Summer at Blake

NEW FOR 2020: MOUNTAIN BIKING, STREET SOCCER, SAT TEST PREP, INTRO TO GAME CODING, SCRATCH PROGRAMMING, AERONAUTICS AND DRONE RACING, IMPROV COMEDY, CLASSICAL METHODS OF DRAWING & PAINTING, BALLET AND MUCH MORE!
WELCOME TO SUMMER AT BLAKE!

Love of learning is a year-round endeavor at Blake. Summer at Blake provides an array of experiences that help students continue to grow as scholars, athletes and artists. Open to students throughout the greater Twin Cities area, these pre-kindergarten through grade 12 programs help foster valuable community connections during the summer and beyond.

Summer at Blake includes academic enrichment and credit-bearing courses, art, music and theater camps, sports camps and Acoma day camps. From camps to courses and the ice arena to the engineering and programming lab, students enjoy Blake’s amazing facilities and interact with talented coaches and superb teachers. Remarkable community organizations also partner with The Blake School to lead a variety of exciting programs during the summer months.

Visit our registration site at www.blakeschool.org/summer to view programs by category, date or campus.

With warm regards,

Tony Andrade
Director of Summer Programs
SUMMER AT BLAKE
MISSION STATEMENT & CORE VALUES

OUR MISSION
The mission of Summer at Blake is to provide students entering grades PK–12 with an engaging, challenging and caring environment for summer growth and youth development. Summer at Blake offers a wide array of arts, academic, sports and day camp opportunities that encourage a love of learning, positive relationship building, safe risk-taking and character development. As a result of their engagement in Summer at Blake, students learn new skills and develop greater confidence and independence.

OUR VALUES

Respect
We care for and respect each other and ourselves. An openness to that which is different, a commitment to pluralism and a strong sense of justice are important to our sense of community.

Love Of Learning
Curiosity, discovery, a sense of awe, creativity and a passion for knowing are all central to our mission at Blake. Scholarship, academic excellence, superior teaching and a climate of active intellectualism mark our work.

Integrity
Honest, moral, considerate and fair behavior is expected of all members of the Blake community.

Courage
We prize both intellectual and ethical courage. We recognize the need to ensure that all feel both free and safe to take risks. Intellectual independence, a belief in and knowledge of oneself and perseverance are all elements in this commitment to courage.

Commitment To Pluralism
The Blake School believes that a diverse society enriches all individuals and communities. Diversity of race, ethnicity, national origin, geography, religion, gender, affectional or sexual orientation, age, physical ability, and marital, parental or economic status forms the fabric of our society. As a result of these beliefs, The Blake School actively seeks students, families and employees who value and contribute to the fullness of a diverse community within the context of its mission. In doing so, we recognize our responsibility to help make each person’s experience a success.
ACT & SAT Test Preparation
Breakaway Test Prep, Minnesota’s leading provider of ACT and SAT instruction and test prep partner to The Blake School, is pleased to offer its rigorous ACT & SAT test prep classes this summer. If you want plenty of individualized attention and the opportunity to learn alongside a small group of motivated peers, these classes are for you. The program incorporates full-length practice exams, score reports and analyses to identify your areas of strength and weakness. If you’re determined to get a top score or need expert, guided instruction, Breakaway can help you reach your goals.

Test Preparation for July and September ACT
Sessions A and B of Breakaway’s summer prep class provide 24 hours of in-class instruction and are designed to get students ready for the July ACT. Sessions C, D and E provide 27 hours of in-class instruction and are designed to get students ready for the September ACT. Students are strongly encouraged to take a practice exam prior to starting this class. Sessions A and B will have one make-up class/review session on Friday, July 17 from 9 a.m. – noon and Sessions C, D and E will have one make-up class/review session on Friday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. – noon. Practice exam dates are available at http://www.breakawaytestprep.com.

For: ages 15 – 18, entering grades 10 – 12
Dates:
Session A: June 15 – July 15 (Mondays and Wednesdays; no class July 1 and July 6)
Session B: June 16 – July 16 (Tuesdays and Thursdays; no class July 2 and July 7)
Session C: July 13 – August 12 (Mondays and Wednesdays)
Session D: July 14 – August 13 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
Session E: July 14 – August 13 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
Times:
Session A: 9 a.m. – noon
Session B: 9 a.m. – noon
Session C: 9 – 11:45 a.m.
Session D: 9 – 11:45 a.m.
Session E: 1 – 3:45 p.m.
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost (Sessions A, B): $1,195
Cost (Sessions C, D, E): $1,395
Min/Max Students: 6/10

Test Preparation for August SAT
Session F of Breakaway’s summer prep class provides 27 hours of in-class instruction and is designed to get you ready for the August SAT. Students are strongly encouraged to take a practice exam prior to starting this class. There will be one make-up class/review session on Friday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. – noon. Practice exam dates are available at http://www.breakawaytestprep.com.

For: ages 15 – 18, entering grades 10 – 12
Dates: July 13 – August 12 (Mondays and Wednesdays)
Times: 1 – 3:45 p.m.
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $1,395
Min/Max Students: 6/10

Breakaway at Blake includes:
• Comprehensive materials covering all five sections of the ACT (English, math, reading, science and the essay) and commonly tested concepts in the SAT (grammar, algebra I, geometry, algebra II, trigonometry and other advanced math topics)
• Homework exercises, including supplementary practice tests
• Full-length, proctored practice tests (offered every weekend throughout the year)
• Critical time-management strategies and helpful test-taking techniques for each section
• Essay scoring and comments
• Expert instruction provided by veteran ACT and SAT instructors, each with subject matter expertise in English, reading and writing or math and science
• Weekly lesson summaries

To learn more about Breakaway’s approach, please contact Ron Michalak, Breakaway’s president, at ron@breakawaytestprep.com or 612-216-5133.
Academic Support with Cambridge Prep Tutoring

Are you looking to strengthen your child’s skills in specific academic subjects? Cambridge Prep Tutoring and Summer at Blake are excited to offer one-to-one tutoring and project-based learning sessions to support your child’s academic growth. Qualified instructors will create personalized lessons and projects to best fit your student’s learning style and interests. Our summer academic support sessions are great for students who are struggling or just looking for a challenge. Children will work 1:1 with their tutor twice a week for one hour each day. Please contact Summer at Blake Director Tony Andrade at 952-988-3463 to determine if this program is appropriate for your child.

1:1 Tutoring
Personalized one-to-one academic tutoring in all core academic subjects. Students receive guided lessons to strengthen their academics, increase their confidence and foster a love of learning. Summer growth reports are shared with parents.

For: ages 5 – 11, entering grades K – 6
Dates: June 8 – August 7
Time: individually scheduled
Location: Hopkins campus and Wayzata campus
Cost: $140/week (5 weeks minimum, 8 weeks maximum)
Min/Max Students: 1:1 tutoring

Project-Based Learning
Students work one-on-one with an instructor on a personalized project of their choice. From writing a book to designing a museum exhibit, students will go through the process of brainstorming, researching, organizing and creating with guided individual support. Project-based learning promotes critical thinking, enhances communication and fosters innovation. Research materials will be provided and final projects will be brought home.

For: ages 5 – 11, entering grades K – 6
Dates: June 8 – August 7
Time: individually scheduled
Location: Hopkins campus and Wayzata campus
Cost: $160/week (5 weeks minimum, 8 weeks maximum)
Min/Max Students: 1:1 tutoring

A Passion for Prose: Creative Writing

Purposeful picture books, reflective prompts and poetry! Join Blake assistant teacher and former language arts teacher Laurie Kotzen Miller to write, create and imagine outside the box. Descriptive language and curiosity are encouraged and celebrated. Independent and collaborative exercises will foster and inspire creativity in budding authors. Participants will each receive a writer’s notebook to keep.

Session A
For: ages 8 – 11, entering grades 3 – 5
Dates: June 8 – 11 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $160
Min/Max Students: 6/16

Session B
For: ages 10 – 13, entering grades 5 – 7
Dates: June 29 – July 2 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $160
Min/Max Students: 6/16

Amusement Park Engineering
Children love going to amusement parks and experiencing the fast, dropping and spinning rides, but have they thought about the science that goes into building and designing them? In this class, students will become engineers of their own amusement park rides and learn the core physics and engineering concepts used to make a ride thrilling! This camp is led by Snapology.

Students will explore:
- The scientific method and engineering design process
- Logical problem-solving strategies
- Mechanical movement and energy
- Potential and kinetic energy, gears, pulleys, motors

For: ages 8 – 13, entering grades 3 – 6
Dates: June 29 – July 2 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $215
Min/Max Students: 8/20

“My son was excited about learning.”
Battle Royal Game Coding
Join Tech Academy for an exciting week of Battle Royal inspired by Fortnite game coding. Create your own battle royale game for you and your friends. Customize the map, set your characters and create upgrades to scatter across the world. Use your skills to achieve a Victory Royale. Bring a USB drive, a nut-free snack and a drink with you each day. This camp is led by Tech Academy.
For: ages 11 – 15, entering grades 6 – 9
Dates: July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $180
Min/Max Students: 8/20

Camp Curie: A Science Camp for Girls with the Science Museum of Minnesota
Scope out the wide world of science as you develop experiments and create imaginative projects. We will walk in the footsteps of female scientists who care deeply about the environment, discover the wonders of the animal world by studying creatures from earthworms to elephants, and explore how people in the past have used natural objects to engineer everyday technologies such as dyes and inks, soaps and fabrics. For registration information, visit the Science Museum of Minnesota at smm.org/classes or call 651-221-4511.
For: ages 6 – 9, entering grades 1 – 4
Dates: July 27 – 31 (Monday - Friday)
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $367 non-member, $349 member
Course Code: YDCC0727

Chess Camp: Advanced
Are you an experienced chess player looking to take your game to the next level? Join 2010 Chess Coach of the Year Igor Rybakov to further develop your skills and understanding of the game. You will learn advanced strategies and tactics as well as compete in tournaments throughout the week.
For: ages 11 – 18, entering grades 6 – 12
Dates: June 29 – July 2 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $165
Min/Max Students: 6/16

Chess Camp with Eduard Zelkind
Whether you want to start with the basic rules of this classic game or learn history, tactics and strategies, this camp will challenge your mind. Join in the fun while expanding your creativity and developing better powers of concentration and memory. Led by Eduard Zelkind, chess master and six-time Minnesota state chess champion, this camp offers students at any level the opportunity to advance their analytical thinking skills in an enjoyable, confidence-building environment.
For: ages 6 – 12, entering grades 1 – 6
Dates: July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $165
Min/Max Students: 6/20
Chess Camp & More with Igor Rybakov
Join 2010 Chess Coach of the Year Igor Rybakov for Chess Camp in Hopkins. Learn the rules of the game, develop skills and compete in tournaments throughout the week. All campers will receive an award for tournament participation. In addition to playing chess in a relaxed, friendly environment, campers will also play a variety of other board games, complete puzzles and participate in athletic activities. Chess experience is not necessary to attend this camp. Register for one or both sessions.

For: ages 6 – 12, entering grades 1 – 6
Dates: June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)
Time:
   Session A, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
   Session B, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $165
Min/Max Students: 6/20

Crazy Chemworks
Explore the chemistry of everyday life. Become a Mad Scientist as you use chemical reactions to devour steel wool, experiment with polymers while creating slime, and learn about acids and bases while testing the pH of various substances. Join us for a week of classic experiments and crazy concoctions with spectacular hands-on activities. This camp is led by Mad Science.

For: ages 6 – 9, entering grades 1 – 4
Dates: July 6 – July 9 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $170
Min/Max Students: 10/20

Debate Camp: Advanced
This camp is for students who have some exposure to debate or speech activities, a strong interest in debating domestic and foreign affairs or those who previously attended the Introduction to Debate camp. Advanced Debate Camp reviews the fundamentals of competitive academic debate while deepening understanding of argument theory, critical thinking, research and speech skills.

For: ages 12 – 16, entering grades 7 – 10
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 9 a.m. – noon
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $215
Min/Max Students: 6/16

Debate Camp: Introduction
Do you like to discuss current events? Do you wish you could speak with more confidence? Learning the art of debate will help you understand how to analyze issues, speak with authority and engage others. Debate camp will introduce you to the fundamentals of competitive academic debate while learning the basics of good argument theory, the format and rules of competitive debate, critical thinking, research and speech skills.

For: ages 11 – 15, entering grades 6 – 9
Dates: August 10 – 13 (Monday – Thursday)
Time:
   Session A, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
   Session B, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $160
Min/Max Students: 6/16

“Debate camp was the best camp my child has ever had. She really enjoyed it.”
Developing Engineers: Mechanical Masterminds
Is your student inquisitive, a problem-solver, big-thinker, tinkerer, puzzler, LEGO® lover or a budding engineer? This program provides your student with the tools they need to understand mechanical movement through the foundations of simple machines, physics and engineering design. They will see moving parts up-close as they follow instructions to build various machines, use the models to build on new design ideas, test out physics concepts and even play games with their partners and classmates. Whether they are the creative-constructive type or prefer the inquisitive-deductive way of learning, this program is sure to spark their interest. This camp will take place at Blake’s campus in Wayzata and is led by Snapology.

Students will:
- Explore the scientific method and engineering design process
- Develop appropriate strategies for logical problem solving
- Learn about mechanical movement and energy, gears, pulleys and motors

For: ages 8 – 11, entering grades 2 – 5  
Dates: August 3 – 6 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Wayzata campus  
Cost: $195  
Min/Max Students: 4/20

Escape Snapology
Hurry! Your team has 60 minutes to discover clues, solve puzzles, answer riddles and manipulate contraptions in order to unlock the door to escape. The team that escapes the fastest is given ultimate bragging rights ... until their record is beaten by a new team! In Escape Snapology, students will play various escape games using S.T.E.A.M. skills. This camp is led by Snapology.

Students will:
- Practice math skills through the completion of riddles and puzzles
- Exercise strategic thinking and planning skills
- Utilize inductive and deductive reasoning skills
- Participate in requisite teamwork for success

For: ages 6 – 9, entering grades 1 – 3  
Dates: July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $185  
Min/Max Students: 4/20

Extreme Robotics: Battlebot Olympics
Students will work in small teams using the EV3 Mindstorms robotic systems and specialized LEGO® Technic™ engineering components to build extreme robots and also use programs to experiment with and overcome Olympic-style challenges. Students will be challenged to build increasingly stronger, faster and more efficient robots. Possible projects include creating a shot put launcher, flipping gymnast, sumobot and more. This camp is led by Tech Academy.

For: ages 11 – 15, entering grades 6 – 9  
Dates: July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $185  
Min/Max Students: 8/20

“[They were very excited about the materials that were covered and new learning possibilities.][5]
**Flight Academy**
Calling all aviators! As a Mad Science flight cadet in training, your child will explore the history of aviation and discover how aircrafts fly. Students will build their own kites, stunt planes, paper airplanes and model rockets, and even ride the air on a hovercraft. Students will discover how hot air balloons, blimps and parachutes work. This camp is led by Mad Science.

For: ages 6 – 11, entering grades 1 – 4
Dates: July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $170
Min/Max Students: 10/20

**French, Language & More!**
Continue the fun of Blake assistant teacher Leanne Monthéard’s Introduction to French Language & Culture camp by learning more about French language and culture with songs, outdoor activities and a variety of fun new games. We will review and practice greetings, introductions, colors, numbers and feelings in addition to learning new French vocabulary. This introductory class is open to newcomers and students who participated in the Introduction to French camp.

For: ages 5 – 9, entering grades K – 3
Dates: June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Students: 4/16

**French Language & Culture: An Introduction**
Does your child enjoy learning new languages? The more children are exposed to different foreign languages, the easier it gets to speak and understand them. In this fun introductory French class, learn the basics of the language and culture with Blake assistant teacher Leanne Monthéard. Have fun while singing songs, playing games, creating art projects and getting to know new classmates. Greetings, introductions, colors, numbers, weather and describing yourself in French are just some of the things children will learn from attending this exciting camp session!

For: ages 5 – 8, entering grades K – 2
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Students: 4/16

**Harry Potter Magical Engineering using LEGO® Materials**
Explore the magic of Harry Potter with Play-Well TEKnologies and tens of thousands of LEGO® parts. Find Platform 9 ¾, travel to school on the Hogwarts Express, and challenge the Hungarian Horntail dragon. Students will explore the world of wizardry and hone their skills while learning about Muggle (STEM) concepts. This camp is led by Play-Well TEKnologies.

For: ages 5 – 8, entering grades K – 2
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $140
Min/Max Students: 11/20

**Harry Potter Master Engineering using LEGO® Materials**
Master the magic of Harry Potter with LEGO® materials in this advanced engineering-based camp. Visit Diagon Alley, play a game of Quidditch and duel the evil Lord Voldemort. Discover advanced Muggle (STEM) concepts such as gear trains, worm drives and pneumatics that will help pave the way in this wizarding world adventure. This camp is led by Play-Well TEKnologies.

For: ages 8 – 11, entering grades 3 – 5
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $140
Min/Max Students: 11/20
**Intro to Game Coding**
Learn to create an interactive 2D video game using favorite characters from well-known series such as Pokémon, Minecraft and classic characters such as Donkey Kong, Pac-Man, Sonic and Mario! Students will use Scratch to design and create their very own maze game using a main character of choice. Bring a USB drive to save games on the last day. This camp is led by Tech Academy.

For: ages 6 – 10, entering grades 1 – 4  
Dates: June 29 – July 2 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $185  
Min/Max Students: 8/20

**Jr. Engineers**
In this camp, young students build fun and simple models using DUPLO® blocks. By playing with and manipulating models they'll work with pulleys, levers, gears, wheels and axles while also exploring energy, buoyancy and balance. Classes include free-time building to promote creativity. This camp is led by Snapology.

Campers will:  
- Develop basic engineering and mechanical ideas  
- Explore gears, pulleys, momentum, gravity, friction, balance and energy  
- Practice skills such as measurement and experimentation  
- Explore all new builds and contraptions for 2020

For: ages 4 – 7, entering grades PK – 1  
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $185  
Min/Max Students: 4/16

**Jr. Robotics Engineering**
Discover the world of robots inspired by science fiction writers like Isaac Asimov and Karel Čapek. Build an OWI Hyper Peppy robot to take home. Learn about robot programming with Mad Science’s Baby Steps and Sandwich programming. Program a Lego Mindstorms® RCX robot to navigate through an obstacle course. This camp is hosted by Mad Science.

For: ages 6 – 9, entering grades 1-3  
Dates: July 20 – July 23 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $215  
Min/Max Students: 10/16

**Jr. Scientist**
Does your child want to be a chemist, geologist, biologist, illusionist or paleontologist? These are just some of the Mad Science scientists they will become while learning about bugs, sea life, fossils, minerals, optical illusions, magic and what makes slime slimy and putty sticky. They will enjoy hands-on fun and experiments with new themes each day. This camp will take place at Blake’s campus in Wayzata and is led by Mad Science.

For: ages 5 – 8, entering grades K-2  
Dates: August 3 – 6 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Wayzata campus  
Cost: $170  
Min/Max Students: 10/20

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“I’m so impressed with Summer at Blake. It is outstanding! Everyone has such a great attitude and it really sets the tone.”
Kinderbots Robotics
Come explore the world of robotics as you build simple models that teach fundamentals of robotic design. Learn about sensors while building drills and magic wands, and discover various ways that gears and pulleys create movement by building helicopters and robotic dogs. All of these activities will help children practice critical thinking and problem-solving skills as they complete challenges. This camp is led by Snapology.

Students will:
• Explore robotics and be introduced to computer programming
• Learn pseudo-coding, sensor input, mechanics
• Practice critical thinking skills through challenges

For: ages 4 – 6, entering grades PK – 1
Dates: June 29 – July 2 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 4/16

Mindful Studies
Do you sometimes feel anxious or nervous before an exam or presentation? Ever have trouble falling asleep because your many thoughts are scattered? Mindfulness is a life skill to help manage all that and more. When we practice mindfulness, we can focus better and regulate our emotions more effectively. Paying attention to the present moment allows us to respond to situations rather than react. Through discussion, journaling and movement, we will explore mindfulness by experimenting with mindful breathing, listening, speaking, walking, tasting and sitting. We will also learn to be mindful of our emotions. This class is led by Blake assistant teacher and trained mindfulness instructor Julie Monahan.

For: ages 12 – 18, entering grades 7 – 12
Dates: July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $165
Min/Max Students: 6/16

Minecraft Engineering with LEGO® Materials
Bring Minecraft to life using LEGO® bricks! Build engineer-designed projects such as a creeper, lava trap and Minecart. Students will build, design and play like never before with their favorite Minecraft mobs, tools and objects. This camp will take place at Blake’s campus in Wayzata and is led by Play-Well TEKnologies.

For: ages 5 – 8, entering grades K – 2
Dates: July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Wayzata campus
Cost: $140
Min/Max Students: 11/20

Minecraft Master Engineering with LEGO® Materials
Bring Minecraft to life using LEGO® parts! Build an Iron Golem, the Nether Portal and the Ender Dragon. Students will explore real-world concepts in physics, engineering and architecture while building their favorite Minecraft objects. This camp will take place at Blake’s campus in Wayzata and is led by Play-Well TEKnologies.

For: ages 8 – 11, entering grades 3 – 5
Dates: July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Wayzata campus
Cost: $140
Min/Max Students: 11/20

Questions? Call 952-988-3463.
**Movie Camp Mania**
Join us on an exciting Snapology adventure as we explore the worlds of Toy Story, Lion King, the LEGO® movies and more! Throughout the week, we’ll bring lovable movie characters to life and experience some exciting adventures as we travel through their worlds. Robotics concepts, architecture, problem-solving skills and creativity will be utilized as we build and play our way through the week. This camp is led by Snapology.

For: ages 5-7, entering grades K – 2  
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $185  
Min/Max Students: 8/20

**NASA: Academy of Space Explorers**
From Earth’s atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, this hands-on program sends campers on a quest for galactic exploration. Comets, planets, stars, constellations, eclipses, asteroids and more are all waiting to be discovered. Learn about space travel, build a model rocket and participate in a rocket launch! This camp is led by Mad Science.

For: ages 7 – 11, entering grades 2 – 5  
Dates: July 20 – July 23 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $170  
Min/Max Students: 10/20

**Planes, Trains & Automobiles**
Explore the world of transportation in Snapology’s Planes, Trains and Automobiles program. You will build models as you learn about energy, wheels and axles, air resistance and more. This camp is led by Snapology.

Students will:
- Learn about various power and energy sources utilized in transportation  
- Experiment with concepts in physics including magnetic fields, momentum and friction  
- Understand the importance of design in optimizing energy efficiency  
- Compare and contrast historical and modern forms of transportation

For: ages 5 – 8, entering grades K – 2  
Dates: June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $185  
Min/Max Students: 6/16

**Pokémonia!**
Explore the world of Pokémon like never before. Design your world of Pokémon filled with unique challenges, battles, gyms and even your own generation of creatures! Students will dive into real-world science as they learn about the various habitats of different Pokémon types and conditions. Your child will have a blast on their journey of becoming a Pokémon master. This camp will take place at Blake’s campus in Wayzata and is led by Snapology.

Students will:  
- Develop presentations involving relevant facts and descriptive details  
- Engage in topic-centered group conversation  
- Develop appropriate, on-task questions, elaborate on stated facts  
- Learn about and discuss environmental habitats

For: ages 8 – 11, entering grades 2 – 5  
Dates: August 3 – 6 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Wayzata campus  
Cost: $185  
Min/Max Students: 4/20

**Public Speaking**
This course will allow students to practice and discuss the foundations that constitute a good speech. Students will challenge these conventions by exploring compelling and innovative ways to transform the standard speech structure. They will develop and iterate presentations, as well as create visual aids to accompany their work in a course that will transcend much beyond their time in the classroom.

For: ages 13 – 18, entering grades 8 – 12  
Dates: July 20 – 23 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Minneapolis campus  
Cost: $180  
Min/Max Students: 6/16

“**We saw increased confidence in our child, which we attributed to the small class size. We loved how personal the experience was!**”
Reading Support: Orton-Gillingham
Does your student struggle with reading?
Does your student receive additional support in reading or writing at school? Orton-Gillingham is an instructional approach used with students who have difficulty with reading, writing and spelling. Children will work 1:1 with a certified Orton-Gillingham specialist twice a week for one hour each day. Regular attendance is required for optimal growth. If you are interested in registering, please contact Summer at Blake director Tony Andrade at 952-988-3463 to determine if this program would be appropriate for your child.

For: ages 5 – 11, entering grades K – 6
Dates: June 8 – August 7
Time: individually scheduled
Location: Hopkins campus, Wayzata campus
Cost: $170/week (6 weeks minimum, 8 weeks maximum)
Min/Max Students: 1:1 tutoring

Robot Olympics
Build and program robots to compete in sports-themed challenges. Learn both mechanical and computer programming concepts as you create robots that run races, play hockey and much more. Students will work in groups to complete challenges using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® EV3 technology. Your child is sure to have fun as they build, learn and play. This camp is led by Snapology.

Students will:
• Utilize strategic building methods to maximize efficiency of robots
• Practice engineering design process and problem-solving strategies
• Learn programming concepts through icon-based programming platform

For: ages 9 – 12, entering grades 4 – 6
Dates: July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $215
Min/Max Students: 4/20

Robotics Rescue Mission
Students will learn how to build and program a robot using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® EV3 technology to perform tasks in simulated disasters. From clearing roads of debris to moving a tree off of houses, students will learn techniques similar to those used by engineers and scientists in the development of real-life disaster relief robots. No prior experience is necessary for this class. This class is led by Snapology.

Students will explore:
• Robotics and intermediate computer programming
• Pseudo-coding, sensor input, feedback loops, mechanics
• Practical thinking skills through challenges

For: ages 11 – 13, entering grades 5 – 7
Dates: June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $215
Min/Max Students: 8/20

Scratch Programming and Design
Join us for a week of introductory programming and coding using Scratch Jr. and KEVA planks. Scratch Jr. is a dynamic and intuitive programming software that allows students to animate scenes, create interactive games and more. They will learn and review basic programming principles and design creative animations and simple, age-appropriate games. Using KEVA planks, we will engineer buildings, bridges, contraptions and other complex designs that will provide students the opportunity to practice troubleshooting and risk-taking. This class is led by Blake assistant teacher Julie Monahan.

For: ages 7 – 10, entering grades 2 – 4
Dates: June 8 – 11 (Monday – Thursday)
Times: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $190
Min/Max Students: 6/16
Service Action & Community Engagement in the Twin Cities
Learn about needs and challenges in our local communities and leave campus daily to participate in service action activities. Reflection will encourage students to consider issues they know and care about most and how they might use their skills and resources to make a difference. Come experience the gifts of mutually beneficial service and community engagement. Blake Director of Service Learning and Community Engagement Lisa Sackreiter leads this course.
For: ages 11 – 15, entering grades 6 – 9
Dates: June 8 – 12 (Monday – Friday)
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $355
Min/Max Students: 7/12

Snapology Favorites: Drones, Slime, Animation and Archeology
In this STEM camp we will learn about non-newtonian fluids, pitch and jaw, frames-per-second and excavation. Each day we'll take a closer look at the science of slime, drones, stop-motion animation and archeology as we fly, create, and dig our way through a STEM-y week! This camp will take place at Blake's campus in Wayzata and is led by Snapology.
For: ages 7 – 12, entering grades 2 – 5
Dates: July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Wayzata campus
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 8/20

Star Wars Movie Making
From a galaxy far, far away, Star Wars comes to life! Work on a stop-motion animated LEGO® Star Wars movie. Pick your favorite characters to star in your mini-movie; the possibilities are endless. Star Wars action figures, props and backdrops will be available for filming in class. Campers will handle all of the technical details including using a digital movie camera to film scenes, stop-motion animation and digital editing. They will also add special effects and transitions to their movies. Final projects will be emailed to parents. This camp is led by Tech Academy.
For: ages 5 – 8, entering grades K – 2
Dates: June 29 – July 2 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Students: 8/20

Study Skills for 6th Grade
Do the increased academic expectations of Middle School make you nervous? Does doing homework or completing class tasks take you longer than your classmates? This one-week course will provide you with the organizational tools and the mindset you will need to manage your busy workload in Middle School. We'll explore how the brain learns, your specific learning style, and what it means to understand. You'll put into practice brain-based learning strategies and organizational techniques. You will better understand your role in the learning process so that you can become skilled at avoiding distractions, prioritizing and focusing on the work at hand. We will also try to make sure there is a lot of laughter during the week. After all, studies show that laughter helps you learn.
For: ages 11 – 12, entering grade 6
Dates/Times: TBD—see online registration at blakeschool.org/summer
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Students: 6/16

My daughter attended the Service Learning Camp and really enjoyed the opportunity to do meaningful volunteer work.
Study Skills for 7-10th Grade

Does your backpack look like a notebook exploded in it? Do you forget what your homework is or where it is? Does it seem like it takes you longer than anyone you know to get your work done? This one-week course will provide you with the organizational tools and the mindset you need to manage your busy workload. We’ll explore how the brain learns, your specific learning style, and what it means to understand. You’ll put into practice brain-based learning strategies and organizational techniques. You will better understand your role in the learning process so that you can become skilled at avoiding distractions, prioritizing and focusing on the work at hand. We will also try to make sure there is a lot of laughter during the week. After all, studies show that laughter helps you learn.

For: ages 12 – 16, entering grades 7 – 10
Dates/Times: TBD—see online registration at blakeschool.org/summer
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 6/16

Ultimate Aeronautics: Programming and Drone Racing

Explore flight like never before with drones and specially engineered flying machines. Learn about state-of-the-art flying robotics technology, the four forces of flight, Bernoulli’s principle, the effect of the properties of air on aircrafts and much more. We will practice flying drones in a controlled environment while honing skills and competing against friends. Students will also engineer multiple aircraft designs to take home, from gliders to propeller planes. Bring a Lego™ minifigure for a surprise project. This camp is led by Tech Tac Toe.

For: ages 7 – 10, entering grades 2-5
Dates: July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $170
Min/Max Students: 8/20

Tactical & Strategic Games

This camp introduces students to group games that require strategic thinking. We will build problem-solving skills and resilience in the context of a complex and dynamic environment. Through an interactive and experiential process, students will learn to collaborate, adjust strategies and consider multiple outcomes based on their own decisions and the luck of the draw. Practically speaking, we will spend most of our time playing all kinds of games but will use guided reflection and group thinking to help understand and build strategies. We will also explore the general theory behind winning tactical games of all sorts: map-based games, deck-building games and cooperative games. Blake mathematics teachers Alex Fisher and Christin Winkler lead this camp.

For: ages 11 – 18, entering grades 6 – 12
Dates: July 6 – 10 (Monday – Friday)
Time:
  Session A, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
  Session B, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 6/16

Where The Wild Things Are: Nature at Blake

Jump into nature and appreciate the wonders that surround us. We’ll explore Blake’s wooded areas, build shelters, observe and learn about local wildlife and let our imaginations run wild through guided hikes, art activities and more! Children should dress for the weather each day and bring a change of clothes. Rediscover the natural world with this woodland immersion camp.

For: ages 4 – 7, entering grades PK-2
Dates: July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Check out Spring Break Camps & Classes on page 31!
Courses for Credit

Join The Blake School’s tradition of academic excellence, rigor, small class sizes and preeminent faculty through enrolling in our credit-bearing offerings. Students successfully completing a course for credit will earn a semester credit from The Blake School. In order to earn credit at another school, students must seek permission from their school in advance and submit a teacher-recommendation to the director of Summer Programs. Consistent, regular attendance is essential to earning credit due to the intensive nature of the courses. Please review our attendance policies prior to registering. To register, please visit www.blakeschool.org/summer and place a commitment deposit for the class. The remaining balance will be billed to the student’s Blake account. Registration and billing for non-Blake students should be coordinated with the director of Summer Programs.

Health
This course will explore topics aimed at promoting healthy behaviors, increasing responsible decision-making and encouraging healthy living. Coursework and discussion will focus on physical, mental, chemical and sexual health. Students will gain an understanding of how to make positive lifestyle choices based on their personal values and work toward personal application of the information into their daily lives. Overarching themes of this course include accessing reliable wellness resources and learning to make healthy decisions that will reduce the risk of future health concerns. This course fulfills the Blake health requirement.

For: ages 15 – 18, entering grades 10 – 12
Dates: June 8 – 26 (Monday - Friday)
Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (includes lunch break)
Homework Expectations: .5 – 1 hour/day
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $2,160 per student
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Woodworking I
This intensive, shop-based course will engage artists in the design and craft of wood sculpture and furniture. The physical properties of wood and its potential as an expressive medium will be explored. Students will be introduced to power and hand tools used for woodworking and will develop an understanding of the social and environmental implications of materials used for furniture design and production. This course fulfills an arts requirement for Blake students.

For: ages 14 – 18, entering grades 9* – 12
Dates: June 1 – 12 (Monday - Friday)
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (includes lunch break)
Homework Expectations: .5 – 1 hour/day (design tasks)
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $2,160 per student
Min/Max Students: 5/12

*Students entering ninth grade at The Blake School must seek approval from the art department before registering.

Mr. Van Bergen made the two-week all-day woodshop class interesting and fun.
Art & Yoga
Join us in this exceptional camp that combines art and yoga. We’ll begin each day with yoga poses and then create amazing art projects. We’ll draw, paint, collage, sculpt with clay and more. Each day we’ll play yoga games, use breathing and mindfulness techniques and have a great time unleashing our creativity. This camp is led by Abrakadoodle.
For: ages 5 – 8, entering grades K – 2
Dates: July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $145
Min/Max Students: 6/20

Art Imagined
All your child needs is a pencil to activate their imagination! Students will start by developing a character, whether it’s a person, superhero or favorite animal and then build a world for their character’s adventures. Their character can live under the sea or on another planet – it’s up to them. Your child will practice drawing skills as they sketch with graphite, colored pencils and/or markers and then use watercolor paints to bring their scenes to life. This camp will take place at Blake’s campus in Wayzata and is led by Minnetonka Center for the Arts.
For: ages 8 – 12, entering grades 3 – 6
Dates: July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Wayzata campus
Cost: $180
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Band Instrument Lessons
These lessons are for 2020-21 Blake sixth graders or incoming Blake Middle School band students. The course fee includes a lesson book, supply kit (e.g., reeds, rosins, oil) and four half-hour individual lessons between July 6 and July 17 based on student availability. More information about scheduling lessons and instrument selection details will come from instructors.
For: Blake students entering Middle School band
Dates: July 6 – 17
Time: Individually scheduled with instructor
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $165 (includes lesson book and supplies)
Min/Max Students: 1:1 lessons

Buttercream Basics: Cake Decorating
Calling aspiring cake decorators! Join us and make buttercream in different consistencies and tint icing for decorating. Learn how to ice a cake and use round and star tips to pipe and decorate. We will practice various techniques throughout the week and complete a final project that includes icing and decorating a small cake of your own. Danielle Winther, Blake assistant teacher and owner of DKW Cakes, leads this camp that will take place at Blake’s campus in Wayzata.
For: ages 9 – 13, entering grades 4 – 7
Dates: July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Wayzata campus
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Blake’s visual and performing arts offerings challenge students to creatively express themselves in an array of disciplines and with materials from the kiln to the stage. These programs, spanning pre-kindergarten through grade 12, are open to students throughout the greater Twin Cities area.
Buttercream Basics: Cookie Decorating
Looking for a fun and creative art class involving cookies and buttercream? Danielle Winther, Blake assistant teacher and owner of DKW Cakes, is excited to share her decorating expertise with you! You will learn to make buttercream and decorate cookies. We will use round and star tips to showcase our newly acquired piping skills on the last day of camp.
For: ages 7 – 11, entering grades 2 – 5
Dates: July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Buttercream Basics: Cupcake Decorating
Learn to ice and decorate cupcakes with Danielle Winther, Blake assistant teacher and owner of DKW Cakes. We will create smooth surfaces with buttercream and practice piping on small surfaces with round and star tips. Bring your creativity and a sweet tooth because this camp is sure to be both fun and delicious!
For: ages 8 – 12, entering grades 3 – 6
Dates: July 20 – 23 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Classical Methods of Drawing and Painting Art Series
The objective of this classical drawing and painting series is to offer palatable information and effective exercises to learn and apply traditional techniques/methods of the masters (past and present). Students will use a carefully designed step-by-step approach to draft and develop the skills required to create believable three-dimensional forms on two-dimensional surfaces. This French Academism (19th century) and Atelier Approach (15th to 17th century) series is broken down into several classes to give students the opportunity to learn new techniques and time for daily practice, artist demonstrations and individual critique sessions. All courses are taught by award-winning realist painter and writer Kamlika Chandla. For questions, artist bio or more information email kamlikachandla@gmail.com or visit www.kamlikachandla.com.

Poets and Portraits
For: ages 6 – 8, entering grades 1 – 3
Dates:
  - Session A, June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)
  - Session B, June 29 – July 2 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $260
Min/Max Students: 4/12

Classical Methods of Drawing
For: ages 9 – 13, entering grades 4 – 8
Dates:
  - Session A, June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)
  - Session B, June 29 – July 2 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $285
Min/Max Students: 4/12

For: ages 14 – 18, entering grades 9 – 12
Dates:
  - Session C, July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)
  - Session D, July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $285
Min/Max Students: 4/12
Traditional Oil Painting Techniques
For: ages 13 – 18, entering grades 7 – 12
Dates:
  Session A, July 20 – 23 (Monday – Thursday)
  Session B, July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $385
Min/Max Students: 4/12

Clay and Mosaic Art
Join us for an opportunity to play with both clay and mosaic arts! Campers will pinch, coil and slab their way to original pottery that everyone will love. Clay projects will be painted with slips, mosaic projects will offer exciting design opportunities with tiles made of glass, ceramic, metal, plastic and found objects, and our unique geometric mosaic designs will be pieced together. Clay-specific note: Projects will be glazed and fired, ready for pickup in approximately three weeks after the end of camp. This camp is led by Minnetonka Center for the Arts.
For: ages 8 – 12, entering grades 3 – 6
Dates: July 20 – 23 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $195
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Clay Handbuilding: Fake Food
Roll up your sleeves and play with clay! Campers will pinch, coil and slab their way to creating original class projects featuring delectable fake food that looks just like the real deal. Projects will include making creations such as donuts with sprinkles, eggs cooked sunny-side up, pizza slices, sushi platters and frosted cupcakes, and then campers will paint with slips, glaze and fire them. Projects will be ready for campers to pick up in three weeks after the end of camp. This camp is led by Minnetonka Center for the Arts.
For: ages 8 – 12, entering grades 3 – 6
Dates: August 3 – 6 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Wayzata campus
Cost: $195
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Clay Handbuilding: Magical Creatures
Roll up your sleeves and play with clay! Campers will pinch, coil and slab their way to creating original clay projects featuring magical creatures and environments that may include feathers, fur or fins and the enchanted habitats in which they live. Campers will paint their projects with slips, glaze and fire them. Projects will be ready for pick up in three weeks after the end of camp. This camp is led by Minnetonka Center for the Arts.
For: ages 8 – 12, entering grades 3 – 6
Dates: July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $195
Min/Max Students: 5/16

“ My daughter did some great and unique art projects! She LOVED the teachers! ”
Craft Attack!
Clay pinch pots, wooden projects, tie dye, paper mache animals and more! We’ll have a wonderful time creating crafts using a variety of materials and techniques. Your child will have a blast in this fun and crafty camp! Bring a white T-shirt for tie dyeing and a nut-free snack. This camp is led by Abrakadoodle.

For: ages 5 – 8, entering grades K – 2  
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $145  
Min/Max Students: 6/20

Creative Movement with Ballet
Participants will explore the fun of dance through creative movement and an emphasis on learning the basics of ballet. Daily activities will include stretches, barre exercises, across the floor movement, creative improvisation and learning choreography. Participants will also engage in games, art and music to enhance their dance learning experience. The final session will feature a short dance performance that families can attend. All levels of experience welcome. “Dancewear is encouraged but not required; ballet shoes are required.

For: ages 4 – 7, entering grades PK – 2  
Dates:  
  Session A, July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)  
  Session B, July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $165  
Min/Max Campers: 4/12

Groovy, Glowy, Shimmery and Beyond  
Glow in the Dark
Bring your art to the next level using unique materials like glow-in-the-dark paint, glitter and metallic paints. Each day campers will create unique glowing and sparkling projects to take home. This Abrakadoodle camp is sure to light up your child’s creativity.

For: ages 5 – 8, entering grades K – 2  
Dates: August 3 – 6 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Wayzata campus  
Cost: $145  
Min/Max Students: 6/20

The How To’s Of Drawing with Kidcreate Studio
Does your young artist love to draw? This introductory camp teaches kids the basic techniques and principles of drawing. We’ll encourage creativity and imagination while experimenting with a variety of drawing techniques and materials. Participants will receive their own sketchbook to keep and draw in throughout camp. In this fun and supportive environment, your young artist’s passion and eagerness for art and drawing is sure to grow. This camp is led by Kidcreate Studio.

For: ages 5 – 9, entering grades K – 3  
Dates: July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $140  
Min/Max Students: 7/20

Imagine This
Imagine an acting ensemble of enthusiastic students exploring their actors’ tools of voice, body and imagination saying, “Okay, I’ll try it!” as they develop their stage skills. Wowee! Blake theater teacher Cynthia Hechter will lead the class in improvisation activities and scene building to create lively characters in an original play (based on a great story and student ideas) to share in performance on the last day of class.

For: ages 8 – 12, entering grades 3 – 6  
Dates: July 13 – 17 (Monday – Friday)  
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Hopkins campus  
Cost: $175  
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Visit www.blakeschool.org/summer for new offerings and updates.
My child tried types of art-making that he’s never tried before. I loved the art projects he brought home!

**Improv**

Move, express and think quickly on your feet! This workshop is full of fun theater games and improvisational activities where students will work collaboratively to create numerous characters and plots and then bring them to life on stage. We will learn, laugh a lot together and focus on the process of building an actor’s skills by using improvisation as the tool for exploration and discovery. Blake theater teacher Lori Opsal teaches this workshop.

- **For:** ages 10 – 13, entering grades 5 – 7
- **Dates:** August 3 – 6 (Monday – Thursday)
- **Time:** 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Hopkins campus
- **Price:** $165
- **Min/Max Students:** 5/16

**Improv Comedy**

In this workshop students will learn about and practice improv comedy. Participants will learn the rules and fundamentals of improv, and how the listening and teamwork skills they develop transcend to school, work and other day-to-day challenges and experiences. We will play various games and end the week with short performances! This workshop is led by Blake substitute teacher and accomplished improv instructor Nat Gilsdorf.

- **Session A**
  - **For:** ages 10 – 13, entering grades 5 – 7
  - **Dates:** July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)
  - **Time:** 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
  - **Location:** Hopkins campus
  - **Cost:** $165
  - **Min/Max Students:** 6/14

- **Session B**
  - **For:** ages 13 – 18, entering grades 8 – 12
  - **Dates:** July 20 – 23 (Monday – Thursday)
  - **Time:** 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
  - **Location:** Minneapolis campus
  - **Cost:** $165
  - **Min/Max Students:** 6/14

**Let’s Draw with Kidcreate Studio**

If your child enjoys drawing, sketching and cartooning, then this is the camp for them! Campers will learn basic techniques and principles of drawing to create puppies, ponies, portraits and more. Your artists will improve their skills and master a simple step-by-step method that is essential to creating memorable drawings. Each participant will take home a how-to-draw booklet. This camp is led by Kidcreate Studio and will take place on Blake’s campus in Wayzata.

- **For:** ages 5 – 9, entering grades K – 3
- **Dates:** July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
- **Time:** 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Wayzata campus
- **Cost:** $140
- **Min/Max Students:** 7/20

**Mapping the Marimba**

Mapping the Marimba is an exciting and engaging children’s music camp. Use your imagination to travel around the world as you sing, play percussion instruments and dance to traditional folk songs from Africa, South America, Mexico, Japan and the United States. Participants will each make a marimba to take home.

- **For:** ages 5 – 8, entering grades K – 2
- **Dates:** June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)
- **Time:** 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Hopkins campus
- **Cost:** $155
- **Min/Max Students:** 5/16

**Marvelously Messy Art Camp with Kidcreate Studio**

Does your child love to get messy? Then this camp is for them! We’ll use clay, paper mache, paint and sloppy supplies to make projects that are too messy to do at home. We’ll become masters at making a mess, learn various arts skills and techniques and have lots of fun while doing it. This camp is led by Kidcreate Studio.

- **For:** ages 5 – 9, entering grades K – 3
- **Dates:** July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)
- **Time:** 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Hopkins campus
- **Cost:** $140
- **Min/Max Students:** 7/20
Masters on Canvas with Kidcreate Studio
In this camp children will be inspired by artists Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet, Jackson Pollock and Pablo Picasso. Join us and recreate famous works of art like van Gogh’s “Vase with Twelve Sunflowers,” Monet’s “Bridge at Giverny,” Pollock’s splatter painting, and many others, all on real canvas boards. Make room on your walls, your artist is going to be proud of their masterpieces! This camp is led by Kidcreate Studio.

For: ages 5 – 9, entering grades K – 3
Dates: July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Wayzata campus
Cost: $140
Min/Max Students: 7/20

Page to Stage
Lights, camera, action – calling all actors and actresses! Through theater games, acting exercises, brainstorming and improvisation, students will explore the art of transforming stories into theater as they take the basic premise of familiar tales and craft new characters, settings and scenarios. Guided by Blake drama teacher Lori Opsal, students will unleash their imaginations as they transform what they have created and bring it from the page to the stage. We invite family and friends to join us for a presentation on the last day of camp to share our work. Register for one or both sessions.

For: ages 9 – 12, entering grades 3 – 6
Dates: June 8 – 11 (Monday - Thursday)
Time: Session A, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Session B, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $195
Min/Max Students: 5/9

SAORI Weaving
Join The Blake School’s 2015 McGuire visiting artist Chiaki O’Brien for a SAORI weaving workshop. SAORI is freestyle hand weaving with no rules and restrictions. It is an art form in which weavers express themselves. There are no patterns to follow and nothing is a mistake. Weavers will work independently and create with complete freedom and natural creativity at this unique camp.

Session A
For: ages 7 – 11, entering grades 2 – 5
Dates: June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $195
Min/Max Campers: 5/9

Session B
For: ages 11 – 18, entering grades 6 – 12
Dates: June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $195
Min/Max Campers: 5/9

Strings Lessons
Does your child want to continue playing their string instrument over the summer but needs a little weekly motivation? Are they interested in learning how to play a string instrument but not sure which instrument is for them? This summer, students can take lessons with Blake substitute teacher and strings instructor, Miriam Scholz-Carlson. Scheduling information will be sent in May to registered students.

For: ages 5 – 14, entering grades K – 8
Dates: June 8 – August 7
Time: Individually scheduled with instructor
Location: Hopkins and Wayzata campuses
Cost: $45 per lesson (three lesson minimum, six lesson maximum)
Min/Max Students: 1:1 lessons
Tap, Shake, Scrape – It’s Only Natural!
Percussion instruments are some of the world’s oldest instruments, and they are all natural! Come experience the exciting world of percussion as you tap, shake and scrape traditional drums, blocks, xylophones, bells, cymbals, shakers and guiros from around the world. Students will create music using found sounds and make instruments out of natural materials.

Session A
For: ages 4 – 7, entering grades PK – 1
Dates: June 8 – 11 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Campers: 5/16

Session B
For: ages 7 – 11, entering grades 2 – 5
Dates: July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Wayzata campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Campers: 5/16

Twin Cities Jazz Workshop*
The Twin Cities Jazz Workshop is one of the most established summer music programs in the metro area. Students play their instruments as part of small jazz combos that meet for three hours each day over the course of a one-week session. They receive instruction from a top-notch faculty of jazz professionals whose credits include international tours, numerous CDs and several major awards. Each workshop session concludes with a student concert and live recording at a Minneapolis jazz club! Students may enroll in multiple sessions. *Enroll online at http://www.tcjazzworkshop.com
Contact the workshop at 612-871-3534 or email info@tcjazzworkshop.com.
For: students ages 13 and up
Dates: June 22 – 26; July 6 – 10; July 13 – 17; July 20 – 24; July 27 – 31; August 3 – 7
Times: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost:
$235 for one weekly session
$205 for any second weekly session
$175 for any additional third weekly session

“Everything was planned incredibly well. The communication was exceptional. I never had to wonder what to expect or what to do next.”
Sports Camps

Blake sports camps offer opportunities to try new activities while enhancing and increasing physical fitness skills. Participants are guided by Blake’s award-winning coaches and mentored by our championship athletes to apply Blake’s core values of respect, integrity and courage to their efforts in the pool or on the field or court. These programs, spanning pre-kindergarten through grade 12, are open to students throughout the greater Twin Cities area.

Archery
Learn and advance your skills in shooting, standing, drawing and releasing. Concentration, slow steady breaths, release and safety are overarching themes, and Blake fourth grade teacher Don Quinn offers more than 30 years of archery experience. Archery camp hits the bullseye with both parents and kids!

For: ages 8 – 12, entering grades 3 – 6  
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)  
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $145
Min/Max Athletes: 5/12

Baseball
Join Blake varsity baseball coach Ethan Imdieke for a fun-filled week of baseball. Valuable instruction in refining hitting and throwing mechanics and proper fielding techniques will be part of this camp, all while learning more about the game of baseball. Players will be grouped based on age and experience. Participants must provide their own glove, helmet and bat.

For: ages 6 – 14, entering grades 1 – 8
Dates: June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday) 
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Athletes: 5/30

Boys’ Basketball Development Workouts
Commit to summer-long basketball training by joining Blake boys’ varsity basketball coach Tyler Biwan and his staff. Each afternoon will begin with skill workouts including shooting, ball handling, passing, defense and much more. This is followed by strength and conditioning work to improve overall athleticism. No camp July 6 and 8. This program is available only to current Blake student-athletes.

For: ages 14 – 18, entering grades 8 – 12
Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays, June 1 – July 29  
(No camp July 6 & 8)
Time: 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Athletes: 5/20

Youth Basketball Camp
Join Blake varsity basketball coach Tyler Biwan and his staff for an awesome week of basketball fun. This camp targets skill development, overall basketball knowledge and court sense. Participants will be grouped based on age and experience.

For: ages 6 – 13, entering grades 1 – 7
Dates: July 20 – 23 (Monday – Thursday) 
Time: 8:30 – 10 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $125
Min/Max Athletes: 5/20

“My child loved the upper school coaches and the small group at baseball camp.”
Cross Country Running Workouts
Calling all runners! The Blake cross country coaching staff is excited to offer a summer running program for high school cross country athletes. The program is an excellent way to help structure and supplement summer training and help athletes build a stronger aerobic base through long runs, targeted strength and speed training workouts. Athletes should come prepared for training with appropriate running shoes, water bottle, watch and, most importantly, a good attitude. Note: Wednesday evening sessions are designed for varsity caliber athletes and those who aspire to work toward that goal.

Session A
For: ages 12 – 18, entering grades 6 – 12
Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 2 – July 30 (no camp July 7 & 9)
Time: 8:30 – 10 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lake Harriet Bandshell
Cost: $175

Session B
For: ages 12 – 18, entering grades 6 – 12
Dates: Wednesdays, June 3 – July 29 (no camp July 8)
Time: 7 – 8 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $75

Fencing
Lunge, parry, riposte, touché! Learn about fencing weapons and techniques while practicing footwork and bouting skills used in this Olympic sport. An informal competition will conclude the week of fencing fun to showcase participants’ skills. Fencing equipment will be provided. This camp is hosted by the Center for Blade Arts.

Session A
For: ages 13 – 18, entering grades 7 – 12
Dates: July 13 – 16 (Monday - Thursday)
Time: 10 a.m – noon
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $165
Min/Max Athletes: 6/16

Session B
For: ages 9 – 12, entering grades 3 – 6
Dates: July 20 – 23 (Monday - Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $165
Min/Max Athletes: 6/16

Football Camp
Join Wolfpack varsity football coach Chris Goodwin and his staff for an awesome week of football fundamentals and training. Learn a variety of playing positions at this fun, safe and non-contact camp. Campers should bring football cleats and tennis shoes. Athletes will be grouped based on age and experience.
For: ages 6 – 14, entering grades 1 – 8
Dates: July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $130
Min/Max Athletes: 10/40

Futsal: Street Style Soccer
Interested in learning new footskills or improving your soccer game? The game of futsal gives players more touches, more goals and active involvement in every moment of every game! Participants will learn various freestyle tricks and improve their foot skills in fast-paced activities, small-sided games and competitions, and a daily streetstyle king-of-the-court tournament. All participants are welcome and will be grouped based on age and experience. This camp is led by JWLZ Street Soccer.
For: ages 5 – 13, entering grades K – 7
Dates: July 20 – 23 (Monday - Thursday)
Times:
  Session A (4-7), 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
  Session B (K-3), 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Athletes: 10/30

"Our daughter has grown a love for fencing over the past couple of summers."
Mountain Biking Camp
Join nationally licensed coaches in an adventurous week of mountain biking. Participants will develop the skills and confidence needed to enjoy the nation’s fastest growing sport. Learn basic riding skills and group riding etiquette on a range of guided and level-appropriate trails and roads. Campers should provide their own mountain bike with gears and hand brakes, a helmet, water bottle or hydration pack, snack and sunscreen. A limited number of loaner bikes are available for this camp. Contact Blake Director of Summer Programs Tony Andrade at 952-988-3463 for loaner bike requests or other inquiries.

For: ages 11 – 18, entering grades 6 – 12
Dates:
  Session A, July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)
  Session B (girls only), July 20 – 23 (Monday – Thursday)
  Session C, July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Minneapolis campus
Cost: $225
Min/Max Athletes: 6/10

Youth Lacrosse Camp: Learn to Play
Interested in learning how to play lacrosse or improving on current skills? Join us at this fun and active camp that is tailored for all development levels. Blake lacrosse coaches Matt Dooley ’06 and Bobby Nichols, along with their staff of student athletes will guide players in skills development, basic strategy, teamwork and sportsmanship. Participants must provide their own lacrosse stick, helmet (with face mask) and padded gloves (comparable hockey equipment is acceptable). Athletes will be placed into level-appropriate age groups. Contact Blake Director of Summer Programs Tony Andrade at 952-988-3463 to arrange equipment if needed.

For: ages 4 – 8, entering grades PK – 2; ages 9 – 14, entering grades 3 – 8
Dates: June 8 – 11 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Athletes: 10/20

Sailing Camps
Head out to the Lake Minnetonka Sailing School (LMSS) to enjoy a wide range of sailing fun! As a nationally accredited program, LMSS offers classes to fit the needs of every sailor, at any age or experience level. LMSS is proud to host and train The Blake School’s Middle School and Upper School sailing teams. LMSS also offers REACH curriculum for those ready to explore our waters through science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). To find the right fit for you and your sailors, learn more and register, visit Lake Minnetonka Sailing School online at www.lmss.us.

Skills and Fundamentals with Blake Boys’ Soccer
Interested in learning how to play soccer or improving on current skills? 2018 state championship coach Tamba Johnson and his staff will guide young players in technical skills development, attacking and defending principles, teamwork and the importance of sportsmanship. Daily activities will include dynamic small-sided games, passing and shooting drills and game-like scrimmages. Athletes will be placed into age- and level-appropriate groups to maximize fun and growth.

For: ages 6 – 9, entering grades 1 – 3; ages 10 – 13, entering grades 4 – 7
Dates: July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Athletes: 5/20
Youth Soccer Camp
Join Blake girls’ varsity soccer head coach Kelsey Hans and her staff for a fun week of soccer. The camp, like the Blake soccer teams, will emphasize teamwork, leadership, hard work and good sportsmanship. Campers with playing experience, and those playing soccer for the first time, can get much out of the learning-by-playing approach of this camp. Activities will include large group warm-ups, individual skill development and small group competitions. Bring a soccer ball, shin guards, water and sunscreen. But most importantly, be prepared to have some serious soccer fun! Athletes will be grouped based on age and experience.

Session A
For: ages 5-9, entering grades K-3
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Athletes: 6/20

Session B
For: ages 9 – 13, entering grades 4 – 7
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Athletes: 6/20

Survival Skills
Join fisherman, hunter, outdoorsman, adventurer and Blake fourth grade teacher Don Quinn for Survival Skills. Topics for the class include finding food and water, building shelter, basic first aid, attaining warmth and keeping cool. You will learn to pack a survival kit, start a fire, find food from plants, track animals, build shelters, fish and much more. Be prepared for an outdoor adventure at this exciting and informative camp!

For: ages 8 – 12, entering grades 3 – 6
Dates: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. (camp will end at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 18)
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $145
Min/Max Participants: 5/16

Swimming Lessons: Developing & Learn-to-Swim
Participate in American Red Cross swimming lessons at Blake this summer! You will be amazed at how much your child can grow as a swimmer with daily instruction. Your child will improve basic swimming skills, gain confidence in the water and improve their stroke proficiency. A swim assessment on the first day of camp will guide goal setting and performance outcomes. Blake’s coaching staff prides itself on utilizing individualized instruction to coach each swimmer to the next level. Staff to swimmer-in-the-water ratio is 1:6. Daily swim lessons are a great way to wrap up a day of camps and classes at Blake. Sign up for multiple weeks to see the best results.

For: ages 6 – 12, entering grades 1 – 6
Dates:

Week 1, June 8 – 11 (Monday – Thursday)
Week 2, June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)
Week 3, June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)
Week 4, June 29 – July 2 (Monday – Thursday)
Week 5, July 6 – 9 (Monday – Thursday)
Week 6, July 13 – 16 (Monday – Thursday)
Week 7, July 20 – 23 (Monday – Thursday)
Week 8, July 27 – 30 (Monday – Thursday)*
Week 9, August 3 – 6 (Monday – Thursday)*

Times:
Session A – Beginner and Intermediate:
3:40 – 4:20 p.m. (4:20 – 5 p.m. weeks 8 – 9)
Session B – Intermediate and Advanced:
4:40 – 5:20 p.m. (5:20 – 6 p.m. weeks 8 – 9)

Location: Hopkins campus, pool
Cost: $80 per four-day session *Shuttle transportation from Wayzata to Hopkins for week 8 – 9 is available at an additional fee
Min/Max Swimmers: 6/16

“Great programs, nice to stay in training shape during the summer!”
Track & Field
Run, jump, sprint, hurdle, throw and vault your way through a terrific week of track and field fun. Join Blake coaches and athletes to learn and practice the myriad of skills involved in each event while improving your speed, endurance and overall athletic potential. Events for track and field include running sprints and long distances, hurdles, long jump, pole vault, triple jump, high jump and throwing the shot put and discus. Training for track and field can serve as a strong foundation for many other sports. Athletes will be grouped based on age and experience. This camp is led by Blake track coach Vince Donahoe.
For: ages 6 – 14, entering grades 1 – 8
Dates: June 22 – 25 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Athletes: 5/40

High School Ultimate Frisbee
Learn how to take your game to the next level. Participants will be placed on teams throughout the duration of camp and will alternate between practices and competitive games. Our coaches have college and nationals experience and will teach proper throwing fundamentals, offensive skills and defensive strategy in an active environment. All levels of experience are welcome. Sign up with a friend and be placed on the same team.
For: ages 13 – 18, entering grades 8 – 12
Dates: June 16 – July 30 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $125.00
Min/Max Campers: 10/48

Yoga Fitness
Join us for yoga and fitness fun! This camp includes yoga, movement, music, crafts, group games, projects and story activities. Each day will have its own theme and encourage creativity. Yoga brings out the best in kids and teaches positive lessons. Colleen Evon, founder of Fun Sun Kids Yoga and former preschool teacher, is a certified yoga instructor. She is currently an instructor at CorePower Yoga and teaches kids’ yoga programs at several Twin Cities schools, including The Blake School.
Session A
For: ages 4 – 7, entering grades PK – 1
Date: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155
Min/Max Campers: 5/16
Session B
For: ages 8 – 10, entering grades 2 – 4
Date: June 15 – 18 (Monday – Thursday)
Time: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: $155.00
Min/Max Campers: 5/16

Really great opportunity to meet the team before the seasons started!
Looking for fun, adventure, sports, arts and friendships? Blake’s Camp Acoma has brought together children from across the Twin Cities for more than 55 years. Campers engage in arts and athletics while developing curiosity, creativity and positive risk-taking skills. Unique session themes provide opportunities to grow physically, socially and intellectually in a friendly and safe environment. Blake’s core values of respect, love of learning, integrity and courage are explored as campers embrace the magic of summer. Need a summer’s worth of fun in one place? Each Acoma session offers unique themes, field trips and projects. All of this and more keep campers on their toes and covered in sunscreen.

Acoma Cubs

We play to learn and learn to play! Day camp fun meets school readiness at Camp Acoma Cubs. Our youngest campers learn to love camp and school through arts and crafts, fantasy and dramatic play, athletics, biking, scooting, cooking and games. Session themes emphasize early literacy, mathematical thinking and scientific exploration in addition to cooperative and independent play. Pack swim suits and towels — we’ll have water fun and games on hot days. Weekly morning field trips enhance each theme-based session.

A foundation of Camp Acoma is developing strong relationships with other campers and counselors. Blake faculty and counselors who are caring role models with unique talents lead Camp Acoma. The faculty to student ratio is below 1:7. Acoma Cubs campers enjoy a safe, enriched environment in Blake’s generous early childhood facilities on our Hopkins and Wayzata campuses. Parents of children entering kindergarten can choose between Cubs and Bears based on age, swimming ability and camp readiness.*

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to register for Camp Acoma Cubs on the proper campus. Shuttle between campuses is available July 27-August 7 but no shuttle will be provided between campuses June 8-July 24.

Camp Acoma Cubs

For: ages 4 – 5, entering pre-kindergarten and kindergarten*

*Parents of children entering kindergarten can choose between Cubs and Bears based on age, swimming ability and camp readiness.

Dates:

- Session A: June 8 – 19, Hopkins campus
- Session B: June 22 – July 2, Hopkins campus (no camp on Friday, July 3)
- Session C: July 6 – 10, Hopkins campus
- Session D: July 13 – 24, Hopkins campus
- Session E: July 27 – August 7, Wayzata campus

Times:

- 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., full day (pack a nut-free lunch each day)
- 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., mornings (option to stay for lunch is included)

Cost:

- $450 full day (per two-week session)
- $400 full day (per nine-day session), June 22 – July 2
- $250 full day (per one-week session), July 6 – July 10
- $245 mornings (per two-week session)
- $225 mornings (per nine-day session), June 22 – July 2
- $135 mornings (per one-week session), July 6 – July 10

“They loved their counselors and making new friends.”
Acoma Bears
Join Camp Acoma Bears for a summer of action, creation and relaxation in eight unique sessions. Acoma Bears take full advantage of Blake’s beautiful outdoor and indoor spaces as well as nearby lakes and trails. Campers will engage in a variety of afternoon activities like swimming, fishing, ice skating, canoeing and dynamic playground fun. Local field trips serve as capstones and opportunities for more hands-on learning and adventure.

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Please pack a nut-free lunch, afternoon snack and water bottle for your child each day. Refrigerators and microwaves are not available.

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to register for Camp Acoma Bears on the proper campus. Shuttle between campuses is available July 27-August 7 but no shuttle will be provided between campuses June 8-July 24.

Camp Acoma Bears
For: ages 6 – 8, entering grades K* – 2
*Parents of children entering kindergarten can choose between Cubs and Bears based on age, swimming ability and camp readiness.

Dates:
- Week 1: June 8 – 12, Hopkins campus
- Week 2: June 15 – 19, Hopkins campus
- Week 3: June 22 – 26, Hopkins campus
- Week 4: June 29 – July 2, Hopkins campus (no camp on Friday, July 3)
- Week 5: July 6 – 10, Hopkins campus
- Week 6: July 13 – 17, Hopkins campus
- Week 7: July 20 – 24, Hopkins campus
- Week 8: July 27 – 31, Wayzata campus
- Week 9: August 3 – 7, Wayzata campus

Time:
- 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., full day
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., half day (available in combination with other Blake offerings)
- 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., half day (available in combination with other Blake offerings)

Cost:
- $250 full day (per one-week session)
- $200 full day (per four-day session), week of June 29 – July 2
- $120 – $145 half day (per one-week session in combination with other Blake offerings)

**Register for four or more weeks of full-day Acoma Bears and receive $75 off!**
Acoma Adventure
Camp Acoma Adventure revs up the camp fun. Daily activities emphasize positive risk-taking, team building and Acoma traditions such as visual arts, athletics and water play. Weekly field trips emphasize adventure!

Camp Acoma is led by Blake faculty and counselors who are caring role models with unique talents. Our counselor-to-student ratio is below 1:10. Dedicated arts and physical education faculty deepen athletic and artistic experiences throughout each session. Campers will engage in a variety of afternoon activities like swimming, fishing, ice skating, canoeing and dynamic playground fun.

Please pack a nut-free lunch, afternoon snack and water bottle for your child each day. Refrigerators and microwaves are not available.

Camp Acoma Adventure
For: ages 8 – 10, entering grades 3 – 4

Dates:
- Week 1: June 8 – 12, Hopkins campus
- Week 2: June 15 – 19, Hopkins campus
- Week 3: June 22 – 26, Hopkins campus
- Week 4: June 29 – July 2, Hopkins campus (no camp on Friday, July 3)
- Week 5: July 6 – 10, Hopkins campus
- Week 6: July 13 – 17, Hopkins campus
- Week 7: July 20 – 24, Hopkins campus
- Week 8: July 27 – 31, Wayzata campus
- Week 9: August 3 – 7, Wayzata campus

Time:
- 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., full day
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., half day (available in combination with other Blake offerings)
- 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., half day (available in combination with other Blake offerings)

Cost:
- $250 full day (per one-week session)
- $200 full day (per four-day session), week of June 29 – July 2
- $120 – $145 half day (one-week session in combination with other Blake offerings)

**Register for four or more weeks of full-day Acoma Adventure and receive $75 off!**

“Camp Acoma covered everything that we could ever imagine as parents. Our son was excited every day to attend and exhausted every day when he left. A parent’s dream!”
Acoma Leaders in Training
Looking to enhance your leadership skills while having fun this summer? Become a Leader in Training. In our Acoma Leaders in Training program, you will explore and develop your leadership skills, participate in team building activities, experience positive risk-taking and practice overseeing creative camp activities. Day camp favorites of group games, outdoor learning, athletics, songs and visual art projects round out each day. Local field trips serve as capstones and opportunities for more hands-on learning and adventure. Spend your summer learning and growing at this fun and inspiring camp!

Camp Acoma Leaders in Training
For: ages 10 – 13, entering grades 5 – 7

Dates:
- Week 1: June 8 – 12, Hopkins campus
- Week 2: June 15 –19, Hopkins campus
- Week 3: June 22 – 26, Hopkins campus
- Week 4: June 29 – July 2, Hopkins campus (no camp on Friday, July 3)
- Week 5: July 6 – 10, Hopkins campus
- Week 6: July 13 – 17, Hopkins campus
- Week 7: July 20 – 24, Hopkins campus
- Week 8: July 27 – 31, Wayzata campus
- Week 9: August 3 – 7, Wayzata campus

Time:
- 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., full day
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., half day (available in combination with other Blake offerings)
- 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., half day (available in combination with other Blake offerings)

Cost:
- $250 full day (per one-week session)
- $200 full day (per four-day session), week of June 29 – July 2
- $120 – $145 half day (one-week session in combination with other Blake offerings)

**Register for four or more weeks of full-day Acoma Adventure and receive $75 off!**

Mix & Match Camps
Please read through the wide array of options for children entering grades K – 7. Camp Acoma Bears, Acoma Adventure and Acoma Leaders in Training are offered in both half-day weekly sessions (when combined with other Blake camps) and full-day weekly sessions to give children the opportunity to have fun in Acoma and the many other camps at Blake.

My child loved every minute of his five weeks at Blake. He met new friends and had tons of new experiences. “
Spring Break Camps

Join us for learning, creativity, exploration and friendships at Spring Break at Blake! Our fun and engaging arts, sports and academic camps are led by caring and knowledgeable instructors and provide students with opportunities to try new activities and enhance skills. Half-day and full-day options are available, and Extended Day child care is offered each morning and afternoon. These pre-kindergarten through grade 8 programs are open to students throughout the greater Twin Cities area.

Animation Studio
Who doesn't love an action-packed animated movie that brings our favorite toys to life? Students get to do more than just enjoy those movies, they get to create them! In this technical program, children work in teams to learn the fundamentals of stop motion animation and develop their own animated movie starring some of their favorite LEGO® Minifigures! Students will do everything from plot development and set design to detailed visual and audio editing. The best part, their movie will move beyond the classroom and be uploaded to Snapology’s YouTube channel so they can share their film with friends and family!

For: ages 8 – 14, grades 3 – 8
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $215
Min/Max Students: 8/16

Buttercream Basics: Cupcake Decorating
Looking for a fun and creative art class involving cupcakes and buttercream frosting? Danielle Winther, Blake assistant teacher and owner of DKW Cakes, is excited to share her decorating expertise. Campers will learn to make buttercream and decorate cupcakes, and on the last day of class we will showcase our newly acquired piping skills using round and star tips.

For: ages 7 – 11, grades 2 – 5
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $225
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Dungeons & Tabletops
Join Blake assistant teacher Charlie Billadeau and learn how to play a variety of tabletop, board and role-playing games from Dominion to simplified Dungeons & Dragons. Games will be chosen based on group interest, but we will spend at least one day trying out an assortment of games. Tabletop games teach mathematical and strategic thinking, teamwork, creative thinking and imaginative play, theatrical and dramatic storytelling and social skills, but best of all, games are fun! Other games we might play include: Settlers of Catan, Telestrations, Codenames, Mysterium, Pandemic, Fate Accelerated, Dungeon World and made up games. If you’ve ever wanted to try out role-play or tabletop games, please join us. No experience is necessary.

For: ages 9 – 15, grades 4 – 8
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Visit www.blakeschool.org/summer
Fencing Camp
Lunge, parry, riposte, touché! This camp introduces basic fencing techniques to fourth through eighth graders interested in trying a new sport. Learn about fencing weapons while practicing footwork and bouting skills used in this Olympic sport. An informal competition will conclude the week of fencing fun to showcase participants' skills. Fencing equipment is provided. This camp is hosted by the Center for Blade Arts.

For: ages 9 – 14, grades 4 – 8
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, gymnasium
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Foot skills and Street Soccer
Interested in learning new footskills or improving your soccer game? Street soccer gives players more touches, more goals, and active involvement in every moment of the game! Through camp, participants will learn freestyle tricks and improve their foot skills in fast-paced activities, small-sided games and competitions, and a streetstyle king-of-the-court tournament! All participants are welcome and will be grouped based on age and experience. This camp is led by JWLZ Street Soccer.

For: ages 8 – 12, grades 3 – 6
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 7/24

France: Language and Culture
Would your child like to learn about France? Blake assistant teacher Leanne Monthéard will teach students basic French conversation, help them discover various regions of France and learn about famous French impressionists artists. Other activities include French songs, games, food and art!

For: ages 4 – 7, grades PK – 2
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $195
Min/Max Students: 7/16

Mega Mess Making with Kidcreate Studio
We’ll paint with plaster, tie-dye, make papier-mâché birds and fling paint like American painter Jackson Pollock. We will even learn some art terms along the way. These are not projects to tackle at home; leave the mess with us. After all, art can be a mega messy good time!

For: ages 5 – 9, grades K – 3
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $195
Min/Max Students: 7/20

Minecraft Master Engineering with LEGO® Materials
Bring Minecraft to life using LEGO® parts! Build an Iron Golem, the Nether Portal and the Ender Dragon. Students will explore real-world concepts in physics, engineering and architecture while building their favorite Minecraft objects. This camp is led by Play-Well TEKnologies.

For: ages 5 – 8, grades K – 3
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 7/20

My child was fully engaged every day and looked forward to camp!
Nature’s Bounty
Get back to nature with Blake pre-kindergarten assistant teacher Rebecca Lawrence. We’ll have fun exploring Blake’s wooded areas, building shelters, observing animals and letting our imaginations run wild. Children should dress for the weather and bring a change of clothes. Rediscover the natural world with this woodland immersion camp.

For: ages 4 – 6, grades PK – K
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Ocean Exploration
Students will discover fun in the ocean in this interdisciplinary camp that combines robotics, coding, art, architecture and engineering concepts to learn about our underwater friends. Children will be too busy exploring the ocean world, building and creating to realize that they are gaining critical social and developmental skills. This camp is led by Snapology.

For: ages 5-7, grades K – 2
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $215
Min/Max Students: 7/20

Origami Creations
Be ready to unfold your creative minds! Turning a simple piece of paper into 3-D shapes is what this class is all about. Learn to make intricate folds, shapes and animals with local origami artist Jade Huynh. Participants will fold, color and take home their very own origami creations.

For: ages 7 – 11, grades 2 – 5
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 7/16

RoboPets Robotics
Children will begin to explore the world of robotics as they build simple animal models that teach the fundamentals of robotic design. Whether learning about sensors while building a fish or alligator or discovering ways that gears, wheels and axles create movement while building robotic dogs or frogs, your child is sure to have a great time. This camp is led by Snapology.

For: ages 5 – 7, grades K – 2
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $215
Min/Max Students: 7/20

Schoolhouse Chess
Schoolhouse Chess camp brings the game of chess to life using creative personalities. Be captivated by our imaginative characters and learn chess with ease. Play a game with our gigantic chess set — the biggest you have ever seen! This camp covers the rules, strategies and tactics and is appropriate for beginners through intermediate players. This camp is led by Mad Science.

For: ages 5 – 10, grades K – 4
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 10/20

Visit www.blakeschool.org/summer for new offerings and updates.
Slime-Tastic Art with Kidcreate Studio
It’s a slime takeover! In this camp, slime is the main event. We’ll explore different slime recipes as we create tons of gooey, sparkly, stretchy and messy goo. From an out-of-this-world glitter solar system slime to confetti cake and bubblegum scented slime, we’ll make a different slime during each day of camp. We’ll even do a little painting and sculpting on the side. Roll up your sleeves and get ready for a Slime-Tastic time.

For: ages 5 – 10, grades K – 4
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 7/16

Yoga Fitness
Join us for yoga and fitness fun! This camp includes yoga, movement, music, crafts, group games, projects and story activities. Each day will have its own theme and encourage your child’s creativity. Yoga brings out the best in kids and teaches positive lessons. Colleen Evon, founder of Fun Sun Kids Yoga and former preschool teacher, is a certified yoga instructor. She is currently an instructor at CorePower Yoga and teaches kids’ yoga programs at several Twin Cities schools, including The Blake School.

For: ages 4 – 7, grades PK – 2
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Tape, Staples, Scissors & Glue
Join Blake pre-kindergarten assistant teacher Rebecca Lawrence for an engaging arts and crafts camp. Campers will create a variety of art projects using … you guessed it – tape, staples, scissors and glue. Be sure to bring your imagination and a nut-free snack to this fun and creative camp.

For: ages 4 – 6, grades PK – K
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus, Lower School
Cost: $185
Min/Max Students: 5/16

Questions? Call 952-988-3463.
**Need Full Day Camps or Extended Care?**

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**Extended Day**

Extend the day and extend the fun! Children enjoy indoor and outdoor games, arts and crafts and an afternoon snack. Extended Day is a fun and safe place for children to ramp up and wind down before or after a great day at Blake. Staffed by Blake faculty and Acoma staff, each option below provides a safe and fun place for campers before, between or after camps.

**Spring Break at Blake:**
Morning sessions are available from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and afternoon sessions run from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Children must be picked up by 5:30 p.m. each evening; late charges will be assessed.

**Spring Break Extended Day at Hopkins campus:**
For: ages 4 – 12 or PK – 6
Dates: March 23 – 27
Time: Morning 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.; Afternoon 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Location: Hopkins campus
Cost: Mornings $30; Afternoons $60

**Summer at Blake:**
Extended Day is available on both the Hopkins (June 8-August 7) and Wayzata campuses (July 27-August 7). Students may enroll in the morning session, the afternoon session or both. Children do not need to attend Camp Acoma to be a part of Extended Day. Children must be picked up from afternoon Extended Day by 5:30 p.m. each evening; late charges will be assessed. If students would like to participate in afternoon swimming lessons, please review the information in the Sports Camps section.

**Summer at Blake Extended Day at Hopkins campus:**
For: ages 4 – 12 or entering PK – grade 6
Dates: One-week sessions, June 8 – August 7
Time: Morning 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.; Afternoon 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (includes shuttle between Hopkins and Wayzata if applicable)
Cost:
- Mornings $30 per one-week session/$50 week of July 27 and August 3
- Afternoons $60 per one-week session/$80 week of July 27 and August 3

**Summer at Blake Extended Day at Wayzata campus:**
For: ages 4 – 12 or entering PK – grade 6
Date: One-week sessions, July 27 – August 7
Time: Morning 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.; Afternoon 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Location: Wayzata campus
Cost:
- Mornings $30 per one-week session
- Afternoons $60 per one-week session
Shuttle Between Hopkins and Wayzata Campuses
Summer at Blake will offer an optional shuttle service between the Hopkins and Wayzata campuses from July 27 - August 7 during week 8 and 9 of Camp Acoma. The morning shuttle will depart Hopkins at 8 a.m., the afternoon shuttle will return to Hopkins at 4 p.m. Shuttle transportation is included in the cost of Extended Day in Hopkins from July 27-August 7.

For: ages 4 – 14 or entering PK – grade 8
Cost: $40/week (morning and afternoon)

Mix & Match Half-Day Camps and Courses
Many of our camps and courses take place either in the morning or afternoon. Mix and match offerings are based on age and interest. Recess Bridge is available for campers between camps (see below). In the summer, children ages 5-13 can join Camp Acoma Bears and Adventure & Leaders in Training campers for weekly morning or afternoon sessions in combination with weekly specialty camp offerings.

Recess Bridge: Morning to Afternoon Camp Transition
To ensure safety, all children on campus must be affiliated with a program. Children staying on campus between morning and afternoon camps must enroll in Recess Bridge unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. However, Recess Bridge is not necessary if a program is paired with half-day Camp Acoma (summer only). The online registration system will prompt you when Recess Bridge matches your selection. All campers are escorted to and from program offerings by staff. Be sure to pack a nut-free lunch and beverage.

For: ages 4 – 14 or entering PK – grade 8
Cost: $15-35/week

"Our student LOVED his Camp Acoma Cubs experience — teachers, activities, water days, field trips were all educational and fun for the kids. Deb and her crew of teachers were amazing."

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General Information & Policies

Spring Break at Blake and Summer at Blake camps and courses are open to all students throughout the greater Twin Cities area. Children do not need to attend The Blake School to participate in spring break and summer programming. For spring break camps, register using your child’s current grade level. For summer camps, register based on the grade your child will be entering fall 2020.

Registration Options
Registration is available online at www.blake-school.org/summer. Credit card and e-check payment options are available. All medical information and necessary waivers are collected through our online registration system.

Cancellations & Refunds
Please register for courses and camps carefully. Any request for a change or refund must be made in writing to the director of Summer Programs. There is a $75 non-refundable deposit for all Spring Break at Blake and Summer at Blake camps and courses.

Spring Break: $75 non-refundable deposit for all camps and courses. Requests for refunds prior to February 15 will receive a full refund minus the non-refundable deposits and any administrative fees per class/camp. No refunds will be issued after February 15 to ensure staffing and programmatic commitments to all families. This policy includes cancellations due to vacation schedules, conflicting activities and/or just a change in plans.

Summer: $75 non-refundable deposit for all camps and courses. Requests for refunds prior to May 1 will receive a full refund minus non-refundable deposits and any administrative fees per class/camp. No refunds will be issued after May 1 to ensure staffing and programmatic commitments to all families. This policy includes cancellations due to vacation schedules, conflicting activities and/or just a change in plans.

Summer at Blake reserves the right to change or cancel any course in the event enrollment does not meet minimum participation numbers. In the event of a program change or cancellation, Blake will make every effort to notify families immediately and will offer the option of transferring enrollment credits toward another class or receiving a full refund for the class. No refund is granted for a cancellation of a single class or session due to circumstances beyond our control such as weather. No refunds or credits will be issued in the case of dismissal from a course or camp due to student conduct.

Absences
All absences must be reported to the Summer at Blake Office at 952-988-3463 or summer@blake-school.org. There will be no refunds for illnesses, absences, vacations, cancellations due to weather or late matriculation. No refund will be given if a student is dismissed from a program because of disciplinary action. In courses for high school academic credit, consistent attendance is essential to earning credit due to the intensive nature of the courses. Please do not enroll your child in a credit-bearing course at the high school level if you expect them to be traveling to a sporting event, a cultural activity or any other event that will require missing more than two days of the course.

Inclement Weather
If Spring Break at Blake or Summer at Blake must be closed for any reason, the staff will make every effort to alert families prior to the start of class via text, email or at drop off. There are no refunds for cancellations due to weather.
Drop-off & Pick-up Procedures
Pick-up and drop-off can take some time given the number of campers coming and going at the start and end of each day. Please plan for approximately 10-15 minutes. Traffic in and around the Twin Cities can be heavy and delays may occur, so please plan accordingly. Students are expected to arrive on campus in time for the beginning of each activity. If a pick-up time is more than 15 minutes late, your child will be cared for in the camp office or at Extended Day and late fees will be assessed.

Hopkins campus: Due to a number of pending construction projects, drop-off locations may vary by program. To drop off your child or children for Summer at Blake on the Hopkins campus, please follow signage to the various camps and program locations. Pre-camp communication will provide specific drop-off and check-in locations.

Wayzata campus: To drop off your child or children on the Wayzata campus, enter the campus via Peavey Lane. There is limited parking in the front, so please park in the back of the school if you are entering the building. Follow signage to various camps and courses. Pre-camp communication will provide specific drop-off and check-in locations.

Minneapolis campus: To drop off your child or children on the Minneapolis campus, please use the west parking lot and entrance. The east parking lot and entrance will be closed all summer. Follow signage to various camps and courses. Pre-camp communication will provide specific locations.

Transportation
For Summer at Blake camps and courses taking place at Blake's Highcroft campus in Wayzata, we offer an optional morning and afternoon shuttle service to ensure campers have easy access between the Hopkins and Wayzata campuses. Please review locations carefully as camps and courses are located on all three campuses. No refunds will be issued for registering for a class at an incorrect location.

Code of Conduct
Summer at Blake welcomes all families and children and provides a safe and respectful environment that honors The Blake School's core values of respect, love of learning, integrity and courage, as well as a commitment to pluralism. Summer at Blake encourages high standards of behavior rooted in an environment of welcome, safety and respect. Campers and students must be with their counselors or teachers at all times. Summer at Blake reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny any camper or student the opportunity to participate in an activity or the remainder of a camp or class if the child's social conduct or behavior is deemed unsatisfactory by the Summer at Blake administration. No refunds or credits will be issued in the case of dismissal from a camp or course due to conduct.

“Blake is hands down the best in spring break and summer camps. We really appreciate that you utilize your teachers in the camps and classes. This makes a huge difference in the quality of the program.”
Summer at Blake offers students dozens of wonderful opportunities to find fun, enrichment and new friends in a caring and supportive environment.

Visit our website: www.blakeschool.org/summer or call us at 952-988-3463 for more information.

SUMMER AT BLAKE REGISTRATION CHECK LIST

Have you ...
• Read the General Information pages, including the payment and refund policies?
• Registered online at www.blakeschool.org/summer
• Visited the website for new camp offerings and updates?

THANK YOU!