



Countryside Summer Camps 2023

for students entering Kindergarten – 9th grade

Open to ALL students attending ANY school – not just Countryside students.



Who may attend?

Any student (from any school) of appropriate age for the camps is invited to enroll. Camps are for students **entering** the grades listed.

Where are the camps held? Countryside School, 4301 W. Kirby Avenue, Champaign, IL 61822

When are the camps held? Various weeks depending on the camp – see camp descriptions. Camps are from 9 a.m. – 12 each day with drop off as early as 8:45. (**Footprints** is the exception, see camp description.) *No camp is held on June 19th in honor of the Juneteenth federal holiday.*

Any COVID requirements? Masks are optional.

Cost: \$200 per week Exceptions: **Let's Put on a Musical** (9 days, \$315), **Advanced Cake Decoration** (4 days, \$180 – includes special supply fee), **Explore China** and **Camp Half Blood** (4 days, \$160)

Refunds:

- We will return your tuition or place you on a waiting list (if you prefer) if a camp is full when we receive your enrollment form and tuition.
- Families will receive a refund if a camp is cancelled by the school.
- You will receive a refund if you notify Countryside at least **three** weeks prior to the beginning of the camp that you must cancel.

What to bring: Please bring a water bottle and your own snack for midmorning break.

How to register: Fill out the enrollment form. Return the form to the school with your tuition.

Questions? Please call the school 217.355.1253



Beginning June 5:



Crazy for Eric Carle

Grade: entering Kindergarten and 1st grade

Instructor: Arin Cox

June 5 – 9 9 a.m. – noon

Watch the works of Eric Carle come alive as we explore his vividly illustrated picture books! We'll roll up our sleeves in the kitchen while exploring *Pancakes, Pancakes!* We'll investigate some of the animals featured in Eric Carle's most popular works, such as *The Mixed-Up Chameleon*, and we'll create unique illustrations in the style of this beloved author/illustrator.



Fondant and Butter Cream Story Characters

Grade: entering 2nd – 4th grade

Instructor: Eileen Chen

June 5 – 9 9 a.m. – noon

Let's use our favorite story characters to decorate our sweet treats! Through practice and patience, students will learn the proper use of decorating tools and will create these from scratch – pandas, dogs, bears, unicorns, and other characters.

Each day students will make one surprise treat and share it with their family. In addition, students will apply their creativity to decorate a summer cake for their family at the end. Imagine the fun you'll have bringing your favorite characters to life on your sweet treats that you decorated yourself!



Around the World in 5 Days

Grade: entering 3rd and 4th grade

Instructor: Amena Saleem

June 5 – 9 9 a.m. – noon

If you are interested in visiting different countries worldwide, then this camp is for you! In just five days, you can visit five different countries! We will be making some crafts, STEM, and art projects related to each country. Students will get messy and use their creativity while building their understanding of cultures around the world. Get ready for adventure!



Beginning June 12 or 13:



There's a New Restaurant in Town

Grade: entering 3rd – 5th grade

Instructor: Arin Cox

June 12 - 16 9 a.m. - noon

Did you hear the news? There is a new restaurant in town and it's opening right here at our very own Countryside School!

Throughout the week the students (owners) will be HARD at work building the restaurant, painting walls, decorating, and planning and designing the menu. The kids will also be learning how to wait tables, take orders, total bills, make change, and even figure out a suggested tip.

You are invited: Friday morning, the restaurant will open for business and your family and friends will come to dine at our restaurant. It will look and operate just like a real restaurant. You will be the customer, and your child will be in charge of it all!

Note: The secret to this summer school is that it is math based. Every day your child will be faced with real life math problems as they practice their skills taking orders, figuring bills, and making change. They have so much fun taking orders on their own little order pads that they don't even know they are "working" on math skills.



Put on a Musical! – with Class Act

Grade: entering 3rd – 8th grade

Instructor: Jaclyn Loewenstein and guest instructors

June 12 – June 23 9 a.m. – noon

This camp runs nine days at a total cost of \$315.

No camp is held on Monday, June 19 in honor of the Juneteenth federal holiday.

For students who love to sing, act and dance, this camp is your opportunity to take the stage! Join the fun as we rehearse and perform a musical theatre production (title TBA!) with featured roles and solos for everyone. *This camp is designed for enthusiastic, motivated theatre students with previous experience in acting, voice and/or dance.*

You are invited: Our musical will be performed for family and friends at 11am on Friday, June 23, with a second performance that evening (time TBD).

Special requirements:

- Instructor invitation or audition is required for participation.
Email: director@classactchampaign.com for consideration.



- All students will receive music via Google Drive and scripts to get familiar with in mid-May.
- Students cast in principal roles may require some additional rehearsal time after camp hours.
- Parents may be asked to help supply simple costume pieces.

Registration: This camp requires registering with both Class Act and Countryside.

- Complete the Class Act registration on [active.com](https://www.active.com) once your child has received instructor approval.
- Payment and additional registration managed by Countryside School: [Enrollment Form](#)



Pokémon

Grade: entering 5th – 7th grade

Instructor: Amber Barker

June 12 - 16 9 a.m. - noon

Calling all Pokémon fans entering grades 5 through 7! If you like Pokémon, or want to learn more about playing, this camp is for you! Students will learn about move effectiveness, strategy, conditions, and how to use counters while they learn to play. They will also learn about the evolution of Pokémon and about the different types

of Pokémon. Campers will get to make Pokémon related crafts, treats, and of course play Pokémon! Feel free to bring your Pokémon cards, we will have some starter decks available to play with, but we will also have special sharing times. No cards will be traded or exchanged.



Advanced Cake Decoration:

Sugar Paste Flowers & Buttercream Design

Grade: entering 5th – 9th grades

Instructor: Eileen Chen

June 13 - 16 9 a.m. – noon (does not meet on June 12)

This camp runs Tuesday – Friday and has a special supply fee.

The camp cost is \$180.

**Camp
Cancelled**

Have you taken Countryside's Sugar Paste class previously and want to upgrade your skills? Have you ever wanted to make sugar paste flowers in a vase? Now you can join our summer camp to make your own cakes in just one week.

As experienced cake decorators, we'll guide you through every step of the process, from learning how to make the cake design utilizing hand-eye coordination to paying attention to details while making the flowers. During the camp, you'll review the basics of gum paste, leaf making, Calla lily, mimosa, magnolia, and roses. We'll also make a fun succulent buttercream cake in the end, so you can show off your newly acquired skills to your family and friends.

Note: The cost for this camp includes a supply fee.



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Beginning June 20:



Exploring China: Language, Culture & Cuisine

Grade: entering 2nd – 4th grade

Instructor: Eileen Chen

June 20 - 23 9 a.m. – noon

This camp runs for four days at a total cost of \$160

No camp on Monday, June 19 in honor of Juneteenth

Explore the wonders of China as we take you on a virtual tour of four different regions where you'll learn how to make local Chinese dishes. Our camp is designed to immerse you in the language, culture, and cuisine of China through a variety of fun and engaging activities. Each day, you'll learn basic Chinese phrases and practice speaking Chinese as you immerse yourself in the culture of different regions of China. You'll also explore the rich history and culture of China through interactive lessons and cultural activities.

You'll also try out your culinary skills as you learn how to make local Chinese dishes from each region that we visit. You'll sample the food as you learn about the cultural significance of different dishes. Through the fun activities, you'll apply your Travel Chinese learning and engage yourself in different attractions in China. Imagine the joy of learning how to make traditional Chinese dishes while discovering the history and culture of this fascinating country.

Camp Half Blood



Demigod in Training

Camp Half Blood

Grade: entering 4th – 8th grade

Instructor: Jeannette Hulick

June 20 - 23 9 a.m. – noon

This camp runs for four days at a total cost of \$160

No camp on Monday, June 19 in honor of the Juneteenth

Do you have “unusual” skills? Have you always suspected that your parents were hiding something about your past? Do you feel a strong connection to Greek mythology? If you believe that you, like Percy Jackson, may in fact be a demigod, you will want to join us at Camp Half Blood this summer.

We will learn all about Greek mythology and culture, make shields and swords, practice our monster-fighting abilities, play training games (lava climbing wall, anyone?), and maybe even dig for artifacts from our ancestors’ lives. If you’re ready to claim your mythological heritage and wear your orange T-shirt (provided) with pride, join us in our quest to save the world!



Beginning June 26 :



Benches: A Construction & Service Experience

Grades: entering 6th – 9th grades or with consent of instructor

Instructor: Chris Antonsen

June 26 – 30 9 a.m. – noon

Benches campers will learn planning, construction techniques, and tool safety while creating something significant and lasting for Countryside. Working with serious tools, participants will roll up their sleeves and create up to six permanent benches. The finished pieces on school grounds will benefit students, teachers, and guests for years.

Under close supervision, campers will construct sturdy benches from raw materials and cement them into place by camp's end. Among the tools they'll use are tape measure and square, hammer, hand saw, circular saw, sander, power drill, socket wrench, level, spade, and post hole digger. The finishing touch for each bench will be mounting a small plate with every contributor's name etched onto it.

This hands-on camp will give participants new skills and satisfaction and will create long-desired additional outdoor seating. Materials are paid for with a generous gift from the family of a 2021 Countryside graduate.

Note: Participants must be willing to work and follow strict instructions. Campers attending Countryside Middle School in 2023-24 may receive service credit.

Beginning July 10 :



Footprints: A Champaign-Urbana Walkabout

Grades: entering 6th – 9th grade or with consent of instructor

Instructor: Chris Antonsen

July 10 – 14 9 a.m. – noon

Camp Filled

This camp is return-camper friendly but may include one or more stops visited in the past several years. We will hit the road by foot and MTD bus to check out cool things in Champaign-Urbana and learn how to use a fantastic public transportation system.

Our five-morning trek will send us digging into local history, wondering at architecture, finding the local arts scene, visiting cool institutions and businesses,



and getting to know our town even better. Students should be ready to hit the road no matter what the weather is – a little rain will not stall our adventure.

Note: We will visit one special restaurant for a late breakfast or early lunch together. Campers will need to bring \$10-15 on that day. We may begin earlier or end later on some days due to the use of public transportation around town. Mr. A. will provide participants and parents with details on a daily basis.

