

ACERA SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

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MISSION



We believe that every child is a unique and creative individual with unlimited potential. Our mission is to provide summer camps that foster curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking skills in a fun and engaging way. We are committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment where kids can explore their passions and discover their strengths.

SUMMER CAMP OPTIONS

- Fantasy Wold Building
- Theater
- Music
- Sports
- Arts
- Coding
- Electronics
- Engineering
- Science
- Cooking

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Enrichment Portal

Where Can You Find Us?



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Acera - The Massachusetts School of Science, Creativity and Leadership



Acera School



OUR WEBSITE

www.aceraschool.org

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Registration Quick Notes

• Remember to put your name on the waitlist if a space is not available; no payment is collected for a space on waitlist.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships

Limited financial aid is available and awarded based on demonstrated need. Please download the **Reed Hollett Scholarship Application** form, or email us at summercamp@aceraschool.org to request an application.

Registration

Register for all Acera programs online or in the office. Participants are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. If the class is FULL, you can be placed on a waitlist. If an opening becomes available, we will contact you.

Cancellations

The Enrichment Department reserves the right to cancel programs if enrollment is not met.

Refund Policy

For class cancellations before June 1, we will provide a full refund. Alternatively, you may transfer enrollment to any other program at no charge. After June 1, only transfers are available, not refunds.

No refund or reduction in fees is possible for a child who arrives late, leaves early, or attends part of a session due to illness (other than a hospital stay).

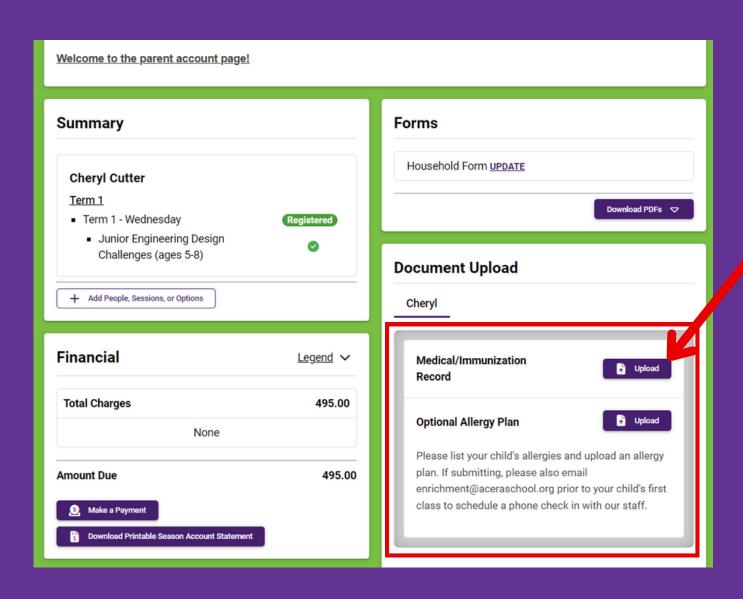
Removal From Camp

Decisions about participation in STEAM camp are made at the discretion of the instructor and the Enrichment Programs Manager. If a student is not able to participate in a safe and productive way, or if the teacher feels that the student is not engaging at a level appropriate for the program, the instructor may ask that s/he switch into a different session, or not return to the program. Refunds will not be provided for students removed from the program due to behavioral issues.

CAMP REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR CHILD CANNOT ATTEND CAMP UNLESS YOU COMPLETE 100% OF THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW:

- Parent Contact Information
- A list of people authorized to pick up the participants that are not a parent/guardian.
- A current medical history which lists allergies, required medications, and any health conditions or impairments which may affect the individuals' activities while attending the camp.
- A physical examination conducted during the preceding 18 months.
- A certificate of immunization



CAMP SCHEDULE

Week 1: June 10th - June 14th

Week 2: June 17th - June 21st

Week 3: June 24th - June 28th

July 4th Week NO CAMPS

Week 4: July 8th - July 12th

Week 5: July 15th - July 19th

Week 6: July 22nd - July 26th

Week 7: July 29th - August 2nd

Week 8: August 5th - August 9th

Week 9: August 12th - August 16th

Week 10: August 19th - August 23rd

WEEK 1: FULL DAY CAMPS June 10th - June 14th

NEW! Art Creation & Nature Exploration

Discover the Outdoors While Learning to Preserve the Environment

Join us on a journey to explore the magnificent outdoors, both on and off campus, while gaining knowledge of how to keep the environment safe for all. Hike and explore at Acera, Davidson Park, and the Fells while learning about Leave No Trace principles that ensure the protection and safety of nature and humans. To put our newfound knowledge into practice, we'll embark on a full-day hike at one of our stunning New England mountains as the perfect culmination of the week's experiences.

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Vlogging

The Art of Vlogging: Creating Video Content that Resonates with Your Audience

Vlogging, also known as "video blogging," goes beyond just having a YouTube channel; it's about crafting video content that truly resonates with your viewers. Our camp teaches students the fundamental elements of filmmaking, including storyboarding, script writing, video production, and editing. With these skills, they can create a vlog series on a topic that they are passionate about and engage with their audience on a personal level.

AGES 7-10 9-12PM \$450



Backyard Ninjas

Innovative Fun with Team Building, American Ninja Warrior, and Escape-Room Challenges

Students often come up with the most creative ideas, and this one is no exception – why not combine escape-room challenges, team building, and American Ninja Warrior into one? The answer is a resounding "Yes!" Join us for an exciting week of challenges that will help you build both your physical and mental strength, while also giving you the opportunity to move, problem-solve, and make new friends.

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Advanced Block Building

Engaging Young Students in Building Challenges

Young students are encouraged to participate in building challenges that teach math, geometry, architectural design, and more. This exciting activity tests their patience, perseverance, and teamwork skills as they work together to construct a life-sized and intricate structure.

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Artist Study

Encouraging Artistic Exploration in Children!

Let your kids explore the world of art through the vibrant styles and art movements of famous artists such as Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet. With this approach, children can follow their creative instincts to produce their own works of

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Skateboard Cruisers

Creating Custom Skateboard Cruisers: A Class for Students to Learn Woodworking Basics

In this camp, students will have the chance to design and build their own unique skateboard cruisers. They will start by creating a detailed design plan and cut list, selecting from a variety of available hardwoods, and laminating them together. Next, they will flatten and shape the board, smoothing the edges and rounding them over for a comfortable grip. Students will finish off their boards by staining, drilling holes, and attaching hardware, culminating in a test run during class.

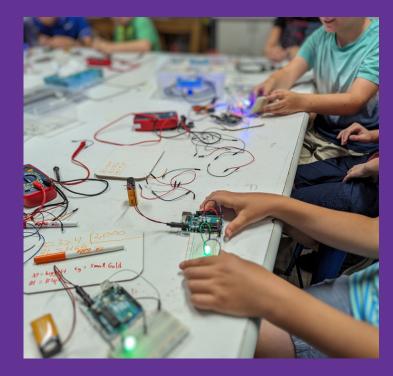
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STEAM Challenger

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Film Making

A Comprehensive Guide to Filmmaking: From Storyboarding to Editing

Do you have an interest in video production? Do you want to create your own films and learn how to shoot and edit videos? Then this session is perfect for you! You'll get to play with green screens, sound effects, and other techniques to create engaging film clips that you can share with your friends. During the session, you'll learn about the basics of filmmaking, including storyboarding, script writing, video production, and editing, as well as creating your own accompanying music. Don't miss out on the opportunity to take your video production skills to the next level!

AGES 7-10 9-12PM \$450

Mini Fantasy Worlds

Unleash Your Creativity with Cardboard, Wood, Wire, Rocks and Gems

Bring your imagination to life by using these simple materials to construct whimsical homes, bridges, ladders, furniture, accessories, gardens, and playgrounds for your fanciful creatures.

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Wilderness Survival: Wood Techniques

Get Ready for Adventure: A Survival Guide to Navigating the Great Outdoors

In this class, we will teach you the skills needed to be prepared for any outdoor excursion. We will focus on finding directional indicators and reading maps, because the first rule of survival is to avoid getting lost. However, in case you do, we will also discuss what you need to survive. If you think you're ready to embark on this journey, then let's get started and have some fun!

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Ooey Gooey

DIY Slime, Putty, and Sand: A Fun Way to Learn about Non-Newtonian Fluids

Get your hands dirty and discover the science behind non-Newtonian fluids with our DIY slime, putty, and sand kit. Unleash your creativity and experiment with the unique properties of these fun materials. This hands-on activity is perfect for students who love to learn while having some messy fun!

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NEW! Textile Arts

A Textile Arts Camp That Will Inspire Creativity

This hands-on course will encourage you to explore the endless possibilities of thread, color, and more. Get ready to expand your horizons and discover a new world of textile arts!

AGES 5-8 9-12PM \$450

Stop Motion

Stop motion animation is the filmmaking technique behind favorites such as Wallace and Gromit and The Fantastic Mr. Fox. In this inventive camp, participants will use stop motion animation to create special effects inspired by their own imagination!

AGES 7-10 9-12PM \$450

Experiments in Art

An Experimental Art Class: Where the Art Studio Becomes a Laboratory

In this unique art class, the art studio transforms into a laboratory. Through various 2D and 3D media such as paint, clay, metal, found materials, paper, ink, and more, students are encouraged to explore the creative process. The class aims to answer questions like how different media interact with one another, what color schemes, textures and forms can be achieved, and how we can create something greater than the sum of its parts. You'll have the opportunity to work on projects such as color, spin tables, mobiles, and marbling. This hands-on experience is designed to develop your fine motor skills, visual perception, experimental mindset, and sense-making abilities.



NEW! Oceans Ecosystems

Students will explore ocean ecosystems and animal adaptations by creating a visually engaging model of ocean zones.

AGES 5-8 9-12PM \$450

Fantasy World Building

Discover the Magic of Fantasy Writing and Game Design in Our New Multimedia Class

Are you a student with a passion for fantasy writing, D&D campaigns, or world-building? Our new multimedia class is just what you need! We'll explore the principles of setting, time, characters, and visual elements, and provide opportunities for both independent and group work.

Additionally, this camp is perfect for those interested in crafting their own D&D campaigns or LARP games, and eager to take their fantasy gaming to the next level.

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NEW! STEM Soccer & Basketball

Discover the Fascinating Science and Technology behind Popular Sports with Acera School's STEM Sports® Curriculum!

We are thrilled to offer STEM Sports® basketball and soccer curricula, where young learners can explore the science, technology, and innovation behind their favorite sports. Our basketball curriculum covers topics like velocity and acceleration, basketball shoe design, tracking with technology, and much more. Meanwhile, our soccer curriculum delves into soccer ball design, throw-in science, angles, and goal-line technology, among others.

Our hands-on approach to learning is designed to immerse students in STEM activities for half of the class, while the other half is spent playing the sport outside. This enables students to not only enhance their skills in the game but also comprehend the fundamental "why" questions that surround it, thus improving their academic performance.

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AGES 8-11 1-4PM \$450

NEW! Creative Computing & Robotics

This class offers a unique opportunity for students to develop their computational thinking skills while exploring a range of digital tools. Students will be encouraged to collaborate with each other while generating easily-shareable products and experiences. The course will feature a variety of tools, including Scratch, CoSpaces, and TinkerCAD. While Chromebooks will be provided, students are welcome to bring their own laptops from home.

AGES 8-11 1-4PM \$450



WEEK 4: AM CAMPS July 8th - July 12th

Build It! LEGO & Block Champions

Exploring the Art of Brick and Block Construction with Students

This week, students will have the opportunity to become experts in the art of brick and block construction. Our focus will be on constructing robust structures, buildings, bridges, and vehicles using LEGO. We'll also delve into the world of S.N.O.T, N.P.U, and greebling, unlocking the secrets of LEGO building.

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Anatomy & Physiology Jr

Get Ready to Explore the Wonders of the Human Body

This week, students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in mini medical school by learning all about the human body. From understanding how our bodies function to creating models of various systems, and even examining things under a microscope to uncover the tiny details, it's going to be an exciting and educational experience!

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D&D Roleplay

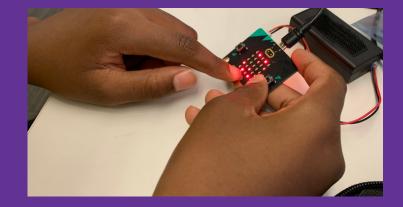
Discover the Exciting Realm of Dungeons & Dragons!

At the heart of Dungeons & Dragons lies the art of storytelling. With this game, you and your friends can create your own characters and weave a story together. From epic quests for treasure to thrilling battles with dangerous foes, daring rescues, courtly intrigue, and more, the possibilities are endless. Together, we'll venture forth to unravel mysteries, vanquish monstrous beasts, and craft a remarkable tale. Whether you're an experienced or a novice player, each story is fresh, unique, and tailored to fit the characters and their players.

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NEW! Forts, Fantasy & Friends

A Camp for Exploring the World of Magical Creatures!

From fairies to trolls to narcoblixes, the world is full of magical creatures. But encountering them requires preparation and training! If you're ready to travel through time zones, step through portals into other realms and leave reality behind, then this program is for you. Join us as we build a fort using pillows, tables, cardboard and more, complete with the right protections to keep invisible invaders out. We'll create our own characters and spend time in a world that only we can imagine. On some days, our adventures will take us to other realms, such as Acera's playground or local parks. Get ready for magical fun!

\$450 AGES 5-8 1-4PM

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Backyard Science

Discovering Science in Our Own Backyards! Science is everywhere, including in our own neighborhoods!

At our camp, we take campers on exciting daily adventures to explore various scientific fields, such as entomology, forestry, geology, and biology. For instance, we search for macroinvertebrates in the Aberjona, spot different bird species in the Fells, and learn about how the land we live in has changed over time. Join us for an unforgettable scientific experience!

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Engineering with Found Objects

Join Our Program to Explore Creative Ways of Repurposing Old Electronics

Have you ever wondered if you could make a clock without using an electric motor? What if you could build a vehicle using spare parts that can navigate an obstacle course? Perhaps, you could even power a sail with an old computer fan. In our program, we'll disassemble broken machines such as computers, DVD players, and household devices to see what's inside. By using the functional pieces in new ways, we'll craft something new, creative, and fun. Imagine a remote control that opens a drawer by pushing a lever, which then sets off a marble run! Get ready to unleash your imagination and gather your family's broken electronic devices (no fluorescent bulbs or hazardous items please).

AGES 8-11 \$450 1-4PM

Electronics & Coding with Arduino

Learn How to Build Your Own Interactive Projects with Custom Circuits

Are you interested in building your own circuits and designing interactive projects? This beginnerfriendly course is the perfect way to get started. You'll discover the basics of circuit design and the science of electricity. Throughout the course, you'll have a chance to experiment with different electronic components such as LEDs, resistors, capacitors, transistors, switches, DC and servo motors. Additionally, you'll be introduced to the Arduino coding IDE and simple commands that you can use to control your circuits. The course includes exciting projects such as digital hourglasses, electronic musical instruments, and magic eight balls that provide predictions when shaken.

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Playful Coding with AI

Exploring the Wonders of Intelligent Technologies: A Course on Machine Learning and App Development

Have you ever wondered how intelligent technologies like Zoom face-filters, chatbots, and Siri/Alexa work? Do you wish to learn how to code apps that use these technologies and even train machine learning models to interpret words or images intelligently? Our course offers an introduction to supervised machine learning (ML) and provides opportunities to use ML in novel and creative ways. You will use Scratch programming language with special extensions to complete coding activities. Prior experience with Scratch is not required but may be helpful.

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Extraordinary Paper Creations

Transform Your View of Paper Forever

Get ready for a mind-blowing experience as this class teaches you an array of tools and techniques to produce elaborate 2D and 3D art pieces using paper. You'll be amazed at what you can create!

AGES 5-8 9-12PM \$450

Chemistry of Cooking

Exploring the Art and Science of Cooking

Have you ever wondered how cooking can be both an art and a science? By delving into the fundamental cooking principles and technical skills, such as knife handling, you can improve your culinary knowledge. Furthermore, you'll learn about the chemistry, physics, and cuisine – all while enjoying the delicious results of your efforts!

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Board Game Design

For thousands of years, people have created and played board games. Games like chess and checkers are some of the oldest and remain popular to this day. While the more modern and generally simpler form(relatively) card games! In this camp you will design and create your own board game!

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NEW! Drone Flight

Design and Build the Ultimate Drone Obstacle Course at Camp

Campers will put their engineering skills to the test as they create an obstacle course to race drones through. The week-long program covers drone safety basics and explores the history of drone racing as a sport. With creative freedom, participants will construct a challenging obstacle course layout and build it from scratch for the ultimate competition. We will be using small remote-controlled drones, perfect for hands-on exploration and learning.

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NEW! Power of Pressure

Discover the Wonders of Pressure and Buoyancy with Fun and Exciting Experiments!

Experience the magic of science with hands-on lab tests on air pressure, Cartesian divers, water rockets and more. Get ready for a thrilling and educational adventure!

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Farm to Table Cooking

Join Us for a Week of Nutritious and Delicious Veggie Cuisine

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Puppet Playhouse

Get Creative with Puppet Making and Storytelling

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Fantasy World-Building

Discover the Magic of Fantasy Writing and Game Design in Our New Multimedia Class

Are you a student with a passion for fantasy writing, D&D campaigns, or world-building? Our new multimedia class is just what you need! We'll explore the principles of setting, time, characters, and visual elements, and provide opportunities for both independent and group work. Additionally, this camp is perfect for those interested in crafting their own D&D campaigns or LARP games, and eager to take their fantasy gaming to the next level.

AGES 8-14 9-12PM \$450

WEEK 6: PM CAMPS July 22nd - July 26th

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AGES 5-8 1-4PM \$450

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AGES 7-10 1-4PM \$450

NEW! Mini Med School

Students will have the opportunity to explore different body systems and their functions in a hands-on way. By participating in various activities, they will gain a better understanding of how these systems work together to keep the body functioning properly. On the final day of the program, they will showcase all of their newfound knowledge by giving a "tour of the body" using life-size diagrams of each system discussed.

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AGES 8-11 \$450 1-4PM

WEEK 7: FULL DAY CAMPS July 29th - August 2nd

Play-Palooza!

Experience a World of Fun and Imagination: Join Our Creative Camp!

Come and play with us all day long! Explore the depths of your creativity, make new friends, and learn to solve problems in the most imaginative ways. Our camp is designed to provide endless opportunities for fun, including playing with art materials and science and technology, unleashing your imagination, and engaging in physical activities. Join us for an unforgettable adventure!

AGES 5-8 9-4PM \$799





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LEGO Champions

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NEW! Edible Experiments

In this cooking class, students will discover and describe various flavors (sweet, sour, bitter, salty, umami) and gain the ability to identify various foods that have these flavors. The course also covers proper knife-handling skills and how to safely prepare ingredients for cooking. Students will learn the correct way to taste and sample foods without contamination.

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Huggable Fuzzy Friends

Craft Your Own Cuddly Companions with Felt, Fur, and Fluffy Materials!

Join us and get crafty by designing unique 3D models of your favorite animals or characters using felt, fur, and fluffy fabrics. During the week, you'll learn new stitch techniques and receive guidance to help you bring your ideas to life. Plus, you'll get to take home your very own handmade stuffies!

AGES 5-8

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Electronics & Coding with Arduino

Learn How to Build Your Own Interactive Projects with Custom Circuits

Are you interested in building your own circuits and designing interactive projects? This beginnerfriendly course is the perfect way to get started. You'll discover the basics of circuit design and the science of electricity. Throughout the course, you'll have a chance to experiment with different electronic components such as LEDs, resistors, capacitors, transistors, switches, DC and servo motors. Additionally, you'll be introduced to the Arduino coding IDE and simple commands that you can use to control your circuits. The course includes exciting projects such as digital hourglasses, electronic musical instruments, and magic eight balls that provide predictions when shaken.

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NEW! Junior Carnival Design

Looking for a fun and unique way to learn basic crafting techniques and bring your ideas to life? Consider joining our carnival-building class! You'll work alongside a group of peers to design and construct a custom carnival, complete with games and attractions that you create from scratch. Students will use a variety of materials like cardboard, buckets, tin cans, plastic bottles, wires, and more!

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LEGO SPIKE Prime Robotics

Discover Robotics and Coding Fundamentals with LEGO SPIKE Prime System!

The LEGO SPIKE Prime system is a fantastic way for students to delve into the basics of robotics and coding. They'll learn how to control motors and sensors to create their own customized robots that can navigate mazes, travel over rough terrain, and transport a payload to a specific destination. They'll also take on exciting building challenges like designing interactive carnival games, mimicking humans and animals, building playable musical instruments, and crafting secret lockboxes that open with a command.

Experiments in Arts

An Experimental Art Class: Where the Art Studio Becomes a Laboratory

In this unique art class, the art studio transforms into a laboratory. Through various 2D and 3D media such as paint, clay, metal, found materials, paper, ink, and more, students are encouraged to explore the creative process. The class aims to answer questions like how different media interact with one another, what color schemes, textures and forms can be achieved, and how we can create something greater than the sum of its parts. You'll have the opportunity to work on projects such as color, spin tables, mobiles, and marbling. This hands-on experience is designed to develop your fine motor skills, visual perception, experimental mindset, and sense-making abilities.

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NEW! Enchanted Electronics

Integrating Creativity and Electronics

By combining tactile materials like playdough with electronic components, students will have the chance to explore electricity and magnetism in a unique way. Through molding the playdough into different shapes, they will learn about the conductive and insulative properties of various dough compositions, while designing 3D circuit models with LED lights, motors, or buzzers.

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WEEK 8: AM CAMPS August 5th - August 9th

Stop Motion Animation

Unleash Your Creativity with Stop Motion Animation Camp

Stop motion animation, the technique used to create beloved films like Wallace and Gromit and The Fantastic Mr. Fox, is a fascinating filmmaking method. In this imaginative camp, participants will be able to craft and share a story of their own invention using stop-motion animation.

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Cartoonist Club

Exploring the World of Cartoons

Have you ever wondered what sets cartoons apart from other types of illustrations? In our camp, we'll delve into the defining characteristics of cartoons and comics, and even try our hand at drawing some ourselves. From developing characters to conveying emotions, we'll cover it all and more!

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NEW! Entrepreneur Exploration

Attention Young Entrepreneurs! Join our Camp and Learn How to Bring Your Business Ideas to Life!

Are you eager to explore your business ideas or support a cause you're passionate about? Our camp is designed for you! This program will teach you how to transform your ideas into concrete business ventures or philanthropic initiatives. Through this camp, campers will gain a solid foundation of market research, production costs, pricing, and marketing fundamentals. Get ready to unleash your entrepreneurial spirit!

AGES 8-11 9-12PM \$450

NEW! Optical Gardens & Scribble Bots

Learning Through Disassembly: Creating Vibrating Bots and Circuitry

Students will be thrilled to learn how to construct vibrating bots that can draw on their own. By building a circuit with a motor and battery pack attached to a cup, they can create an eccentric rotation by adding a weight to the motor. Next, they design and construct a structure that balances on three or four markers. As the motor rotates, the structure will wobble on its legs, creating a vibrating effect. Students will also take apart a simple toy and then repurpose it for a new project. By creating a circuit inside a bottle, they are able to simulate a plant.

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Sci-Fi Stop Motion Animation

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AGES 8-11 1-4PM \$450

Arcade Game Design

Are you an arcade enthusiast? Join us and create a personalized pinball machine from scratch! Discover the mechanics behind ball launchers, flippers, traps, and targets, and craft a unique design. Take home a fully operating pinball machine at the end of the camp!

AGES 10-14 1-4PM \$450

NEW! Animal Engineering

Invitation to All Animal Lovers!

Join us this week as we explore the diverse world of animals. From learning about animal adaptation to finding solutions for those in need, there's so much to discover. Let's make a difference for animals both near and far.

AGES 7-10 1-4PM \$450



Games for Strategic Thinking

Join our class and explorev how strategies can enhance your gameplay. We'll teach you techniques for a range of popular board games, emphasizing the importance of game theory, probability, logic, and deduction. In addition, you'll gain valuable insights on resource management, trading strategies, and team collaboration. Games we'll play and study include Tic-Tac-Toe, Rummy, Monopoly, Settlers of Catan, Carcassonne, and Forbidden Island.

AGES 7-10 1-4PM \$450

WEEK 9: AM CAMPS August 12th - August 16th

Electronic Arts

Summer Camp That Combines Art and Electronics

Join us for a unique and exciting summer camp experience that unites art and electronics. We'll utilize arts and crafts materials to delve into storytelling and visual elements such as line, texture, contrast, transparency, and composition. With the addition of paper circuitry, we'll bring light and interactivity to our projects. Our campers will explore series and parallel circuits, learn how to work with various types of LED lights, conductive materials, and incorporate different types of switches into their designs.

AGES 5-8 \$450 9-12PM

Wilderness Survival

Get Ready for Adventure: A Survival Guide to Navigating the Great Outdoors

We will teach you the skills needed to be prepared for any outdoor excursion. We will focus on finding directional indicators and reading maps. because the first rule of survival is to avoid getting lost. However, in case you do, we will also discuss what you need to survive. If you think you're ready to embark on this journey, then let's get started and have some fun!

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LEGO Champions

Welcome LEGO Enthusiasts to Our Very Own LEGO Masters Camp!

Get ready to take your LEGO-building skills to the next level with our exclusive camp. We'll go beyond the LEGO kit to teach you advanced techniques like Studs Not on Top (SNOT), Nice Part Usage (NPU), structural stability, and scale.

AGES 7-10 9-12PM \$450



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NEW! Mastering the Art of Dungeon Master

Becoming the Dungeon Master of a D&D campaign may seem simple at first glance. Some might think that you merely control everything and dictate what players can or cannot do. However, this perception is far from the truth. As the Dungeon Master, you are responsible for designing intricate details and challenges for the adventure while maintaining a consistent and realistic flow of events. Additionally, you must have a solid understanding of the game's rules and be able to balance various player styles. Your ultimate objective is to help everyone have fun and create an engaging story together. In this class, we will explore and practice ways to run and enhance any D&D campaign, ensuring that everyone's gaming experience is enjoyable.

AGES 8-14

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Digital Art

Discover the Art of Digital Drawing, Painting, and Animation!

Unleash your creativity by learning how to create your own digital drawings, paintings and animations! Take your characters and stories to the next level by developing concept art, storyboards, animatics, sound effects, animation, and video editing.

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Space Camp

Embark on an Extraterrestrial Adventure!

Join us for a week-long expedition through the wonders of outer space! Our journey starts close to home as we learn about Earth's atmosphere, then we'll journey beyond the exosphere to explore the Sun, Moon, Solar System, Comets, Deep Space, Exoplanets, and beyond. Are you ready for an out-of-this-world experience?

AGES 8-11 1-4PM \$450

NEW! Ecology

Discover the Wonders of Science in Your Backyard!

Science is all around us, and students have the opportunity to explore different areas of natural science, including entomology, forestry, geology, and ornithology. From searching for macroinvertebrates and insects to identifying bird species in the Fells, you'll learn how the land we live in has developed over time. Join us as we explore Winchester's ecosystems with plenty of walks in the woods, scientific survey techniques, and even art and poetry experiments. Make sure to wear comfortable walking shoes and warm clothes to get the most out of this exciting experience!

AGES 9-12 1-4PM \$450

Macrame

Join our creative textile camp, where you'll start by designing your own friendship bracelets before moving on to more advanced textile projects. From weaving projects to personalized t-shirts, you'll learn how to make unique and special gifts for your friends that are sure to impress!

AGES 7-10 \$450 1-4PM

WEEK 10: FULL DAY CAMPS August 19th - August 23rd

LARP Foundations

Introducing the LARP Adventure Program: A Unique Blend of Creativity, Critical Thinking and Community Leadership

Our program offers a one-of-a-kind experience that combines theater, martial arts, and costume/prop/stage design. We aim to enhance students' critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and community leadership skills through a series of engaging activities. Throughout our sessions, students will not only learn how to play games but also how to design and run them for their peers. Our skilled instructors will guide them through a variety of makerspace activities, from boffer building to costuming, allowing them to express themselves creatively while learning how their design choices can impact those around them.

AGES 8-14 9-4PM \$799





WEEK 10: AM CAMPS August 19th - August 23rd

Backyard Ninjas

Innovative Fun with Team Building, American Ninja Warrior, and Escape-Room Challenges

Students often come up with the most creative ideas, and this one is no exception - why not combine escape-room challenges, team building, and American Ninja Warrior into one? The answer is a resounding "Yes!" Join us for an exciting week of challenges that will help you build both your physical and mental strength, while also giving you the opportunity to move, problem-solve, and make new friends.

AGES 5-8 9-12PM \$450

Film Making

A Comprehensive Guide to Filmmaking: From Storyboarding to Editing

Do you have an interest in video production? Do you want to create your own films and learn how to shoot and edit videos? Then this session is perfect for you! You'll get to play with green screens, sound effects, and other techniques to create engaging film clips that you can share with your friends. During the session, you'll learn about the basics of filmmaking, including storyboarding, script writing, video production, and editing, as well as creating your own accompanying music. Don't miss out on the opportunity to take your video production skills to the next level!

AGES 8-11 9-12PM \$450



NEW! Junior Engineering Design

Encouraging Young Minds to Build with Creativity and Skill

We inspire our youngest builders to construct towering cathedrals, elaborate animal homes, and porous hives, among other exciting projects! Through the use of math, geometry, and teamwork, our students learn to build with a diverse range of materials including blocks, LEGOs, cardboard, characters, and craft materials. Let their imaginations run wild as they turn their creative ideas into tangible structures.

AGES <u>5-8</u> 9-12PM \$450

Detective Club

Welcome to the Detective Club!

In this club, investigators refine their skills in solving the most challenging puzzles. Drawing inspiration from the greatest classic detectives, we'll learn how to detect deception, interpret emotional cues, decipher codes, acquire some spy skills, and use evidence to prove someone's innocence or guilt!

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Artist Study

Encouraging Artistic Exploration in Children!

Let your kids explore the world of art through the vibrant styles and art movements of famous artists such as Pablo Picasso and Claude Monet. With this approach, children can follow their creative instincts to produce their own works of art.

AGES 5-8 \$450 1-4PM

Forts, Fantasy & Friends

A Camp for Exploring the World of Magical Creatures!

From fairies to trolls to narcoblixes, the world is full of magical creatures. But encountering them requires preparation and training! If you're ready to travel through time zones, step through portals into other realms and leave reality behind, then this program is for you. Join us as we build a fort using pillows, tables, cardboard and more, complete with the right protections to keep invisible invaders out. We'll create our own characters and spend time in a world that only we can imagine. On some days, our adventures will take us to other realms, such as Acera's playground or local parks. Get ready for magical fun!

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Backyard Science

Discovering Science in Our Own Backyards!

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Fantasy Art

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