If you love the AADL Summer Games program, perhaps we will even spy some codes while we're out and about! Campers must bring lunches, snacks, and water to each activity. The places we will visit include DeBuck's Family Farm, Detroit Zoo, LEGOLand and/or the Aquarium, Outdoor Adventure Center, an Ann Arbor area park, and Blank Slate Creamery! This camp is offered to Emerson students only. This full day camp is also offered during Week 4.

Instructor: Kristen Ellis

Fee: \$315

Limit: 10

All Things Astronomy (Completed Grades 3-5)

Who hasn't dreamed of exploring space? This is your camper's chance to dive deep into their intergalactic curiosities. Using online telescopes, satellites, and other data collected by NASA and other space agencies, campers will adventure through space along with the help of world leading scientists. Topics will include learning about the solar system, stars, GoogleMars, rocketry, black holes, and other interplanetary bodies.

Instructor: Natalie Tanner

Fee: \$365

Limit: 12

Music On Your Mind II (Completed Grades 4-8)

Music is just tiny movements in the air molecules around you...so why does it make us feel so great? Learn how people (and some animals) create and enjoy music. Through games, model-making, and musical investigation, we will follow the path that music takes into our ears, through the brain, and out our mouths and fingers. We will also search for the evolutionary origins of music in birds and early humans, learn how the world's best musicians get so good, and explore our own reactions to all kinds of music! This full day camp is also offered during Week 7.

Instructor: Kairi Kim

Fee: \$374

Limit: 12





JUMPSTART ON SCHOOL PROGRAMS

(For incoming Emerson Young 5's and Kindergartners)

Our Jump Start on Young 5 and Jump Start on Kindergarten programs are both special one-week, half-day camps designed just for incoming Emerson Young 5's and Kindergartners. These camps give the wonderful opportunity for incoming students to become familiar with Emerson School and meet new classmates.

AUGUST 5-9

Jump Start on Young 5 (Entering Emerson Young Fives Fall 2024)

This camp is led by our Emerson Young 5 teachers, Amy Hanna and Katie Seymour. Space is reserved for all enrolled Young 5 students, and a registration password will be shared upon receiving your signed contract. Camp will start each day at 9:15am and end at 12:15pm.

Instructor: Amy Hanna, Young 5 Teacher

Fee: \$175

Jump Start on Kindergarten (Entering Emerson Kindergarten Fall 2024)

The camp is led by two Emerson teachers: our librarian, Linda Lakshminarayanan, and our music teacher, Michelle Borton ("Mrs. B"). These are two very special teachers your Kindergartner will spend a lot of time with during the school year. Space is reserved for all enrolled Kindergartners, and a registration password will be shared upon receiving your signed contract. Camp will start each day at 9:15am and end at 12:15pm. Current Y5 students may not register for Jump Start to Kindergarten. This camp is designed for students who are new to Emerson.

Instructors: Michelle Borton and Linda Lakshminarayanan (Emerson Faculty)

Fee: \$187

Dog Days of Summer - Emerson Students Only AUGUST 12-16

This week is offered to Emerson students only who are looking for some extra non-structured fun before the school year starts! We will spend the week playing games in the gym, watching movies in the AIC, and exploring the playground. *Limited space available

Morning Session Fee: \$136

Afternoon Session Fee: \$120

Full Day Session Fee: \$225



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