



CREATIVE CAMPERS ACTIVITIES

Class content may be repeated from Session 1 to Session 2.

CULINARY ARTS

Culinary Arts classes do not use recipes that include peanuts or tree nuts as ingredients; however, Creative Summer is NOT a peanut-free environment. Campers with food allergies or dietary restrictions should carefully consider their participation in these classes.

Baking (All grades)

One of our most popular offerings, this cooking class specializes in healthy breads, cakes, and other baked goods that everyone gets to sample. Recipes go home with campers.

Cake Decorating (Grades 5 and above)

Think you might be the next Cake Boss? Learn the secrets of professional cake decorating. Ice and decorate cakes for any occasion using a range of techniques – piping, fondant, and modeling. Fridays are cupcake days!

Cooking for Kids (All grades)

Hands-on cooking with family-friendly recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert. We eat what we make!

DANCE

All That Jazz (All grades)

Dance choreographed to popular music. Emphasis is on technique and body placement. *Campers will need: Jazz shoes or sneakers.*

Barre Fitness / Ballet (All grades)

Dance or fitness? Why not both? Learn what ballet dancers have always known, the basics of ballet dance are the foundation of a fitness routine that builds strength, stamina, and flexibility. *Students dance in bare feet only.*

Hip Hop / Street Jam (All grades)

This upbeat class explores the dance styles of the millennium. Hip Hop encompasses movement that has elements of poppin', lockin', and breaking, as well as freestyle movement to give students the opportunity to develop their own sense of style. *Campers will need: Jazz shoes or sneakers.*

Intro to Break Dancing (All grades) NEW

Breaking is a form of street dance that incorporates intricate body movements, coordination, style, and aesthetics. Students will learn the freestyling footwork components of breakdancing and learn to add their own “flavor” in a safe and controlled environment.

Modern (All grades)

Modern technique with a twist. Our Modern Dance class combines traditional modern technique with a variety of ethnic dance styles from around the world. *Students dance in bare feet only.*



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Pom-Poms (All Grades)

Have fun and learn basic pom-pom and synchronized dance moves! Perform at halftime during the basketball game at the Carnival Showcase. ***Campers will need: Sneakers. Pom-poms are provided.***

Zumba® (All grades)

Zumba®, the Latin-inspired dance-fitness program, blends international music and fast-paced, fun steps to create a “fitness party” that is downright addictive. Zumba’s choreography incorporates hip-hop, samba, salsa, merengue, mambo, martial arts, and even Bollywood and belly dance moves. ***Campers will need: Sneakers.***

DRAMA AND THEATER

Actors Workshop (Grades 4 and above)

In this class for campers with some acting experience, campers build their technique through a variety of improvisational exercises designed to loosen up their bodies and voices, build self-confidence, and unleash their creative spirit. They will also prepare and work on performance of scripted scenes and monologues.

Curtain Call – The Musical (Double period – Grades 5 and above)

Be part of a production company, from auditioning for a part to performing at Carnival Showcase. This two-period class provides an opportunity to work on a larger scale production. Campers in Curtain Call must be available for a dress rehearsal after camp the third Tuesday of each session. Attendance for the entire session is required. The Musical will be performed in the evening on the last Thursday of each session at Carnival.

Hollywood Film Production (Grades 4 and above)

Campers take on every aspect of film production: storyboarding, directing, filming, acting, editing, and more. Projects may include commercials, music videos, and movie previews. In post-production, filmmakers collaborate on computer editing, adding a soundtrack, titles, and special effects.

Improvisation (Grades 5 and above)

Improvisation is an essential skill for every budding performer. In this fun and zany class, campers will learn how to think on their feet, create unique characters and scenes on the spot, cultivate teamwork, and gain poise, confidence, and stage presence. Campers will showcase their talents with a completely improvised performance during Carnival.

Puppetry (Grades 2-5)

Each camper will create a puppet from head to toe, and learn how to make it become an actor on the stage. Each class will write a play and perform it at the Carnival Showcase.

Razzle Dazzle – Theatrical Make-up (All grades)

Create characters using your face as the canvas. Learn to use theatrical make-up to create animals, people, aliens, horror effects, and other fun projects. ***Please advise of any make-up allergies.***

Rising Stars – The Musical (Double period – Grades 2-4)

This class opens the magical world of dramatic arts through play production. For two periods, young campers are introduced to the dramatic arts, culminating in a musical production. Campers in Rising Stars must be available for a dress rehearsal after camp the third Wednesday of each session. Attendance for the entire session is required. The Musical will be performed in the late afternoon on the last Thursday of each session at Carnival.

Show Stoppers (All grades)

Sing and dance to Broadway’s top musicals. This ensemble class will mount a production of powerhouse musical selections for a live audience – costumes, lights, song, dance...it’s SHOW STOPPERS!

Stagecraft (Grades 6 and above)

Learn how to transform a bare stage into the magic of theater through all the elements of stagecraft. This class focuses on the creation of scenery and props. Topics covered include the safe and proper methods for using tools and materials to create sets and props. ***No flip-flops or open-toed shoes.***



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Storybook Theater (Grades 2-4)

What is an actor, if not a storyteller? Beginning with basic techniques, campers gain confidence through practice in improvisation, scene study and theater games. They will learn and rehearse short scenes from classic tales to be performed at the Carnival Showcase.

MUSIC

All instruments are provided by the camp.

Guitar (All grades)

Why is guitar so popular? It's versatile, easy to learn, and fun! Master a few basic chords and soon you'll be strumming along with your favorite tunes! Play it alone or accompany voices; as a solo performer or in a band. Whatever music you prefer – pop, rock, metal, folk, country, or classical – chances are you can play it on a guitar.

Piano (All grades)

Small-group instruction for beginning and intermediate students.

Pitch Perfect (Grades 5 and above)

Ever want to be in an a cappella group? Come learn harmonies and vocal percussion, and have an all-around fun time as we sing songs from the top of the charts! *Ability to read music is helpful but NOT required.*

Sing! (All Grades)

The voice is an instrument. In this class campers will learn to play their instrument and care for it properly. Warm-ups, breathing, matching pitch, and reading music are some of the topics we will cover.

World Drumming (All Grades)

Step to the beat of a different drummer in this fun class where campers will explore percussion instruments and rhythms from all around the globe.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Sunscreen is recommended for all outdoor sports.

Archery (Grades 4 and above)

Campers will be introduced to the sport of archery by a certified instructor. Bows and arrows are provided and are of proper length and weight according to the specifications of the Camp Archery Association. *Campers will need: Sneakers and sunscreen.*

Basketball (All grades)

Dribble, pass, and score. Learn Zone and Man-to-Man Defense and basic Offense patterns. Campers will have the opportunity to participate in an organized game at the Carnival Showcase. *Campers will need: Sneakers – no black soles.*

Cross-Training for Kids (All grades)

Want to get in shape, but think exercise is boring? The best way to stay fit is also the most fun! Cross-training mixes up your fitness routine using a variety of exercises and equipment – steps, fitness balls, weights, and cardio. *Campers will need: Sneakers.*

Dodgeball (All grades)

This ultimate extreme sport will include Prisoner Dodgeball, Dr. Dodge, and Bombardment. This high-energy class will keep you moving. *Campers will need: Sneakers – no black soles.*

Fencing (Grades 4 and above)

Fencing is a uniquely classic sport. It has history, drama, romance, and a style all its own, plus all the advantages of an active and physically demanding sport. Sometimes called “physical chess,” this sport exercises the mind as well as the body, teaching strategy, patience, discipline, and the spirit of healthy competition. *Campers will need: Sneakers. All fencing equipment is provided.*

Flag Football (Grades 2-5)

This beginner course is designed to teach the basics of the game of football. Campers will focus on throwing and catching the ball while also learning proper football terminology and game structure. The goal of this class is to work up to the playing of actual flag football games. For safety reasons, this is non-contact football. *Campers will need: Sneakers and sunscreen.*

Golf Like a Pro (All grades)

Think you may be the next Jordan Spieth? Learn the fundamentals of golf: grip, aim, posture, and stance as you master putting, chipping, and full swing. This program uses the Almost Golf Ball, the practice ball designed to be safe for children and easy to hit. Campers enjoy both outdoor and indoor activities, including miniature golf obstacle courses. *Campers will need: Sneakers and sunscreen. All golf equipment is provided.*



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Indoor Multi-Sports (All grades)

Some of the coolest games are played indoors. Pillo polo, tchoukball, wiffle ball, volleyball, and kickball are on the agenda for this class that emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, and good old-fashioned fun.

Campers will need: Sneakers - no black soles.

Lacrosse (All grades)

This fun beginner course focuses on basic skills such as catching and throwing the ball as well as knowledge of the game. For safety reasons a soft ball is used. **Campers will need: Sneakers and sunscreen. Lacrosse sticks and balls are provided.**

Outdoor Multi-Sports (All grades)

Let's go outside and play! We'll play some old favorites like softball, kickball, and soccer, as well as some new ones such as tchoukball and handball. Learn new skills, work as a team, be a good sport, and have fun in the sun!

Campers will need: Sneakers and sunscreen.

Ping Pong (Grades 3 and above)

According to Urban Dictionary, Ping Pong (also known as table tennis) is "the greatest non-video game past time on the face of the 3rd planet." Learn the rules and basic skills, and then start hitting the ball back and forth. Fun, fun, fun!

Soccer - Indoor (All grades)

Learn the basics of soccer, indoors and out of the sun. This class teaches soccer skills, such as dribbling, passing, and trapping, through directed exercises, as well as fun games.

Campers will need: Shin guards and sneakers - no black soles.

Soccer - Outdoor (All grades)

Learn the fundamentals of soccer. Daily activities include fun games, physical skills, and social interaction created specifically to improve technical soccer skills. Players receive age-appropriate instruction and are grouped to match their ability. **Campers will need: Shin guards, soccer cleats and/or sneakers and sunscreen.**

Softball (Grades 2-5)

Take me out to the ball game. Students will learn proper techniques in all three areas of the game: pitching, fielding, and hitting.

Campers will need: Sneakers and sunscreen.

Stroke Clinic (All grades)

A swimming course for experienced swimmers that focuses on developing proper technique for starts, turns, and the four major strokes: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle. This course is designed for campers who are on a swim team (or plan to join one) and would like extra practice and instruction. Campers must be able to swim four lengths of the pool, freestyle and backstroke, without stopping. Taught by certified instructors in our indoor pool.

Campers will need: Swimsuit and towel, labeled with camper's name.

Swim Like a Fish - Instructional Swimming (All grades)

Small-group instruction in basic strokes such as freestyle and backstroke. Campers will be grouped by ability (from beginning through intermediate) and taught by certified instructors in our indoor pool. **Campers will need: Swimsuit and towel, labeled with camper's name.**

Swimming - Recreational (All grades)

Swimming just for fun. Campers must pass a required swim test on the first day of class. This activity is highly supervised by certified instructors, but it is not instructional. Please note this is an indoor pool, and the shallow end is 4 feet deep. **Campers will need: Swimsuit and towel, labeled with camper's name.**

Tennis Masters by All-Met Coach Yann Auzoux (All grades)

Join Holton's own varsity tennis coach and All-Met Coach, Yann Auzoux, to master the fundamentals of tennis through targeted games, drills, and conditioning exercises. Campers will have the opportunity to acquire sound technique and a solid competitive edge. Campers will be grouped by ability and challenged to improve. **Campers will need: Tennis racquet labeled with the camper's name, sneakers, and sunscreen.**

Ultimate Frisbee (All grades)

This class takes the timeless game of disc throwing and combines it with the team aspects and rules of sports such as soccer and hockey. Campers will enjoy this fast moving sport while perfecting their throwing and mastering the art of catching a Frisbee. **Campers will need: Sneakers and sunscreen.**



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Volleyball (All grades)

Players learn the rules, procedures, and customs of volleyball, as well the fundamentals of serving, passing, setting, hitting, and blocking. **Campers will need: Sneakers – no black soles.**

Yoga for Kids (All grades)

Get in touch with your inner light. Learn yoga poses, flowing sequences, breathing exercises, balances, and relaxation techniques. Strengthen both the body and the mind through this ancient and timeless practice. Namaste.

STEAM AND DISCOVERY

Amazing Race (All grades)

Do you want to compete in the challenge? Our Amazing Race takes campers on a three-week scavenger hunt. To win the “Race,” campers complete daily challenges by solving clues and tackling various obstacles, while facing detours along the way!

Chess (All grades)

Chess can teach students concentration, long-range planning, and memory and analytical skills as well as introduce them to the importance of controlling numerous variables and the spirit of true sportsmanship.

Come Fly With Me (Grades 2-5)

Young aviators and future astronauts design and build flying machines such as gliders, flying saucers, loop airplanes, helicopters, hovercraft, parachutes, and more. Conduct test flights and learn about the principles of flight.

Computer Publishing & Keyboarding (All grades)

Campers learn the basic skill of keyboarding and progress to using a computer to create a wide range of printed items, such as calendars, cards, flyers, labels, certificates, and postcards using Microsoft Publisher®.

Debate (Grades 4 and above)

Words have the power to change the world! In this class, campers use crazy topics as “Could Godzilla beat King Kong?” to learn not just to prepare their case, but to listen actively in order to respond to the other side. Campers will develop the power of persuasion and gain confidence to speak in front of any group.

Glurch and Slime (All grades)

It’s cool to be slimy in this adventurous activity, during which campers will make all sorts of goo and even working volcanoes! Our slime makes a cool glurch sound that you can use to impress your family and amaze your friends. So get messy, get slimy, and be creative!

Great Outdoors

(Double period – Grades 4 and above)

Hiking, exploring, fishing, plant identification, and first aid are only a few of the activities planned. In this double-period class, campers leave campus for outings and field trips, but return for lunch and lunchtime entertainment. A permission form signed by a parent or guardian is required; a class itinerary will be provided the first day of camp. **Campers will need: Sneakers and a small backpack containing a water bottle, poncho/raincoat, sunscreen, and insect repellent, as appropriate for planned activities.**

Leadership Seminar for Girls

(All grades) NEW

This fun and interactive program for girls is designed to provide a safe environment for girls to participate in discussions related to current affairs, confidence, and personal growth. Activities may include vision boards, building a personal brand, and goal setting.

Logic Games (Grades 2-4)

Unleash the power of your mind in this class that focuses on brain games and logic puzzles. Build your deductive reasoning skills through number, shape, and word puzzles and games such as Pictionary and Set. Create your own puzzles and codes, and challenge your friends!

Mad for Science (All grades) NEW

Ever wonder why things work the way they do? Here’s your chance to find out – pick a subject, make a guess, then test your theory to see if you’re right. Curious campers will combine their imagination and their intellect to explore the world around them and use everyday science to better understand it.



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Nature's Way (Grades 2-5)

Study nature on the Holton-Arms campus. This beginning ecology and environmental course is designed to give campers new awareness of the relationship between living and non-living things. This is truly a discovery course. ***Campers will need: Water shoes, a swimsuit or change of clothing, sunscreen, and insect repellent.***

Newspaper (All grades)

Here's your chance to discover and report on the happenings at camp. Be instrumental in writing and publishing the camp newspaper. Campers should be able and willing to spend time writing stories for the paper. This class will include investigative reporting, editorial writing, and entertainment reviews.

Reading for Fun (All grades)

Kick back and relax: it's free time to enjoy the pleasures of reading. Explore the universe without leaving the safety of your comfy chair! This is a great opportunity for campers to pick up that book they've been wanting to read *forever*, or even to do their required summer reading for school.

Relaxation Station (Grades 3 and above) NEW

Pamper your body, mind, and spirit in the most relaxing class at Creative Summer! Each day, we'll create a different body care product or calming craft including: bath bombs, aromatherapy spray, gratitude journals, peace rocks, exfoliating body scrubs, stress balls, meditation bracelets, and more! Every class will end with a guided meditation that will leave you feeling peaceful and refreshed for the rest of your day at camp! ***Campers will work with essential oils and other skin care products. Campers with skin allergies should carefully consider their participation in this class.***

Robotics (Grades 4 and above)

Campers will use materials from the LEGO® MINDSTORMS® NXT program. Working alone or in small groups, they will build a simple robot and program it to perform functions. Campers then test their robot by guiding it through an obstacle course or even collaborating with other robots to perform more complex operations.

Scratch (Grades 3 and above)

Let your mind write the adventure. This digital programming class (a project of the MIT Media Lab) allows campers to create their own interactive stories, games, and animations through the process of coding. Think of Scratch like Legos, putting small digital pieces together one-by-one, to build whatever you can dream up!

Sign Language (All Grades)

American Sign Language (ASL) is a graceful and expressive language, and much more than just finger-spelling. Hand signs are just a part of this language that also uses posture, body language and facial expressions to communicate without a sound. Campers will learn to combine signs into phrases, sentences, and basic conversations, as well as to finger spell proper names.

Survivor: Creative Summer Edition (Grades 4 and above)

Do you know how to make fire? Get drinkable water when there is no faucet in sight? Build a shelter? Forage? Learn how to succeed in a survival situation by acquiring basic skills that you can actually use if you are ever in an emergency situation, including: shelter construction, orienteering, fire starting, plant identification, knot-tying, and water purification. How can you survive without this class? ***Campers will need: Sneakers, sunscreen, and insect repellent.***

The Write Idea - Writing Workshop (Grades 3 and above)

Use your imagination and express yourself through stories! This class focuses on the creative aspect of the writing process. Campers will learn the basics of developing characters and describing scenes while writing short stories and poetry.

Web Design (Grades 6 and above)

Using HTML (Hypertext Markup Language), the backbone of website design, students learn how to structure content and insert text, images, and links all while creating their very own webpage! Campers will also learn how to style their page using CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) to change fonts, add borders and colors, and more. Future website designers, unite!



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VISUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS

Materials used in Visual Arts can be messy; campers may want to bring a smock or extra t-shirt to protect their clothing.

3D Whimsy (All grades)

Create art in three dimensions! In this class, campers use cardboard, wire, plaster, yarn, fabric, paper, and found and recycled materials to create individual sculptures, mobiles, and fantasy works of art, as well as collaborate on large scale projects. *Smocks/aprons are recommended.*

Cartooning (All grades)

From jokes to storytelling, cartoons embrace it all. Learn how to develop your ideas for funny characters, both human and animal, into comic strips and caricatures.

Ceramic Arts (All grades)

Learn to create various clay objects with the coil, slab, and pinch-pot methods. All masterpieces will be glazed and fired in the kiln. *Smocks/aprons are recommended.*

Crafts Workshop (All grades)

Learn a variety of crafting techniques using new and recycled materials. Sculpt, paint, cut, fold, tie, glue, and mold materials to create both useful and decorative items. You name it, you can create it!

Crochet (Grades 3 and above)

Start with a hook and some yarn; make a basic slip knot and crochet a foundation chain. Learn a few simple stitches and you have the basis to create a variety of fun and useful objects. Beginners can make a pot holder or a simple scarf. Campers with some experience may create more elaborate projects, such as stuffed animals, warm fuzzy hats, decorative items, Afghans, and more.

Digital Photography (Grades 3 and above)

Go beyond your digital camera's Auto mode and learn the fundamentals of photography. Campers experiment with lighting and camera settings to capture images, and then explore techniques for editing and enhancing their images on a computer. Bring your camera the first day and every day. **Campers will need: Digital Camera.**

Drawing (All grades)

Campers receive instruction in a variety of techniques including still life and figure

drawing as well as portraiture and landscapes. A wide variety of media will be explored, such as pencils, pen and ink, chalk pastels, and charcoal.

Gimp Magic (All grades)

Not the plastic lacing you remember! Create traditional key chains and bracelets or learn to make animals, people, and just about anything you can imagine!

Jewelry Workshop (All grades)

Age-old methods of making jewelry will be combined with contemporary materials and ideas in this, one of the perennial favorite, classes at Creative Summer.

Knitting (All Grades)

Campers learn the basics of casting on and the knit and purl stitches. With the basics down, campers can create their own scarves, hats, headbands, and more – the options are limitless!

Mixed-Media Madness (All grades)

Campers create works of art that cross boundaries using multiple techniques and a variety of media. Tie-dyeing, papier-mâché, cloth painting, sculpture, decoupage, and appliqué are just a few techniques campers may employ to create expressive designs on objects both decorative and useful.

Painting (All grades)

Explore the many media and methods of artistic painting! Campers will be introduced to a variety of paint materials, such as tempera, water color, and acrylic, and use them to create expressive works of art. *Smocks/aprons are recommended.*

Paper and Book Making (Grades 4 and above)

Start with junk mail, newspapers, used wrapping paper, and other scraps; add plants, flowers, and other natural materials; and create beautiful hand-made papers. Then use these sheets, a few simple tools, and your imagination to create your own hand-made journal, scrapbook, or other treasured book. *Smocks/aprons are recommended.*



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Party Planning 101 **(Grades 4 and above) NEW**

So you want to throw a party, but don't know where to start? This class covers the fun stuff – party themes, decorations, and menus – as well as the practical stuff, such as how much food and drink to serve, whether you need help, and setting a budget. Finally, campers put this knowledge to practical use at Creative Summer's biggest party – Carnival!

Pottery (Grades 5 and above)

Learn how to throw a pot, using an electric wheel. Create and decorate plates, jars, and bowls. All masterpieces are glazed and fired in the kiln. *Smocks/aprons are recommended.*

Sewing (Grades 4 and above)

Campers will learn how to use a sewing machine and will design and sew their own projects, such as hair scrunchies, pillows, shorts, and pajama pants.

Silk-Screening (Grades 4 and above)

Create and produce your own designs on posters, stationery, and fabric while learning various silk-screening techniques. *Smocks/aprons are recommended.*

Stitchery (All grades)

Campers will learn how to do needlepoint on plastic canvas with colorful yarns as well as cross stitch on fabric with embroidery floss. Campers are encouraged to create their own designs.

Woodworking (All grades)

Campers learn to use basic hand tools to build small wooden projects, such as boxes, toy cars, birdhouses and even board games, while learning the proper safety protocols for each tool. Then they creatively finish their projects by sanding, oiling, staining and painting. ***Safety protection is provided; smocks/aprons are recommended.***

Yarn Crafting (All grades)

Campers will be introduced to a variety of yarn crafts, such as crocheting, knitting, weaving, and macramé. Some techniques use needles, hooks, or looms, and some just use fingers. By wrapping, twisting and braiding yarn you can create a multitude of fun and fashionable projects – the possibilities are endless!

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS **by EDUCATION EDGE**

Since 2012, Creative Summer has partnered with [Education Edge](#) to offer innovative courses in study skills, math, reading, and writing. Programs incorporate a differentiated approach to learning to accommodate the range of abilities across ages and grade levels. Programs are offered as class options during the camp day and after camp. Additional fees apply

Math Here and Now (Grades 2-5)

This math program includes problem-solving math games and activities that provide exciting practice in basic operations, patterning, and analytical thinking. The use of manipulatives and games encourages a hands-on approach for participants. This approach also generates confidence and enthusiasm for math while fortifying skills.

Cost: \$300 per 3-week session

Read, Write, and Think (Grades 3-5)

Read, Write, and Think is a reading comprehension class that fosters and builds students' skills in each area. The class uses high-interest materials to increase speed, comprehension, vocabulary, and writing. Students acquire the skills necessary to become more successful and independent in their academic work.

Cost: \$300 per 3-week session

Strengthening of Skills SOS **(Grades 5 and above)**

SOS is a validated "how to learn" course designed to give students the tools necessary to become more successful and independent in their academic work. It teaches skills for better efficiency in listening, recalling, note taking, time management, and test taking.

A pre-test is administered to identify each student's learning style and skill level, so that they can take advantage of their own, unique learning style. Since there is no one right approach to studying, students are exposed to several options so that they can develop strategies that work effectively for them. Each student receives a workbook which is included in the course fee.

**Cost \$350 per 3-week session -
offered after camp 3:10-4 p.m.**

