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Summer 2026 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.

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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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CAMP OVERVIEW

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 2025-2026 school year. Morning (9:00 AM-12:00 PM) and afternoon (1:00 PM-4:00 PM) 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 like! *Note: Any child who attends Young Fives during the 2025-2026 school year and is enrolling in Kindergarten in the 2026-2027 school year is not yet eligible to attend Summer at Emerson.*

Facilities & Staff

Emerson School is located just ten minutes southwest of downtown Ann Arbor in a beautiful, twenty acre, rural setting. The air-conditioned classrooms, technology labs, Performing Arts Theater, and gymnasium, as well as the outdoor sports fields 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 Associate 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

- Week 1: June 15-19
- Week 2: June 22-26
- *OFF: June 29-July 3
- Week 3: July 6-10
- Week 4: July 13-17
- Week 5: July 20-24
- Week 6: July 27-31
- Week 7: August 3-7
- Dog Days of Summer (Emerson Students Only): August 10-14

* Please note that no camps or activities will be available during the week of June 29-July 3; *Summer at Emerson* is closed this week.

Camp Hours

Morning Camp: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Lunch Hour: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Afternoon Camp: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Full-Day Camp: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Child Care Hours

Morning Care: 8:00 AM-9:00 AM

After Care: 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Child care is available on a drop-in basis, billed at the rate of \$11.50 per hour.

Camp Fees

Half-Day Camps: \$195-\$295

Full-Day Camps: \$340-\$460

Grade Levels

All camps are designed for students completing grades specified in the camp description during the 2025-2026 school year. Grade levels are set by our instructors and will not be altered.





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Abrakadoodle

Emerson is thrilled to bring back Abrakadoodle every week this summer! Abrakadoodle brings art to kids in schools and community sites through their mobile art program. They provide well-trained teachers who help inspire kids to immerse themselves 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 8:00 AM-9:00 AM for \$11.50/day. After-camp child care runs 4:00 PM-6:00 PM for \$11.50/hour. There is a strict \$5/minute per child late fee for all campers picked up after 6:00 PM. Child care charges are billed to your camp account at the end of each week. *Note: If your child arrives before 8:50 AM or is picked up after 4:10 PM, you will be charged for child care.*

Lunch And Recess

Our lunch period (12:00 PM-1:00 PM) includes supervised lunch and outdoor recess time. This hour is provided free of charge for campers attending a full day of camp. If you would like your half-day camper to attend our lunch period either after their morning camp or before their afternoon camp, please email us directly so that we are aware. This extra time will then be added at \$12/day, and your account will be billed at the end of that week. *Note: If your child attends half-day camp and is picked up after 12:10 PM or arrives before 12:50 PM, you will be charged for child care.*

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 near the sign-in area for all campers and parents to review. Typical snacks may include popcorn, pretzels, fruit snacks, Pop Chips, Lorna Doone cookies, Pirate's Booty, Sun Chips, Cheez-Its, Chex Mix, Gartettos, and Goldfish Crackers. 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.



Playground Reconstruction

This summer, Emerson's playground will undergo a massive renovation. This means that many of our usual play structures and other outdoor features will be off-limits to campers. However, we will plan on holding all recess and unstructured outdoor activities on our front fields this season. We will have many supplies available for campers to play with, such as multiple types of sports balls, hula hoops, bubbles, and other recreational items. More information regarding these changes will be communicated closer to the start of camp. We are very excited about these updates and the excitement they will bring to future campers starting next year!



REGISTRATION

Registration & Payment

Online registration for all *Summer at Emerson* camps will open to the public at 7:00 PM EST on Monday, February 2nd, 2026. 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 1st, 2026. If camps are added after May 1st, payment in full is required at time of registration. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks and an \$8 fee for ACH errors. Camp registration confirmation will be emailed immediately after payment is processed.

Pricing

Each year, our camps undergo a series of extensive cost analyses. We establish our rates based on specific camp supply needs, half day structures versus full day structures, and staffing requirements. We make a concentrated effort to ensure that our camp prices are fair and reasonable based on these listed factors as well as other considerations which might arise with each new summer season.

Registration System

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 sixty 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.

Online Registration

Signing up for our camps continues to be a fast, safe, and simple process through our online registration portal powered by UltraCamp. If you are a returning family, your login and password remain the same as previous years. 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 Programs' from under the 'About Us' tab on the main page of the Emerson School website.
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on the 'Register Here' link.
3. Click on 'New User' 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 or complete your child's health form before the registration period begins.
- 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 by May 1st, 2026.
- If you have any questions, please email, call, or text: summer@emerson-school.org or 734-660-5108.

Camp Withdrawals

Remaining balances will be refunded for withdrawals made **before** May 1st, 2026. Those who withdraw **after** May 1st, 2026 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 or accommodations which may help ease their transition into camp, please share this information with us during the registration process or by contacting the Summer 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. You are welcome to complete your child's health form before registration opens in order to save time. Simply go to the menu options on the main page of your account, click 'Document Center,' and select 'Health Form 2026.' There, you can complete the form. Please note if your child has any allergies, medically-necessary dietary restrictions, or a need 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 Medical Office and dispensed to campers as needed. This includes emergency medication for allergic reactions, prescription medications, and over-the-counter medications. Our Summer Nurse, Lauren Vemuri, will collect any necessary camper medications and forms on the Monday morning of each new week of camp.

Illness Policy

If a child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher and/or has vomited within the last 24 hours, they are not permitted to come 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.

Additionally, here is our policy in the event that your camper has an upper respiratory illness:

With **any** respiratory illness, we encourage your camper to take care of themselves and others by following these steps:

- Staying up to date on vaccines
- Practicing good hygiene (wash your hands, cover you cough, get plenty of sleep)
- Using air filters, opening windows when possible, and taking activities outdoors
- Staying home when sick and returning only when:
 - Your child is fever free ($T < 100.4$) for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - There is no fever present, symptoms have greatly improved, and your child is feeling well enough to return to camp.

Additional prevention strategies for 5 days after your return to camp can include masking, testing, and distancing.



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 will have a four digit PIN assigned to them. These numbers will be emailed out to all families the week before your child attends camp. 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. At the end of each day of camp, a parent or guardian must use their PIN to sign out their child on an iPad and pick up their camper(s). No camper will be permitted to leave the camp without an authorized 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 in 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 Summer Director.*

Personal Belongings

Summer at Emerson is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen belongings. We highly recommend that campers do not bring valuable items with them to camp, even if those items are kept in their locker throughout the day. If a camper chooses to bring personal belongings with them to camp, it is their responsibility to keep track of them.

Sunscreen

Please apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive 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, and bubbles.

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 supportive and fun environment. Interested students who have completed grades 6-12 will learn about 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 to learn about working with young children in a summer camp. 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 15th-19th, 2026 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. 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. Children 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 6th, 2026. After collecting all applications, decisions will be made and responses will be emailed by Monday, April 6th, 2026. There is no application fee. If accepted to the CIT program, the \$350 camp fee is due by May 1st, 2026. The week spent as a Junior Counselor has no charge from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; child care is available from 8:00 AM-9:00 AM and 4:00 PM-6:00 PM at \$11.50/hour.

Applicant's Name: _____

Email: _____

School and Grade (2025-2026): _____ 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 22-26 Week 5 July 20-24

Week 3 July 6-10 Week 6 July 27-31

Week 4 July 13-17 Week 7 August 3-7

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 6th, 2026 to: Director of *Summer at Emerson*, 5425 Scio Church Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or at summer@emerson-school.org



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

WEEK 1

JUNE 15-19

Art That POPS! (Completed Grades K-2)

Get ready for a creative journey where STEM and art collide in the most POP-tastic ways! Let's explore creative art projects that sparkle, spin, pop, and glow. We will create anaglyph images, design a rocket lava lamp, draw on expanding sponges, and create monsters that pop right out of our imagination! Plus, we will paint our own neon light signs and spin paper toys that transform into dazzling designs right before our eyes.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle
Limit: 16

Fee: \$285

Board Game Bonanza (Completed Grades K-2)

Do you love to play board games? Then come and play tons 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
Limit: 16

Fee: \$250



Beginner Chess (Completed Grades K-3)

Let's play chess! In this camp, campers will be introduced to the basic rules and strategies for playing one of the most popular games in the world. You can expect a stress-free week full of skill-building activities, game playing with friends, virtual matches, chess challenges, and lots of fun! No prior experience is required. This camp is also offered during Week 6 in the morning.

Instructor: Grant Weston
Limit: 16

Fee: \$240

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Pirates & Mermaids Camp (Completed Grades K-3)

Ahoy, mateys and mermaids! During this week of seafaring adventure, campers will create their own treasure maps and hunt for treasure, storing their finds in a personal treasure chest. We will play pirate and mermaid games (like Sink the Boat and Bingo), make puppets, and craft trusty parrot sidekicks. On our final day, campers are invited to dress in their best pirate or mermaid attire for a special celebration.

Instructor: Chloe Hardesty
Limit: 16

Fee: \$225

Ice Cream Dreams 2-4: Section I (Completed Gr. 2-4)

Dreaming of ice cream? Join us for this legen-dairy camp! We will face the blindfolded ice cream taste test, compete in an ice cream sundae relay race, and have a scooping frenzy tournament. In addition, we will create melting ice cream cone art and ice cream Play-Doh. The cherry on top will be making ice cream nachos and whipping up our own ice cream from scratch. This camp is also offered during Week 2 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Meghan Sochocki
Limit: 10

Fee: \$250

The Eagle's View Podcasting: Section I (Completed Grades 2-8)

Join us and learn all about 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. While becoming familiar with a wide range of topics, you will create content for Emerson's own podcast "The Eagle's View," which will be listened to by the whole Emerson community and beyond! You will learn how to research and gather the information you will need for growing your audience, learning more about your fans, and finding ultimate podcasting success! This camp is also offered during the afternoon of Week 1 and the morning during Week 7.

Instructor: Jessica Taranto
Limit: 16

Fee: \$230

Art-venture Studio 3-5 (Completed Grades 3-5)

Join us for an action-packed week where young artists explore exciting techniques inspired by the masters! From Seurat's magical dot paintings and Matisse's vibrant paper collages to Warhol's bold pop art and Mondrian's dynamic color blocks, each hands-on day brings new discoveries as campers experiment with art supplies and techniques, transforming simple materials into extraordinary creations. We will conclude the week with each camper designing their own canvas tote bag showcasing their new favorite techniques—a unique masterpiece they will proudly use to carry home all of their amazing artwork!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell
Limit: 12

Fee: \$220



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Be Dramatic (Completed Grades 3-5)

This dynamic drama camp invites campers to explore the magic of theatre through a variety of engaging activities. We will play theatre games that develop acting skills, learn to create compelling commercials, and bring stories to life on stage. We will develop dramatic and comedic characters, collaborate with peers, and express ourselves independently. This camp emphasizes voice projection for expressive storytelling and physical expression through movement and pantomime techniques. Join us for a week of artistic exploration and lively, dramatic fun!

Instructor: Julie Moon

Fee: \$199

Limit: 16

Emerson Eagle (Completed Grades 4-8)

Do you want the inside scoop on what's happening at camp this summer? Join the Emerson Eagle once again – or for the first time – to gather the latest news from camp. We will poll fellow campers (along with some camp staff members) and provide them with interesting pieces of information. We will work together and create a newspaper with pictures and articles about *Summer at Emerson 2026!*

Instructor: Bryan Seymour

Fee: \$220

Limit: 16

WEEK 1

JUNE 15-19

Pets and Puppies Art Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Hop, pounce, and bark your way into these unique, vibrant creations of Pets and Puppies! Our developing artists will explore projects inspired by innovative artists and pets. These colorful pets will soar into your hearts and homes as you have a PET-tastic time, experimenting with painting, collage, sculptural art, and more!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$285

Limit: 16

All About Drama (Completed Grades K-2)

Join our exciting summer drama camp designed especially for young actors! Through fun theatre games that spark creativity and help develop acting skills, campers will bring stories to life and explore their imaginations. We will learn how to create different characters – from dramatic to comedic – both collaboratively and independently. This camp focuses on channeling our voices for expressive storytelling and using our bodies through movement and pantomime to enhance performances. Get ready for a week full of imaginative play, stage fun, and a celebration of creativity!

Instructor: Julie Moon

Fee: \$199

Limit: 16

Emerson Video Club: Section I (Completed Grades 4-8)

Lights, camera, action! The Emerson Video Production Club gives campers the chance to step behind the scenes and bring their creative ideas to the screen. We will write scripts and storyboards, direct, edit, and publish our very own digital creations. Whether you are an aspiring filmmaker, storyteller, or editor, this is your chance to collaborate with peers, explore all aspects of video production, and watch your ideas come to life for an audience beyond the classroom. This camp is also offered during Week 4 in the morning.

Instructor: Joe Taranto

Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

Ready to Register?

Just scan this QR code or visit emerson-school.org/summer



AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

Ice Cream Dreams K-2: Section I (Completed Grades K-2)

Dreaming of ice cream? Join us for this legen-dairy camp! We will face the blindfolded ice cream taste test, compete in an ice cream sundae relay race, and have a scooping frenzy tournament. In addition, we will create melting ice cream cone art and ice cream Play-Doh. The cherry on top will be making ice cream nachos and whipping up our own ice cream from scratch. This camp is also offered during Week 2 in the morning.

Instructor: Meghan Sochocki

Fee: \$250

Limit: 10

D.I.Y Craft Creations (Completed Grades K-2)

Let's channel our creativity and complete some D.I.Y (Do It Yourself) crafts! We will use a vast array of supplies and crafting techniques to make all kinds of creations. You can bring them home, put them on display, or give them to someone you love. Whether you choose to use it or wear it, your D.I.Y craft is sure to impress!

Instructor: Katie Seymour

Fee: \$220

Limit: 16



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The Eagle's View Podcasting: Section II (Completed Grades 2-8)

Join us and learn all about 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. While becoming familiar with a wide range of topics, you will create content for Emerson's own podcast "The Eagle's View," which will be listened to by the whole Emerson community and beyond! You will learn how to research and gather the information you will need for growing your audience, learning more about your fans, and finding ultimate podcasting success! This camp is also offered during the morning of Week 1 and the morning during Week 7.

Instructor: Jessica Taranto Fee: \$230
Limit: 16



D.I.Y Arcade (Completed Grades 3-5)

What do pinball machines, foosball, and skee-ball all have in common? They are classic arcade games that can be made out of cardboard! Bring your ingenuity, creativity, and imagination to D.I.Y Arcade and spend the week creating your very own unique arcade games. From designing to building to playing, you will be a part of the process each step of the way. Then, at the end of the week, we will work together to transform the classroom into a real, working arcade, where we will show off and enjoy playing all of our amazing creations!

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley Fee: \$245
Limit: 16

Drawing, Painting & Bookmaking (Completed Grades 5-8)

Come embark on an extraordinary creative journey . . . where vibrant galaxy watercolors transform into stunning explosion books, surreal collages become captivating artist books, and mesmerizing optical illusions leap off the pages of handmade book creations! This unique camp blends drawing, painting, and bookmaking techniques as campers master everything from Zentangles to perspective art while crafting one-of-a-kind books they will treasure forever. Campers

will leave with an impressive portfolio of original handmade books showcasing their creativity, new artistic skills, and the confidence that comes from bringing their imagination to life!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell Fee: \$250
Limit: 12

Quiz Bowling (Completed Grades 5-8)

Have you ever wanted to be on Jeopardy? Do you like playing trivia games with your friends? Together, we will play team-based academic quiz games with questions from a variety of subject areas and current events. Campers will practice specific skills for successfully answering questions in Quiz Bowl competitions and 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: \$235
Limit: 16

WEEK 1

JUNE 15-19

Disney Mania (Completed Grades K-2)

Are you a Disney fan? In this camp, enjoy your favorite Disney characters through music, crafts, games, and more! We will celebrate the wonderful world of Disney and even take an immersive trip to Disney World. Complete with Mickey-shaped Rice Krispie treats and homemade Dole Whip, this is one camp you won't want to miss.

Instructor: Holly Greca Fee: \$420
Limit: 16

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Baking Bread Around the World (Completed Grades 1-3)

This baking-focused camp invites kids to explore cultures from around the world through bread. Campers will learn simple baking techniques while making and tasting a variety of breads, all while discovering where they come from and why they matter. It's a hands-on, creative week that mixes food, curiosity, and fun!

Instructor: Alena Presley Fee: \$399
Limit: 12



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Picture Perfect (Completed Grades 3-5)

Take your love for storytelling and technology to the next level with photography! Throughout the week, campers will learn how to use a digital camera, understand basic settings, and explore foundational photography concepts that help them take thoughtful, well-composed photos. We will emphasize hands-on learning, giving campers ample time to practice in different environments. Campers will learn how to photograph people, both candidly and with simple posing, while developing collaboration and communication skills. The week will conclude with an introduction to photo editing and a discussion about how photography can be used as a creative outlet and practical skill.

Instructor: Brigit Stoltz

Fee: \$350

Limit: 16

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: \$350

Limit: 20



Dungeons & Dragons: Section I (Completed Grades 4-8)

Hail, and well met! If you are 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 over the world for 50 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 Weeks 2 and 3.

Instructor: Kyle Zill Fee: \$375 Limit: 8

WEEK 2

JUNE 22-26

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Space Art Adventure Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Let's blast off to an outer space adventure! Learn about the solar system, meteoroids, meteors, meteorites, constellations, and much more. Find out why astronauts wear spacesuits 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 reaching for the stars!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$275

Limit: 16

Ice Cream Dreams K-2: Section II (Completed Grades K-2)

Dreaming of ice cream? Join us for this legen-dairy camp! We will face the blindfolded ice cream taste test, compete in an ice cream sundae relay race, and have a scooping frenzy tournament. In addition, we will create melting ice cream cone art and ice cream Play-Doh. The cherry on top will be making ice cream nachos and whipping up our own ice cream from scratch. This camp is also offered during Week 1 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Meghan Sochocki

Fee: \$250

Limit: 10

Awesome All-Stars (Completed Grades K-2)

Come play tons of games, both indoors and outdoors! Each day, we 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.

Instructor: Molly Lipton

Fee: \$270

Limit: 16

Unicorn Rescue Society 101 (Completed Grades K-3)

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! These will include sample Starbucks Vanilla Bean Frappuccinos (caffeine-free) and Fried Plaintains, a popular Cuban food. New to the Unicorn Rescue Society World? This is the perfect camp for you!

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$299

Limit: 16



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

Collaborate and Create (Completed Grades K-3)

Watch your child's creativity soar in this hands-on art adventure camp! Young campers will team up to create spectacular projects, such as giant outdoor murals, miniature villages, and collaborative masterpieces that grow with each child's unique touch. Through exciting group games and art challenges, campers will develop social skills while making new friends and discovering the magic of working together. Each day brings new opportunities for creative expression and teamwork, ensuring your child comes home with amazing memories, new friendships, and a treasure trove of collaborative artwork!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell

Fee: \$220

Limit: 12

Landscape Painting Camp (Completed Grades 3-5)

This camp invites young artists to explore the magic of landscapes through painting skies, open fields, beaches, barns, and other real and imagined places. Campers will experiment with a variety of paints, tools, and textures as they create scenes inspired by both the natural world and the stories they love to tell. Through guided exploration, we will discover how colors, shapes, and space can transform a simple scene into something imaginative and expressive. The focus on playful experimentation and storytelling supports confidence, creativity, and a joyful introduction to painting as a way to bring ideas and dreams to life.

Instructor: Soyeon Kim

Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

WEEK 2

JUNE 22-26

Artosaurus Art Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Explore the wild world of dinosaurs and other reptiles! We will 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!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$275

Limit: 16

Art-venture Studio K-2 (Completed Grades K-2)

Join us for an action-packed week where young artists explore exciting techniques inspired by the masters! From Seurat's magical dot paintings and Matisse's vibrant paper collages to Warhol's bold pop art and Mondrian's dynamic color blocks, each hands-on day brings new discoveries as campers experiment with art supplies and techniques, transforming simple materials into extraordinary creations. We will conclude the week with each camper designing their own canvas tote bag showcasing their new favorite techniques—a unique masterpiece they will proudly use to carry home all of their amazing artwork!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell

Fee: \$220

Limit: 12

Soccer Stars 3-8 (Completed Grades 3-8)

This is where your passion for soccer meets skill development, teamwork, and the thrill of the game! This camp is designed for young soccer enthusiasts, whether they are beginners aiming to learn the basics or 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: \$199

Limit: 16

Field Hockey and Folktales (Completed Grades 3-6)

What do field hockey, folktales, and food all have in common? Fun! Come explore these topics and make connections during this summer field hockey camp! We will learn a variety of field hockey skills, explore what players do in different positions, and partake in some engaging strategy games. We will also learn about the history of field hockey and countries that play field hockey, exploring stories and recipes from all across the world.

Instructor: Alison Wink

Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

Google Sites Creator (Completed Grades 5-8)

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

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM





SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

Tiny Theater Builders: Section I (Completed Gr. K-2)

Inspired by the book *Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis, campers will decorate their own miniature worlds using tiny cardboard boxes, making tiny characters, and acting out short scenes in their self-contained worlds. This camp combines crafts, acting, and storytelling in a calm, structured environment. By the end of the week, campers will have multiple, unique mini-scenes and an understanding of character, setting, and story structure. This camp is also offered during Week 4 in the morning.

Instructor: Noor Zaitounh

Fee: \$240

Limit: 16

Ice Cream Dreams 2-4: Section II (Completed Gr. 2-4)

Dreaming of ice cream? Join us for this legen-dairy camp! We will face the blindfolded ice cream taste test, compete in an ice cream sundae relay race, and have a scooping frenzy tournament. In addition, we will create melting ice cream cone art and ice cream Play-Doh. The cherry on top will be making ice cream nachos and whipping up our own ice cream from scratch. This camp is also offered during Week 1 in the morning.

Instructor: Meghan Sochocki

Fee: \$250

Limit: 10

Hand Sewing Stuffed Animals and Characters (Completed Grades 3-5)

In this imaginative art camp, young artists will explore the joy of creating their own stuffed animals and characters through age-appropriate hand sewing and fiber art activities. Campers will be guided step-by-step as they learn to work with soft fabrics, thread, and child-safe tools to assemble simple forms, add stuffing, and create expressive details that bring their ideas to life. We will focus on building confidence, patience, and fine motor skills while encouraging storytelling, problem solving, and pride in handmade creations. Each camper will leave with a unique soft sculpture that reflects their creativity and growing independence.

Instructor: Soyeon Kim

Fee: \$240

Limit: 16

Engineering Challenges (Completed Grades 3-5)

Engineering contests challenge the building and thinking skills in 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 we build a bridge using spaghetti? Let's put our engineering skills to the test!

Instructor: Larry Biederman

Fee: \$250

Limit: 16



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Basketballerz (Completed Grades 3-8)

Come learn the fundamentals of basketball! The camp is made for young athletes who are passionate about basketball. Whether you are a beginner looking to learn the basics or an experienced player aiming to take your skills to the next level, we will explore the game with teamwork, fun, and a love for the sport. No prior experience necessary. Campers are expected to wear closed-toed shoes and bring a water bottle.

Instructor: Brady Keough Fee: \$250

Limit: 16

Campfire Party Games (Completed Grades 3-8)

One of the best parts of summer camp is playing games around a campfire! In this camp, we will play fun campfire games (minus the fire), such as One Night Ultimate Werewolf, Summer Camp (the game), and other fun activities meant for large groups. On days when Summer Camp is played, campers will get to enjoy a few campfire treats, such as s'mores, chips, juice, and other camping snacks.

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$225

Limit: 16



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

WEEK 2

JUNE 22-26

Cooking the Movies! (Completed Grades 1-3)

Grab your aprons and your Mickey Mouse ears: this week is all about cooking our way through Disney films! Campers will explore flavors from movies like Ratatouille, Encanto, and Luca while learning simple kitchen skills and trying new foods. It's a fun, creative week that celebrates food, stories, and teamwork.

Instructor: Alena Presley

Fee: \$420

Limit: 12



Let's Put On A Play! (Completed Grades 2-6)

Come together for the annual *Summer at Emerson* play! We will spend our time together devising a plot, creating characters, crafting costumes, building set pieces, and putting on a performance for family and friends. This camp is perfect for anyone interested in theatre, from beginners to experienced performance veterans!

Instructor: Grant Weston

Fee: \$420

Limit: 16

WEEK 3

JULY 6-10

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

Come enjoy all the fun of camping without leaving the classroom! This 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 to explore painting, printing, collage, nature tapestry, and other art media.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$275

Limit: 16

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Dungeons & Dragons: Section II (Completed Grades 4-8)

Hail, and well met! If you are 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 over the world for 50 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 Weeks 1 and 3.

Instructor: Kyle Zill

Fee: \$375

Limit: 8

Photo Studio (Completed Grades 5-8)

Already have a grasp on basic photography? Ready to take your skills to the next level? Look no further! This camp is independent and project-driven, encouraging campers to take creative ownership of their work while receiving guided support. We will develop vision boards, set personal goals, and plan photo projects based on styles such as candid, editorial, or storytelling photography. Throughout the week, campers will collaborate with peers, model for one another, and spend multiple days shooting to bring their ideas to life. We will conclude the week with editing sessions and meaningful reflection on each camper's portfolio, creative direction, and future goals in photography.

Instructor: Brigit Stoltz

Fee: \$355

Limit: 16



MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Storybook Stage (Completed Grades K-2)

From the page to the stage! Each day, we will explore a children's book through interactive read-alouds, creative crafts, and guided acting activities. Each day blends literacy, movement, and dramatic play in a fun and supportive environment. Campers will use the crafts they create as props and costumes while acting out scenes together. We will focus on confidence-building, cooperation, listening skills, and creative expression. The week will conclude with a short, informal performance for families.

Instructor: Noor Zaitounh

Fee: \$199

Limit: 16



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

Tropical Vacation Camp (Completed Grades K-3)

Pack your imagination and spend the week in beautiful Hawaii with us! We will create tiki crafts, personal aquariums, salt dough starfish, sea turtles, and stingrays. Also, we will make our very own volcanoes explode, play coconut bowling, and design tropical vacation visors. The week also includes fun prizes with luau bingo!

Instructor: Chloe Hardesty

Fee: \$245

Limit: 16

Beyond the Fairy Gate (Completed Grades K-3)

Join us for a magical week of creativity and wonder! We will explore the enchanted worlds through hands-on arts, nature-inspired crafts, and imaginative activities designed to spark wonder and curiosity. Throughout this immersive adventure, young artists will explore the magical world of fairy gardens while developing fine motor skills and unleashing their creativity. The week will conclude with each camper creating their very own fairy home and miniature garden – a treasured keepsake they will proudly take home to continue the magic all summer long!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell

Fee: \$220

Limit: 12

Comic Book Creators (Completed Grades 2-4)

This creative writing camp is perfect for kids who love stories, art, and humor! Campers will learn the basics of comic storytelling (characters, dialogue, and plot) while creating their own original comics. The emphasis is on creativity and confidence, with plenty of room for imagination and collaboration.

Instructor: Alena Presley

Fee: \$215

Limit: 16

Happy, Healthy You! (Completed Grades 2-5)

There are so many ways we can strive for wellness, even as a kid! Learning these tools at a young age will empower campers to be their best selves and set them up for a health-focused adolescence and adulthood. We will learn about emotions, nutrition, exercise, sleep, and fun! Yoga and mindfulness will be taught each day in an engaging and interactive way. We will also weave the use of essential oils into these areas of wellness for a happy, healthy life!

Instructor: Nicole Jenkins

Fee: \$225

Limit: 16

Needle Felting (Completed Grades 3-5)

Let's explore the world of wool felting! Together, we will learn how to use needles to shape wool in any way we want. We will also dye the wool ourselves. Additionally, we will learn the scientific and historical background of needle felting. By the end of the week, each camper will have both an understanding of wool as a material along with their very own one-of-a-kind creation.

Instructor: Laramie Jeude

Fee: \$195

Limit: 16

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 how 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: \$280

Limit: 16



Disc Golf (Completed Grades 3-8)

Come check out a new and exciting 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: \$210

Limit: 16

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. We will learn the basic stitches and techniques needed 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 and 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: \$195

Limit: 12



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

WEEK 3

JULY 6-10

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

Hooray for clay! Roll, pinch, pat, press, paint, and sculpt your way through this creative camp that features projects with Crayola Air-Dry Clay, Model Magic, and Modeling Clay. We will learn about famous sculptors and sculpting techniques alike. Campers will be inspired to create their own expressions of 3D art using colorful shapes and designs, beads, sequins, pipe cleaners, and much more!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$290

Limit: 16

Rainbow Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

This is sure to be a colorful, creativity-filled week! With Rainbow Rubber Band Crafts as the main focus, campers will spend time designing and creating rainbow loom bracelets, necklaces, and rings, building new patterns and skills each day. We will also add in fun rainbow crafts, like sun catchers, 3D pipe cleaner rainbows, and a grow-your-own rainbow experiment. Campers will finish the week with bright, handmade creations to take home and show off!

Instructor: Chloe Hardesty

Fee: \$225

Limit: 16



Tinkerbell and the Never Fairy Talents (Completed Grades K-2)

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

Instructor: Kaylyn Edwards

Fee: \$240

Limit: 16

AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

Summer Book Club: Mo Willems Adventures (Completed Grades 1-2)

This playful book club celebrates the humor and heart of Mo Willems' stories. Through shared reading, discussion, and creative projects, campers will explore storytelling, expression, and visual humor in a fun, welcoming environment. Perfect for building confidence and inspiring a love for reading!

Instructor: Alena Presley

Fee: \$245

Limit: 12

Dimensional Arts and Crafts 3-5 (Completed Gr. 3-5)

From paper mache, watercolor, and miniature clay to weaving, wet felting, and 3D paper crafts, campers will explore which materials and methods spark their interest most. Campers will build skills across multiple art forms while creating a diverse collection of projects to take home. This is the perfect opportunity for young artists who want to try something new and discover what they love, all in one action-packed week of hands-on creativity!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell

Fee: \$240

Limit: 12

Ultimate Frisbee (Completed Grades 3-8)

Have you ever thrown a frisbee? Do you want to learn how 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 major 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: \$215

Limit: 16

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: \$280

Limit: 16

Medieval Times: Section I (Completed Grades 3-8)

This camp will immerse you in a fantastical world of all things medieval. First, we will build play swords and shields of our own design using PVC foam and duct tape. Then, we will use office supplies to build catapults to defeat trolls and monsters. Finally, we will joust and train through a knight's tournament, preparing to duel other kingdoms and rule the land. Jump the moat, ransack the castle, and earn your place at the round table; call upon the great Merlin and prepare for the greatest adventure you've ever known! This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the morning.

Instructor: Alex Heidtke

Fee: \$260

Limit: 16



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WEEK 3

JULY 6-10

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Forts, Mazes & Obstacle Courses: Section I (Completed Grades K-3)

Come let your creativity and imagination run wild! Design and build giant forts and obstacle courses with friends. Explore these creations and the mazes in between. We will create and play games in and around the forts we build together. Campers are expected to wear closed-toed shoes. This full day camp is also offered during Week 6.

Instructor: Brady Keough Fee: \$399
Limit: 16

Slumber Party Fun! (Completed Grades K-3)

Have all of the fun of a slumber party without sleeping! Campers will make forts, paint nails, play games, and do crafts all cuddled up with their favorite stuffed animal. We will also have dance parties and do some karaoke to our favorite music. Campers are welcome to bring PJs and slippers to change into; just make sure you bring outside shoes, too!

Instructor: Holly Greca Fee: \$399
Limit: 16

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! 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: \$460
Limit: 20

Let's Write A Song! (Completed Grades 3-8)

Songwriting is one of the most powerful forms of storytelling and self-expression. Throughout the week, campers will study famous songwriters, analyze meaningful lyrics, and discover how stories and emotions translate into music. We will collaborate, set lyrics to music, and learn basic musical concepts such as chord progressions, rhythm, and song structure. Those who play instruments are encouraged to bring them, but all skill levels are welcome. The week will conclude with a performance and reflection, giving campers a chance to celebrate their creativity and grow musically.

Instructor: Brigit Stoltz Fee: \$355
Limit: 12

Dungeons & Dragons: Section 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 over the world for 50 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 Weeks 1 and 2.



Kitchen Challenges (Completed Grades 6-8)

Have you ever watched a cooking show and thought, "I can do that!" If this sounds like you, then join Kitchen Challenges, where we will learn, practice, and improve our cooking skills by participating in challenges based on popular reality cooking shows. So, if you want to become the next master chef or have a great bake off, we will see you for a week of flavorful dishes and culinary adventures!

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley Fee: \$420
Limit: 12



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

WEEK 4

JULY 13-17

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

3D Creations Art Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Join us for a fun-filled journey into the world of 3D! From making wind sculptures and crafting squishy paper toys to sculpting colorful hearts full of meaning, campers will learn how to bring their creative ideas to life using a variety of tools. We will dive into exciting hands-on projects while exploring the works of world-renowned artists, such as Dale Chihuly, Yinka Shonibare, Maurizio Cattelan, and many more. Whether you love to paint, sculpt, or invent, this camp is perfect for those who enjoy thinking big and creating boldly!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$275

Limit: 16

Magic School Bus Camp (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 students' adventures, conduct our own science experiments, play games, and create imaginative projects. Join us for a wild ride on The Magic School Bus!

Instructor: Elsa Musko

Fee: \$220

Limit: 16

Tiny Theater Builders: Section II (Completed Gr. K-2)

Inspired by the book Not a Box by Antoinette Portis, campers will decorate their own miniature worlds using tiny cardboard boxes, making tiny characters, and acting out short scenes in their self-contained worlds. This camp combines crafts, acting, and storytelling in a calm, structured environment. By the end of the week, campers will have multiple, unique mini-scenes and an understanding of character, setting, and story structure. This camp is also offered during Week 2 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Noor Zaitounh

Fee: \$240

Limit: 16

Paper Crafts K-2 (Completed Grades K-2)

Find fun new ways to play with paper! Campers will learn different techniques, like origami, quilling, decoupage, and more to transform everyday paper into works of art. We will make jumping frogs, decorative boxes, bookmarks, stationery, and other fun projects. Join us and explore an eco-friendly way to have hours of fun!

Instructor: Aysia Rodriguez

Fee: \$210

Limit: 16

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

Enter the world of Pokémon in this immersive and exciting camp! We will explore, play, and learn about all things Pokémon. Between going on adventures for wild Pokémon and testing out different Pokémon video games, this camp has everything you need to "catch em' all!"

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$290

Limit: 16

Bal-A-Vis X and Board Games (Completed Gr. 3-5)

Get ready for the ultimate brain-body challenge! We will master exciting juggling patterns, balance skills, and rhythm exercises through Bal-A-Vis-X. These activities are perfect for beginners, and campers will progress at their own pace. The excitement will continue as campers have the opportunity to explore strategy and cooperative board games that build critical thinking, teamwork, and social skills. Watch your child gain confidence and make new friends while supercharging their coordination and concentration skills . . . all while having a blast!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell

Fee: \$215

Limit: 12

Footballerz (Completed Grades 3-8)

Footballerz is an action-packed American football camp for athletes of all skill levels. Campers will learn and practice fundamental skills, teamwork, and game concepts through drills and fun, competitive activities. Whether you're new to the game or looking to improve, this camp emphasizes effort, confidence, and a love for football. Campers should wear closed-toed shoes and bring a water bottle. Note: This camp will not involve any tackling or direct contact.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$240

Limit: 16



The Great Outdoors (Completed Grades 3-8)

Who's ready to spend some time in the great outdoors?

Throughout the week, we will learn all about the basics of outdoor camping. Some skills we will cover include knife safety, backpacking, outdoor awareness, cooking, and much more!

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$215

Limit: 16



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

Creative Writing (Completed Grades 4-8)

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

Instructor: Alex Heidke

Fee: \$199

Limit: 12

WEEK 4

JULY 13-17

Colorful Urban Artists (Completed Grades K-2)

Walk in the shoes of an urban artist while touring public spaces and art styles from around the world! Drip a little paint everywhere you go as you spot organic shapes throughout the USA. Gain perspective on the cliffs of Spain, find animals made from recycled materials in Portugal, and be surprised as artworks pop up throughout the streets of the United Kingdom. Tag a fence or doodle your way into a discovery of drawing, painting, collage, relief sculpture, and much more!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$275

Limit: 16

Movement and Mindfulness K-2 (Completed Gr. K-2)

Give your child the gift of calm, confidence, and joyful movement this summer! This camp blends Story Yoga adventures, creative arts, and nature exploration to help young campers build emotional resilience, body awareness, and self-regulation skills through play-based activities. Watch your child bloom as they discover their inner peace through breathing games, express themselves through music and art, and connect with nature . . . all while making friends and creating lasting summer memories!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell

Fee: \$199

Limit: 12

Super Mario All-Star Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Wahoo! Let's-a go! Power up and come along as we delve into the world of Super Mario. Together, we will complete various arts and crafts, such as making power-ups and creating kingdoms. We will also play Super Mario-inspired games and participate in group activities, all based on the iconic video games and movies. From the Mushroom Kingdom and beyond, each camper will develop a sense of curiosity, imagination, and thrill for adventure only Super Mario can inspire.

Instructor: Alex Booker

Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

Emerson Video Club: Section II (Completed Gr. 4-8)

Lights, camera, action! The Emerson Video Production Club gives campers the chance to step behind the scenes and bring their creative ideas to the screen. We will write scripts and storyboards, direct, edit, and publish our very own digital creations. Whether you are an aspiring filmmaker, storyteller, or editor, this is your chance to collaborate with peers, explore all aspects of video production, and watch your ideas come to life. This camp is also offered during Week 1 in the morning.

Instructor: Joe Taranto

Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM

Paper Crafts 3-5 (Completed Grades 3-5)

Find fun new ways to play with paper! Campers will learn different techniques, like origami, quilling, decoupage, and more to transform everyday paper into works of art. We will make jumping frogs, decorative boxes, bookmarks, stationery, and other fun projects. Join us and explore an eco-friendly way to have hours of fun!

Instructor: Aysia Rodriguez

Fee: \$210

Limit: 16



Chess Champions (Completed Gr. 3-8)

Step into the exciting world of strategic brilliance in Chess Champions! Designed for players who understand the basics of chess and are ready to grow their game, this camp helps players strengthen their skills, sharpen their strategies, and challenge themselves in a fun and supportive environment. Whether you are looking to improve your game or compete for the title of Chess Champion, this camp offers an engaging and challenging experience.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$240

Limit: 16



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

Skill Toys (Completed Grades 3-5)

It's not every day that you get to play with something that has been around for hundreds of years. Come and learn about the wide world of skill toys! A skill toy is a toy that takes a level of skill to become proficient. Examples include yo-yo, kendama, hacky sack, juggling, and many more.

Instructor: Sam Boughton

Fee: \$199

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? Let's find out! Note: Activities will include M&Ms and Tootsie Pops.

Instructor: Larry Biederman

Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

Pokémon Trainers Club 3-8 (Completed Grades 3-8)

Are you a Pokémon Master? Come and explore the World of Pokémon from a more advanced point of view. Campers will hunt wild Pokémon, learn about competitive battling, and gain more experience in multiple areas of the Pokémon universe.

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$290

Limit: 16



WEEK 4

JULY 13-17

Dragon Adventures (Completed Grades 1-3)

Inspired by How to Train Your Dragon and the table-top game Dungeons and Dragons, this camp invites kids into a shared fantasy world built around storytelling, teamwork, and problem-solving. Campers will create characters, form partnerships with dragons, and work together on guided adventures that encourage creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking.

Instructor: Alena Presley

Fee: \$360

Limit: 12

The Artisan Workshop (Completed Grades 2-4)

Get ready for a full-day artistic adventure where we will turn simple supplies into spectacular masterpieces! We will spend our mornings diving into the squishy, colorful world of paper making, quilling, and creating "magic" marbled art. The fun keeps rolling in the afternoon as we switch gears to jewelry design, whipping up custom beads, clay charms, and cool Shrinky Dinks. Whether you're building a glowing paper lantern or crafting a one-of-a-kind necklace, every day will be packed with hands-on projects and new ways to express your style.

Instructor: Kristen Ellis

Fee: \$399

Limit: 14

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Introduction to Crochet (Completed Grades 3-5)

Let's discover the fundamentals of crochet in a creative, hands-on environment! We will learn how to choose the right hooks and yarn, read patterns and labels, and master essential stitches while exploring a variety of fun projects. Throughout the week, campers will work on shared practice pieces as well as individual projects, such as accessories, plush toys, and simple wearables. Campers will finish the week with finished projects, take-home patterns, and the skills needed to continue crocheting independently. Perfect for those who enjoy crafting, problem-solving, and making something they can proudly use or gift!

Instructor: Brigit Stoltz

Fee: \$340

Limit: 12

Academy of Cuisine: Tastes From Around The World (Completed Grades 3-8)

Get ready to take a culinary adventure to continents and cultures far and wide as we explore food from around the world! This camp will show you how much fun and easy cooking international dishes can be. Each day, we will create a main dish, side dishes, and a dessert to form a complete meal from each region of the world. We will tour global cuisines and learn a little bit about each specific culture while we cook.

Instructor: Jyl Barnett Nolan

Fee: \$430

Limit: 14



Stewardship Academy At Emerson School

Completed Grades 5-8

JULY 13-17 & 20-24

Emerson is excited to introduce this new and unique **two week**, full-day, nature-focused, and project-based learning experience! Together, we will focus on stewardship of the environment by nurturing chickens, spending time with worms, and planting trees in and around Emerson's garden. We will also enhance the site through a building project, such as constructing a bench or an arbor. This will entail utilizing applicable math skills to improve the garden for future generations. In addition, we will work to build community by dedicating time each day to wellness activities, journaling, and community circles.

As a final project, campers will plan and cook a meal for family and friends on our last day of camp. To prepare for this meal, we will investigate the geographical, historical, cultural, and environmental significance of the meal that we choose to create. This will include taking a field trip to an area farm to gather supplies, learn from a local business, and lend a hand. Campers will present what they have learned alongside their tasty meal, celebrating and valuing the many ways that they have acted as stewards for the world around them.

Note: To participate in this experience, you must register for and commit to the entire two week duration of the camp (July 13-17 and July 20-24). The total camp fee of \$600 accounts for the entire two week duration of the camp (\$300/week).

Instructor: Matt Nolan

Fee: \$600 (\$300/week)

Limit: 16





SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

WEEK 5

JULY 20-24

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

VROOM! Art Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Vroom vroom, vroom! Rev up your engine as we 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 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: \$275

Limit: 16

Relaxation Station K-2 (Completed Grades K-2)

This calming camp is designed to help young minds relax, recharge, and unwind. Campers will explore a variety of peaceful activities, like reading their favorite books, solving fun puzzles, and coloring beautiful designs. We will provide cozy spaces with soft pillows for everyone to lounge and relax in. At week's end, campers will have created their very own Mindfulness Kit, filled with tools and activities to help them stay grounded and centered. This kit will include things like breathing exercises, gratitude journals, and sensory items to promote mindfulness all summer long.

Instructor: Kristen Ellis

Fee: \$240

Limit: 14

Mini Magical Library Theater (Completed Gr. K-2)

What better way to discover theater than through storytelling, movement, and imaginative play? Each day, campers will explore a children's book through interactive read-alouds and guided acting activities. We will step into the story as characters, using simple props like scarves, hats, or small objects to bring the narrative to life. Daily exercises blend literacy, physical expression, and dramatic play in a fun and supportive environment. We will wrap up the week with a reflective sharing circle celebrating creativity and participation.

Instructor: Noor Zaitounh

Fee: \$220

Limit: 16

Under The Big Top Circus Camp (Completed Gr. K-2)

Step right up and join us under the big top! In this circus camp, we will learn how to walk the tightrope, master ring toss, and dominate circus bingo. Transform into your silliest clown with your own personally designed clown hats and ties. Be the ringmaster of your own personal carousel and create popsicle stick tigers. Come one, come all! There's a place for everyone at the circus.

Instructor: Chloe Hardesty

Fee: \$240

Limit: 16

Sculpey Clay Miniatures (Completed Grades 3-5)

Making miniatures with polymer clay is big time fun! Join us for a variety of projects using Sculpey oven bake clay. You can create food, creatures, magnets, key chains, jewelry, and so much more. 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 week.

Instructor: Elsa Musko

Fee: \$240

Limit: 16

Future Athletes (Completed Grades 3-8)

Come show off your athletic skills as we play a new sport every day! Campers will be introduced to a wide variety of sports and will get to show off their athleticism all week long. We will play games both indoors and outdoors, including soccer, basketball, volleyball, kickball, ultimate frisbee, and much more. Campers are expected to bring water and lots of energy.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$240

Limit: 16

Duct Tape Designers and Domino Dazzlers (Completed Grades 3-8)

We are combining two super fun activities for this new camp: duct tape and dominos! We will start with duct tape creations, using both gray and colored tape. Each camper will take home a wallet, a fun mask, clothing accessories, and more. We will also design tons of fun chain reactions using domino tiles along with hundreds of DVD and VHS cases that will stretch all the way down the camp hallways.

Instructor: Larry Biederman

Fee: \$240

Limit: 16

B.E.S.T Camp: Section I (Completed Grades 4-8)

Who doesn't love a good detective story? Come learn how to hunt for clues and solve the mysteries no one else can. 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! This camp is also offered during Week 7 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Alex Heidtke

Fee: \$220

Limit: 16

Ready to Register?

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WEEK 5

JULY 20-24

AFTERNOON CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Yummy Art Camp (Completed Grades K-2)

Get your spoon, paintbrush, and chocolate syrup ready – let's create some yummy art! Together, 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.

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$295

Limit: 16

Soccer Stars K-2 (Completed Grades K-2)

This is where your passion for soccer meets skill development, teamwork, and the thrill of the game! This camp is designed for young soccer enthusiasts, whether you are a beginner aiming to learn the basics or an experienced player looking to sharpen your skills and ignite your soccer star potential. Note: Campers are expected to wear closed-toed shoes and bring lots of water.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$210

Limit: 16

Fantasy Dreamers (Completed Grades K-2)

Join us in exploring our imaginations and creating our very own fantasy worlds! Through fantasy crafts and fairytale inspired activities, campers will see what it takes to make a fantasy come to life. Let's see what type of stories will unfold in Fantasy Dreamers!

Instructor: Kaylyn Edwards

Fee: \$235

Limit: 16

Toca Studios: The Digital Film Creator Camp (Completed Grades 2-4)

By blending digital innovation with hands-on artistry, this camp will bridge the gap between "screen time" and "green time," inviting young storytellers to bring their favorite digital worlds into the physical realm. Using the Toca Life World app as their digital soundstage, campers will script, record, and premiere their own animated short films. The creativity doesn't stop at the screen; we will also craft physical art pieces and props that bring cinematic visions to life.

Instructor: Kristen Ellis

Fee: \$215

Limit: 14

Friendship Bracelet Frenzy (Completed Grades 3-5)

Have you ever wanted to learn how to make patterned friendship bracelets? Are you already a skilled finger weaver? No matter what your skill level is, you are welcome in Friendship Bracelet Frenzy! We will spend the week making basic to complex friendship bracelets based on your interests. We will 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: \$210

Limit: 16



Biederman's Best Science (Completed Grades 3-8)

This camp is a collection of the very best science activities! Larry has a million explosive science experiments, and this is the place 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: \$260

Limit: 16

Nail Art Camp (Completed Grades 3-8)

Come practice your nail art skills! We will experiment with long nails and short nails of various shapes, as well as nail art pens, stickers, decals, glitter, and more. Campers will go home with sets of nails that they can attach and wear themselves so that they can show off their beautiful designs. Note: For safety reasons, campers will not be applying anything manicure-related to their real nails.

Instructor: Chloe Hardesty

Fee: \$245

Limit: 16

Dimensional Arts and Crafts 6-8 (Completed Gr. 6-8)

This unique camp introduces a new dimensional art technique each day! From paper mache, watercolor, and miniature clay to weaving, wet felting, and 3D paper crafts, campers will explore which materials and methods spark their interest most. Campers will build skills across multiple art forms while creating a diverse collection of projects to take home. This is the perfect opportunity for young artists who want to try something new and discover what they love, all in one action-packed week of hands-on creativity!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell

Fee: \$230

Limit: 12



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WEEK 5

JULY 20-24

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Dungeons and Dragons: Wizarding World (Completed Grades 1-3)

Inspired by a magical school for young wizards, this tabletop role-playing camp focuses on storytelling, problem-solving, and teamwork. Campers will create characters, attend themed "classes," and work together on guided adventures in a magical world. All activities are cooperative, imaginative, and age-appropriate.

Instructor: Alena Presley
Limit: 12

Fee: \$375

Just Dance! (Completed Grades 1-4)

Do you love to dance? In this camp, we will explore creativity and movement through dance. We will use our talents and strengths to compose our 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.

Instructor: Holly Greca
Limit: 16

Fee: \$355



WEEK 6

JULY 27-31

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Kids On Canvas Painting (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!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle
Limit: 16

Fee: \$290

Junior Puzzlers (Completed Grades K-2)

Calling all puzzle fans! Each day, we will solve and create different puzzles that will challenge and entertain young minds. Our puzzling adventures will follow daily themes, such as animals, space, around-the-world, and much more. Whether you are a jigsaw master, hidden objects super spotter, number ninja, or word wizard, there will be something for everyone!

Instructor: Elsa Musko
Limit: 16

Fee: \$240



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Christmas in July: Holiday Cookies (Completed Grades K-2)

Who says the holidays only happen in December? This cozy, cheerful week brings all the fun of Christmas without the cold! Campers will enjoy festive activities while baking seasonal treats, creating a little holiday magic in the middle of summer.

Instructor: Alena Presley

Fee: \$250

Limit: 12

Water Colors K-2 (Completed Grades K-2)

Learn how to paint with water colors! This camp will introduce campers to basic painting techniques. Each day, we will learn how to paint a new project, including a cityscape, mountains, the night sky, and even a self-portrait. The week will end with an open art gallery, where young artists will exhibit their work for their families and fellow campers.

Instructor: Aysia Rodriguez

Fee: \$220

Limit: 16



Wickedly Oz-Some Adventures Camp (Completed Grades K-3)

Come travel somewhere over the rainbow right here at Emerson! This camp is for all *Wicked* and/or *Wizard of Oz* fanatics alike. We will delve into the world of Oz with wickedly awesome crafts, such as creating our own wands, spell books, and much more. As we travel the yellow brick road all across Oz, we will play games and do various activities based on the iconic movies. We will explore a different part of Oz each day and truly defy gravity with our expertise of the fantastical land. Explore your inner magic and be changed for good this summer!

Instructor: Alex Booker

Fee: \$235

Limit: 16

Relaxation Station 3-5 (Completed Grades 3-5)

This calming camp is designed to help young minds relax, recharge, and unwind. Campers will explore a variety of peaceful activities, like reading their favorite books, solving fun puzzles, and coloring beautiful designs. We will provide cozy spaces with soft pillows for everyone to lounge and relax in. At week's end, campers will have created their very own Mindfulness Kit, filled with tools and activities to help them stay grounded and centered. This kit will include things like breathing exercises, gratitude journals, and sensory items to promote mindfulness all summer long.

Instructor: Kristen Ellis

Fee: \$225

Limit: 14

ReCreate Studio (Completed Grades 3-5)

In this creative camp, we will explore why recycled art matters, learn which materials are safe to use, and discover how discarded items can be transformed rather than thrown away. We will collect and work with materials, such as cardboard, bottles, and packaging, using techniques like collage, simple fiber work, and papermaking. Emphasis is placed on creativity, problem-solving, and seeing artistic potential in unexpected places. With guided instruction and strong safety practices, campers will design and complete their own final art pieces.

Instructor: Brigit Stoltz

Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

Master Chocolatier (Completed Grades 3-8)

You thought you knew all about chocolate? Surprise! There is more to learn while getting our hands all chocolatey. We will make a chocolate house that is sure to 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: \$290

Limit: 16

Mini Museums of Young Artists (Completed Gr. 5-8)

Get ready for the tiniest art museum field trip ever! Let's create mini masterpieces inspired by various artists: Seurat's pointillist paintings, Warhol's pop art, Matisse's vibrant cutouts, and McGee's Calder mobiles. Throughout the week, campers will paint, sculpt, and assemble their tiny treasures while designing and building their very own take-home collection to put on display. Your young artist will master new techniques, curate their own personal mini gallery, and gain creative confidence that will inspire them long after the week concludes!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell

Fee: \$230

Limit: 12



SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS & INFO

WEEK 6

JULY 27-31

American Girl Doll Camp (Completed Grades K-3)

Enter the world of American Girl! We will learn about the history of the dolls themselves while also learning about each historical doll through book readings, crafts, and activities. Campers will get plenty of time to play with American Girl dolls with one another, creating American Girl Doll stories of their own. No doll? No problem! This camp is for anyone who wants to learn and explore more about American Girl Dolls and the stories that inspired them!

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$350

Limit: 16

Cooper's Corner (Completed Grades 3-8)

If you love to build, play, and create, then Cooper's Corner is the place for you! Each day is packed with exciting activities featuring Nerf blaster challenges, Hot Wheels racing, and LEGO design competitions that spark imagination and friendly competition. Campers will engage in backyard games that encourage movement, strategy, and teamwork. Above all else, this will be a positive and inclusive environment for all. No two days are ever the same. Cooper's Corner is where creativity, cooperation, and summer fun all come together!

Instructor: Cooper Hoffman

Fee: \$420

Limit: 16

WEEK 7

AUGUST 3-7

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

Everything we create is FAB: Fun And Beautiful! Let's explore watercolor techniques, papers, 3D art, and perspective. Design fun creations featuring unique masks, fish that grow, and even lovable Minions. Create beautiful pieces as we fold and cut paper in unique ways, paint tonal gradations, learn to crop images, and invent our own designs. Let your FAB creativity flow!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle

Fee: \$275

Limit: 16

Puppet Pals! (Completed Grades K-2)

Puppets serve as a safe way for children to experiment with expression, dialogue, and problem-solving. In this camp, we will create our own simple puppets while exploring movement, voice, and character as we bring stories to life. Each day will blend art, drama, and collaboration as campers practice acting with their puppets in short scenes. By the end of the week, campers will have performed mini-scenes using their puppets and explored their own creativity in fun, interactive ways.

Instructor: Noor Zaitoun

Fee: \$240

Limit: 12

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM



Forts, Mazes & Obstacle Courses: Section II (Completed Grades K-3)

Come let your creativity and imagination run wild! Design and build giant forts and obstacle courses with friends. Explore these creations and the mazes in between. We will create and play games in and around the forts we build together. Campers are expected to wear closed-toed shoes. This full day camp is also offered during Week 3.

Instructor: Brady Keough

Fee: \$399

Limit: 16

MORNING CAMPS

9:00AM-12:00PM

Unicorn Rescue 2 (Completed Grades K-3)

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 Bribedarios and DIY candy sushi. This camp is 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 during Week 2.*

Instructor: Holly Greca

Fee: \$299

Limit: 16

Explore, Create & Regulate (Completed Grades 1-3)

Join us for an action-packed week where young adventurers dive into hands-on crafts, engaging games, and creative projects that spark imagination while building essential fine motor and self-regulation skills! Campers will design and craft their very own calming tool kits and sensory activities to take home, giving them powerful strategies to manage a variety of emotions long after camp ends. Through playful exploration and artistic expression, your child will gain confidence, make new friends, and discover fun ways to stay focused and calm.

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell

Fee: \$220

Limit: 12



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Captivating Cotillion (Completed Grades 2-5)

Come and be captivated by cotillion! Campers will have the opportunity to explore social etiquette, foundational manners, greetings, basic line dancing, and leadership skills. While focusing on things like introductions, table manners, and polite conversation, kids will gain the confidence to ace any social situation. At the end of the week, we will showcase what we have learned by attending a party we will have planned together!

Instructor: Brittney Papadopoulos Fee: \$230

Limit: 12

The Eagle's View Podcasting: Section III (Completed Gr. 2-8)

Join us and learn all about 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. While becoming familiar with a wide range of topics, you will create content for Emerson's own podcast "The Eagle's View," which will be listened to by the whole Emerson community and beyond! You will learn how to research and gather the information for growing your audience, learning more about your fans, and finding ultimate podcasting success! This camp is also offered during the morning of Week 1 during the morning and afternoon.

Instructor: Jessica Taranto Fee: \$230

Limit: 16

WEEK 7

AUGUST 3-7

Kick, Catch & Splash Art Camp (Completed Gr. K-2)

Kickstart your imagination, catch your artsy tools, and make a splash! Design whimsical basketball courts that 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 sports can be a form of art!

Instructor: Abrakadoodle Fee: \$275 Limit: 16

Storybook Creators (Completed Grades K-2)

Through the power of imagination, movement, and voice, this dramatic play and acting camp invites campers to bring stories to life. Each day, we will explore a key storytelling element: characters, settings, and the importance of the beginning, middle, and end of a good story. Using dramatic play, costumes, and guided group activities, campers will act out stories, create illustrations, and practice sharing ideas aloud, building confidence and language skills along the way. With optional audio and video recording woven in, we will celebrate campers' voices and creativity in a fun, supportive environment. No reading or writing experience is required. Stories are told through play, drawing, and dictation, making this camp joyful, accessible, and engaging for all learners.

Instructor: Jessica Taranto Fee: \$220 Limit: 16

It's Your Turn! Tabletop Gaming (Completed Gr. 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 critical board game masterpieces like *Settlers of Catan* and *Ticket to Ride*, modern marvels like *Codenames* and *One Night Ultimate Werewolf*, classic card games like *Euchre* and *Uno*, and so many more. Campers of all skill levels are welcome; so shuffle your cards and count your victory points to get ready for a summer full of fun!

Instructor: Kyle Zill Fee: \$225

Limit: 16

Medieval Times: Section II (Completed Grades 3-8)

Travel back to the time of King Arthur and his legendary knights! This camp will immerse you in a fantastical world of all things medieval. First, we will build play swords and shields of our own design using PVC foam and duct tape. Then, we will use basic office supplies to build catapults in order to defeat trolls and monsters. Finally, we will joust and train through a knight's tournament, preparing to duel other kingdoms and rule the land. Jump the moat, ransack the castle, and earn your place at the round table with Arthur; call upon the great Merlin and prepare for the greatest adventure you've ever known! This camp is also offered during Week 3 in the afternoon.

Instructor: Alex Heidtke Fee: \$260

Limit: 16

AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00PM-4:00PM



Magic The Gathering Camp (Completed Grades 3-8)

Come and play one of the most famous trading card games in the world, *Magic: The Gathering*. Campers will learn more about the game, while also playing matches against other campers. Note: Magic cards are required for this camp. Starter decks can be purchased online or wherever trading cards are sold. For questions, email hgreca@emerson-school.org.

Instructor: Holly Greca Fee: \$225
Limit: 16



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Movement and Mindfulness 3-5 (Completed Gr. 3-5)

Give your child the gift of calm, confidence, and joyful movement this summer! This camp blends Story Yoga adventures, creative arts, and nature exploration to help young campers build emotional resilience, body awareness, and self-regulation skills through play-based activities. Watch your child bloom as they discover their inner peace through breathing games, express themselves through music and art, and connect with nature . . . all while making friends and creating lasting summer memories!

Instructor: Rebecca Farrell Fee: \$199
Limit: 12

B.E.S.T Camp: Section II (Completed Grades 4-8)

Who doesn't love a good detective story? Come learn how to hunt for clues and solve the mysteries no one else can. 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! This camp is also offered during Week 5 in the morning.

Instructor: Alex Heidtke Fee: \$220
Limit: 16

WEEK 7

AUGUST 3-7

Junior Scientists (Completed Grades K-2)

Science is all around us and science is for everyone! Campers will conduct their very own exciting, hands-on experiments, teaching them how to explore the world beyond our fingertips. From basic chemistry experiments to complex biology projects, we will have a blast while discovering the wonders of science!

Instructor: Jasmine Ridley Fee: \$420
Limit: 16

Gundam Model Mania (Completed Grades 4-8)

For 45 years, Gundam Models (or Gunpla) have been an exciting staple in the world of model building. If you love anime, building models, or just think giant robots are super cool, then this is the camp for you; no experience necessary. Join us this summer to learn everything you need to know to have fun building Gundam Models, because Gunpla is freedom!

Charm School (Completed Grades 5-8)

In this hands-on camp, we will learn the fundamentals of creating our own jewelry! Campers will practice essential techniques, such as opening and closing chains, using jump rings and clasps, and working with beads and wire to create earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and charms. As the week progresses, we will explore the creative process, use different materials, develop knotting skills, and learn how to follow or design our own templates. Campers will also research jewelry styles, build inspiration boards, and design a small, cohesive jewelry collection of their own. The week will conclude with a group share, allowing campers to present their creations in a supportive environment.

Instructor: Brigit Stolz Fee: \$230
Limit: 16

FULL DAY CAMPS

9:00AM-4:00PM

Baking the Movies! (Completed Grades 1-3)

This week, we are stepping into our favorite Disney movies and baking up some magic! From *Princess and the Frog* beignets to Jack-Jack's cookies from *The Incredibles*, campers will recreate baked goods inspired by beloved Disney characters. Expect lots of mixing, tasting, and a little Disney magic along the way.

Instructor: Alena Presley Fee: \$399
Limit: 12



JUMP START ON SCHOOL PROGRAMS

(For incoming Emerson Young Fives and Kindergartners)

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

AUGUST 3-7

Jump Start on Young Fives (Entering Emerson Young Fives Fall 2026)

This camp is led by Emerson Kindergarten teacher, Katie Seymour. Space is reserved for all enrolled Young Fives students, and a registration password will be shared upon receiving your signed contract. Camp will start each day at 9:15 AM and end at 12:15 PM.

Instructor: Katie Seymour, Emerson Kindergarten Teacher
Fee: \$210

Jump Start on Kindergarten (Entering Emerson Kindergarten Fall 2026)

The camp is led by two Emerson teachers: our librarian, Linda Lakshminarayanan, and our Lower School Spanish teacher, Deborah Gabrion (Doña Deborah). These are two very special people that 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 9:15 AM and end at 12:15 PM. *Current Y5 students may not register for Jump Start on Kindergarten. This camp is designed for students who are new to Emerson.*

Instructors: Deborah Gabrion & Linda Lakshminarayanan
(Emerson Faculty) Fee: \$225



AUGUST 10-14

Dog Days of Summer

Emerson Students Only

This week is offered to Emerson students only who are looking for some unstructured fun before the school year starts! We will spend the week playing games in the gym, doing arts and crafts, watching movies in the AIC, and spending time outdoors. *Limited space available.*

Full Day Session Fee: \$245



2026 SUMMER CAMPS AT A GLANCE

WEEK 1

Camp	Grades	AM, PM, or Full Day	Cost
Art that POPS!	K-2	AM	\$285
Board Game Bonanza	K-2	AM	\$250
Beginner Chess	K-3	AM	\$240
Pirates and Mermaids Camp	K-3	AM	\$225
Ice Cream Dreams 2-4: Section I	2-4	AM	\$250
The Eagle's View Podcasting Club: Section I	2-8	AM	\$230
Art-venture Studio 3-5	3-5	AM	\$220
Be Dramatic	3-5	AM	\$199
Emerson Eagle	4-8	AM	\$220
Emerson Video Club: Section I	4-8	AM	\$230
Pets and Puppies Art Camp	K-2	PM	\$285
All About Drama	K-2	PM	\$199
Ice Cream Dreams K-2: Section I	K-2	PM	\$250
D.I.Y Craft Creations	K-2	PM	\$220
The Eagle's View Podcasting Club: Section II	2-8	PM	\$230
D.I.Y Arcade	3-5	PM	\$245
Drawing, Painting & Bookmaking	5-8	PM	\$250
Quiz Bowling	5-8	PM	\$235
Disney Mania	K-2	Full Day	\$420
Baking Bread Around The World	1-3	Full Day	\$399
Picture Perfect	3-5	Full Day	\$350
Dungeons & Dragons: Section I	4-8	Full Day	\$375
Counselor in Training	6-12	Full Day	\$350

WEEK 2

Camp	Grades	AM, PM, or Full Day	Cost
Space Art Adventure Camp	K-2	AM	\$275
Awesome All-Stars	K-2	AM	\$270
Ice Cream Dreams K-2: Section II	K-2	AM	\$250
Unicorn Rescue Society 101	K-3	AM	\$299
Collaborate and Create	K-3	AM	\$220
Landscape Painting Camp	3-5	AM	\$230
Soccer Stars 3-8	3-8	AM	\$199
Field Hockey and Folktales	3-6	AM	\$230
Google Sites Creator	5-8	AM	\$230
Artosaurus Art Camp	K-2	PM	\$275
Art-venture Studio K-2	K-2	PM	\$220
Tiny Theater Builders: Section I	K-2	PM	\$240
Ice Cream Dreams 2-4: Section II	2-4	PM	\$250
Hand Sewing Stuffed Animals and Characters	3-5	PM	\$240
Engineering Challenges	3-5	PM	\$250
Basketballerz	3-8	PM	\$250
Campfire Party Games	3-8	PM	\$225
Cooking the Movies!	1-3	Full Day	\$420
Let's Put On A Play!	2-6	Full Day	\$420
Dungeons & Dragons: Section II	4-8	Full Day	\$375
Photo Studio	5-8	Full Day	\$355

WEEK 3

Camp	Grades	AM, PM, or Full Day	Cost
Let's Go Camping Art Camp	K-2	AM	\$275
Storybook Stage	K-2	AM	\$199
Tropical Vacation Camp	K-3	AM	\$245
Beyond the Fairy Gate	K-3	AM	\$220
Comic Book Creators	2-4	AM	\$215
Happy, Healthy You!	2-5	AM	\$225
Needle Felting	3-5	AM	\$195
Disc Golf	3-8	AM	\$210
Chocolatier	3-8	AM	\$280
Cross Stitch Camp	4-8	AM	\$195
Did You Say Clay?	K-2	PM	\$290
Rainbow Camp	K-2	PM	\$225
Tinkerbell and the Never Fairy Talents	K-2	PM	\$240
Summer Book Club: Mo Willems Adventures	1-2	PM	\$245
Dimensional Arts and Crafts 3-5	3-5	PM	\$240
Ultimate Frisbee	3-8	PM	\$215
Gourmet Chocolatier	3-8	PM	\$280
Medieval Times: Section I	3-8	PM	\$260
Forts, Mazes & Obstacle Courses: Section I	K-3	Full Day	\$399
Slumber Party Fun!	K-3	Full Day	\$399
Rube Goldberg Inventors	3-8	Full Day	\$460
Let's Write a Song!	3-8	Full Day	\$355
Dungeons & Dragons: Section III	4-8	Full Day	\$375
Kithchen Challenges	6-8	Full Day	\$420

WEEK 4

Camp	Grades	AM, PM, or Full Day	Cost
3D Creations Art Camp	K-2	AM	\$275
Magic School Bus	K-2	AM	\$220
Tiny Theater Builders: Section II	K-2	AM	\$240
Paper Crafts K-2	K-2	AM	\$210
Pokemon Trainer's Club K-2	K-2	AM	\$290
Bal-A-Vis X and Board Games	3-5	AM	\$215
Footballerz	3-8	AM	\$240
The Great Outdoors	3-8	AM	\$215
Creative Writing	4-8	AM	\$199
Emerson Video Club: Section II	4-8	AM	\$230
Colorful Urban Artists	K-2	PM	\$275
Movement and Mindfulness K-2	K-2	PM	\$199
Super Mario All-Star Camp	K-2	PM	\$230
Paper Crafts 3-5	3-5	PM	\$210
Skill Toys	3-5	PM	\$199
Chess Champions	3-8	PM	\$240
Myth Testers	3-8	PM	\$230
Pokemon Trainer's Club 3-8	3-8	PM	\$290
Dragon Adventures	1-3	Full Day	\$360
The Artisan Workshop	2-4	Full Day	\$399
Introduction to Crochet	3-5	Full Day	\$340
Academy of Cuisine: Tastes From Around the World	3-8	Full Day	\$430
Stewardship Academy	5-8	Full Day	\$600

WEEK 5

Camp	Grades	AM, PM, or Full Day	Cost
VROOM! Art Camp	K-2	AM	\$275
Relaxation Station K-2	K-2	AM	\$240
Mini Musical Library Theater	K-2	AM	\$220
Under The Big Top Circus Camp	K-2	AM	\$240
Sculpey Clay Miniatures	3-5	AM	\$240
Future Athletes	3-8	AM	\$240
Duct Tape Designers and Domino Dazzlers	3-8	AM	\$240
B.E.S.T Camp: Section I	4-8	AM	\$220
Yummy Art Camp	K-2	PM	\$295
Soccer Stars K-2	K-2	PM	\$210
Fantasy Dreamers	K-2	PM	\$235
Toca Studios: The Digital Film Creator Camp	2-4	PM	\$215
Friendship Bracelet Frenzy	3-5	PM	\$210
Biederman's Best Science	3-8	PM	\$260
Nail Art Camp	3-8	PM	\$245
Dimensional Arts and Crafts 6-8	6-8	PM	\$230
Dungeons and Dragons: Wizarding World	1-3	Full Day	\$375
Just Dance!	1-4	Full Day	\$355
Summer Baking Series: Sweets, Treats & More	3-8	Full Day	\$430
Crochet Lab	5-8	Full Day	\$340
<i>Stewardship Academy continued</i>	5-8	Full Day	\$600

WEEK 6

Camp	Grades	AM, PM, or Full Day	Cost
Kids on Canvas Painting	K-2	AM	\$290
Junior Puzzlers	K-2	AM	\$240
Lost in Space!	K-2	AM	\$260
Story in a Box	K-2	AM	\$199
Snack Attack	3-5	AM	\$250
Canvas of Creativity: Digital Canva Creations	3-5	AM	\$230
Summer Book Club: Percy Jackson Adventures	3-8	AM	\$235
Water Colors 3-8	3-8	AM	\$220
Underwater Art Camp	K-2	PM	\$275
"What If...?" Worlds	K-2	PM	\$240
Christmas in July: Holiday Cookies	K-2	PM	\$250
Water Colors K-2	K-2	PM	\$220
Wickedly Oz-Some Adventures Camp	K-3	PM	\$235
Relaxation Station 3-5	3-5	PM	\$225
ReCreate Studio	3-5	PM	\$230
Master Chocolatier	3-8	PM	\$290
Mini Museums of Young Artists	5-8	PM	\$230
American Girl Doll Camp	K-3	Full Day	\$350
Forts, Mazes & Obstacle Courses: Section II	K-3	Full Day	\$399
Cooper's Corner	3-8	Full Day	\$420

WEEK 7

Camp	Grades	AM, PM, or Full Day	Cost
Fab Art: Fun & Beautiful Art Camp	K-2	AM	\$275
Puppet Pals!	K-2	AM	\$240
Unicorn Rescue 2	K-3	AM	\$299
Explore, Create & Regulate	1-3	AM	\$220
Captivating Cotillion	2-5	AM	\$230
The Eagle's View Podcasting: Section III	2-8	AM	\$230
It's Your Turn! Tabletop Gaming	3-8	AM	\$225
Medieval Times: Section II	3-8	AM	\$260
Kick, Catch & Splash Art Camp	K-2	PM	\$275
Storybook Creators	K-2	PM	\$220
Movement and Mindfulness 3-5	3-5	PM	\$199
Magic The Gathering Camp	3-8	PM	\$225
B.E.S.T Camp: Section II	4-8	PM	\$220
Gundam Model Mania	4-8	PM	\$245
Charm School	5-8	PM	\$230
Junior Scientists	K-2	Full Day	\$420
Baking the Movies!	1-3	Full Day	\$399
Jumpstart on Young Fives	Pre-K	AM	\$210
Jumpstart on Kindergarten	Pre-K	AM	\$225

WEEK 8

Camp	Grades	AM, PM, or Full Day	Cost
Dog Days of Summer (<i>Emerson Students Only</i>)	Y5-8	Full Day	\$245

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