

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP



2026

CAMP CATALOG

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Welcome to Highlands Summer Camp

Open June 1st–July 24th, 2026

(No camp on June 19th or June 29th–July 3rd)

Highlands School's Higher Degree of Learning does not end when the school year is over. We offer a quality summer program as well. Highlands Summer Camp offers challenging activities, talented teachers and the great variety that you have come to expect from Highlands School. Camp is open to students entering Pre-Kindergarten through the 8th grade, regardless of the school they attend during the school year. At Highlands, we offer unique opportunities, some specifically tailored to your child's age group. All camps indicate the grade the child will be attending in the fall. We strive to offer camps and activities that will enable your child to continue to learn while having a great time!

Hours

9:00am–12:00pm	Morning camps
12:00pm–1:00pm	Lunch Bunch*
1:00pm–4:00pm	Afternoon camps
9:00am–4:00pm	Full day camps
7:30am–9:00am	Early Care
4:00pm–6:00pm	After Care

** (If you have a morning enrichment camp and an afternoon enrichment camp)*

Enrichment Camps

Our Enrichment Camps include active, artistic, academic, and just plain fun choices. Please look through the catalog for camp descriptions, ages and dates. Please also note the times each camp begins and ends.

- Morning Enrichment
Camps: 9:00am–12:00pm
- Full Day Enrichment
Camps: 9:00am–4:00pm
- Afternoon Enrichment
Camp: 1:00pm–4:00pm

LUNCH IS INCLUDED IN ALL FULL DAY CAMPS

Traditional Day Camp

Do you need care for the summer? We also offer Traditional Day Camp for 4K through 8th grade.

Seekers	4K & 5K
Trailblazers	1 st & 2 nd grades
Pioneer	3 rd & 4 th grades
Explorers	5 th –8 th grades

- Enjoy weekly themes
- Water play days (Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting)
- Movie days
- Outdoor play time
- Daily STEM, art, and sports activities
- Traditional Day Camp is planned and led by experienced summer camp staff. **Lunch is included regardless of TDC option.**
- Full Day - 9:00am–4:00pm: Cost: \$360.00 per week
- Morning Only (When paired with an afternoon enrichment camp) - 9:00am–1:00pm:
 - Cost: \$210.00 per week
- Afternoon Only (When paired with a morning enrichment) - 12:00pm–4:00pm:
 - Cost: \$210.00 per week.

General Information

Fees, Cancellations and Refunds

Camp fees are due in full at the time of registration. Camp cancellations must be received two full weeks prior to the beginning date of camp and must be done so in writing/by email to the camp director. **Cancellations made less than two weeks prior to a camp start date will not be refunded or credited.** We cannot “transfer” campers to a different camp. If Highlands must cancel a camp due to low enrollment, we will let you know at least a full week prior to camp starting and we can apply a credit or a refund can be issued. Visa and MasterCard are the accepted credit cards. If you have any questions/concerns about payment, please contact the director. **There is a \$20 administrative fee for ANY changes made to registration.**

Camp Fees

Fees for Enrichment Camps, Readiness Camps and Traditional Day Camps are listed on the Highlands School [Website](https://www.highlandsschool.org/student-life/summer-camp). You may also type in the link <https://www.highlandsschool.org/student-life/summer-camp>.

Required Forms

Each camper must complete mandatory forms online. These include household, camper info, and medical form. Please make us aware of any major health issues and dietary restrictions.

Camp T-shirts

Don't forget to order a camp t-shirt this year! Remember, all t-shirt orders must be received by **April 26th**. T-shirts are not mandatory.

Full Day Care

If you are in need of full day care, we have some full day Enrichment camps as well as full day Traditional Day camp offered each week. You may also pair a morning enrichment camp with the afternoon Traditional Day. We also offer extended hours. See previous page.

Drop-off and Pick-up

We are located at 4901 Old Leeds Road, Birmingham, AL 35213. We will send out procedures for drop-off and pick-up closer to camp start.

Extended Day Care

We encourage you to sign-up in advance (at the same time as you register for camp) for our Extended Day Program so that we can better plan for staffing needs. Morning care is available from 7:30am–9:00am (\$50/ week). Afternoon care is available from 4:00pm–6:00pm (\$60/week). *Campers signed in more than 15 minutes before camp begins or signed out more than 15 minutes after camp ends will be entered into the Extended Day Care program and parents will incur a **drop-in fee (\$15 per hour)**.*

Lunch

All full day camps include lunch. Campers are also welcome to bring their own lunch. Only campers staying all day will have lunch.

General Information

What to Bring/Not Bring?

- A refillable water bottle filled before arriving at camp. (Please label with first AND last name).
- For rising 4K-K: Change of clothes in a Ziploc bag (labeled with your child's name).
- Please wear playground appropriate shoes and clothes (no sandals/flip-flops, crocs, or boots of any kind).
- Sunscreen - Please apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at camp. If a second application is needed, please provide sunscreen that is clearly marked with your child's full name. We will remind students to reapply sunscreen after lunch if they are staying all day. We are glad to assist your child as long as you indicate that on the medical waiver.
- Electronics-Campers should not bring electronics with them to camp. Video games, laptops, cell phones, and cameras are not allowed at camp. The only exception to this is when needed specifically for a certain camp (as indicated by instructor). In those cases, electronic devices can be used during camp time ONLY and then stored in his/her backpack or bag.
- Traditional Day campers should bring sunscreen, bathing suit and towel on water days. We will remain on campus for water play days.
- Label, Label, Label - Please label all of your child's things with his/her full name.
- Please no toys, including electronic devices (unless specified by camp instructor)!

Photography

During camp, your child's photograph may be taken and possibly posted to our summer camp webpage. These photos may also be used in future Highlands Summer Camp publications, social media promotions or advertisements. We do not plan to publish children's names with their photos.

Camper Grades: *The grades in the descriptions for the camps are the grade the student will be going into in the Fall.*

Please be aware of the grade requirements for each camp; they are listed in each camp description. Your camper may not be accepted to the camp if they do not meet the grade requirements.



Enrichment Camps: Week 1 (June 1st–5th)

Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Acting Exploration

Taught by Red Mountain Theatre

Grades: K–2nd

Highlands School Summer Camp proudly welcomes Red Mountain Theatre in Acting Exploration! This class encourages spontaneity, creativity, and fun. Students learn basic acting tools and techniques through ensemble building games, scene work, and monologue work. This process-based class is filled with PLAY and serves as a wonderful introduction to theatre for young people. This class will culminate in a show-and-tell performance for friends and family. All classes are taught by a Red Mountain Theatre Teaching Artist. Teaching Artists are practicing theater artists who are background-checked and committed to teaching young people through the arts. This class is best suited for students in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade.

American Girl™ Doll Camp

Taught by Angela DeMarco

Grades: K–3rd

Are you an American Girl™ at heart? If so, join Ms. Angela DeMarco, bring your favorite American Girl™ doll (or another favorite doll), and enjoy a summer camp that is perfect for you! This camp will be filled with crafts, games, dance parties, and fashion shows. All of course, centered around your favorite American Girl™ Doll! Learn more about your favorite dolls: their hobbies, their interests, and their stories! Crafts will include making different accessories and items for you and your doll to enjoy! We will all have fun getting comfy for an end of the week American Girl™ movie party complete with popcorn and pajamas! No need to have a doll, but bring one if you do, along with any other American Girl™ Doll things you might have. You do not want to miss out on this!

Chess Camp

Taught by Dr. David Brooks of The Knight School

Grades: K–8th

Chess Coach David Brooks, Ph.D., and his team lead this high-intensity chess program at Highlands. The class will include serious chess instruction, daily puzzles for candy, a belt system (white, yellow, black-like in Karate) to reward advancement in chess, and of course exciting clock-controlled chess competition. Coach Brooks' teams bring an excitement, energy and sense of humor to chess that is truly unique.

Enrichment Camps: Week 1 (June 1st–5th)

Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Clay & Play

Taught by Helga Mendoza

Grades: K–6th

Clay and Play is a camp designed to encourage students to learn not only ceramic techniques but also concepts across the curriculum through play and fellowship. Campers will improve their motor skills while they experiment with building mazes, roller coasters, and buildings. Other projects include animals, pots, and masks. This camp is for all levels of expertise and ages. All of the work will be done with air-dry clay. Taught by Highlands School Art teacher, Helga Mendoza.

Karate

Taught by Sensei Roy Woodard of JIKC Karate

Grades: K–8th

Japan International Karate Center is a step-by-step training program guided by the moral principles of traditional Japanese Karate, which allows you to develop your human potential in body, mind, and spirit. Enjoy the benefits of discipline, physical fitness, concentration, self-awareness, relaxation, and self-confidence that training at the JIKC can offer. The purpose of JIKC training is “Not to conquer others, but to conquer the weaknesses within oneself.” Belt exam on Friday. Exam fee included in camp costs (some exceptions may apply).

LEGO® Camp

Taught by Sarah Engel

Grades: 4K–1st

Join Highlands’ Third Grade teacher, Ms. Sarah Engel for a camp tailored for rising 4K and 1st grade campers only. Does your child like to play with LEGO® bricks? How about scavenger hunts and playing games? Then join Ms. Sarah for these and other exciting activities using LEGO® bricks. Children will have fun playing with LEGO® bricks while at the same time learning to think critically and problem solve. Communication skills like listening, articulation, and confidence will be practiced in conjunction with creativity.



Magic of Science

Taught by Lou Phillips

Grades: 1st–5th

Come explore mysteries in science using games, experiments, and STEM challenges. Your camper will get to build, create, and solve some of the challenges along the way. Other activities include predicting and testing ideas. Taught by Highlands School Second Grade teacher, Mr. Lou Phillips.

Enrichment Camps: Week 1 (June 1st–5th)

Afternoon Enrichment Camps 1:00pm–4:00pm

Make a Craft and Eat It Too

Taught by Amy Pruett

Grades: 3rd–8th

Get crafty this summer! Campers will use their creativity as they make crafts throughout the week. Many of the crafts will be edible snacks!

Crafty Creations

Taught by Angela DeMarco

Grades: K–2nd

🎨 Unleash Creativity at Our "Crafty Creations" Summer Camp! ☀️

This summer, let your child's imagination run wild at our "Crafty Creations" Summer Camp, where fun and creativity come together in a world of art and hands-on projects with Ms. Angela Demarco!

- 🖌️ Creative Workshops: From painting to DIY crafts, your little artist will explore a variety of exciting art forms.
- 🎨 Craft Days: Each day brings a new project.
- ✂️ Hands-On Learning: Kids will learn essential crafting skills in a fun, supportive environment.
- 🎭 Imaginative Play: Interactive games and storytelling sessions inspire kids to think outside the box.
- 🚫 Spots Are Limited—Register Now!

Give your child the gift of an unforgettable summer filled with art, laughter, and new friends. Don't wait—our "Crafty Creations" camp is sure to fill up fast!



Enrichment Camps: Week 1 (June 1st–5th)

Full Day Enrichment Camps 9:00am–4:00pm (Includes Lunch)

Gross Out

Taught by Verna Gates of Fresh Air Family

Grades: 1st–4th

If it's Icky, Sticky, Slimy and FUN—It's Gross Out Camp

Slimy salamanders, slugs, bugs and roly polies are all found as campers explore their world through hands-on field biology. It's the kind of learning that kids thrive in – hands-on, in-motion and at a child's pace. Gross Out Camp, a program of Fresh Air Family, is an award-winning science camp. As we say—"It's science, but please don't tell the kids."

Campers explore the campus as science is delivered in the icky, sticky elements of nature. We will be on the trail, performing science experiments and having fun. On that trail we have found a praying mantis egg sack, leaf-footed bugs and yellow-spotted millipedes - so many discoveries. No screens allowed! Just the biggest playground (classroom)—the Great Outdoors. The Gross Out Camp guarantee is tired, dirty children. INCLUDES LUNCH.



Enrichment Camps: Week 2 (June 8th–12th)

Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

AI Media Training for Littles: AI Investigators

Taught by Richard Stern

Grades: 3rd–5th

Step into the role of a new detective who will need to solve their very first case by the end of the week. The catch? Evidence has been muddled by videos and reports that *could* be generated by artificial intelligence (AI). Luckily, the tools for identifying when images, videos, and text will be taught to these young investigators throughout the week before they make their final decision: to proceed with pressing charges or saying the evidence is unsubstantiated.

Dino Camp

Taught by Sarah Creveling

Grades: 4K–1st

Calling all dino lovers! Come explore the fascinating world of dinosaurs! A fun, engaging week for your paleontologists to experience and learn about their favorite dinosaurs through stories, crafts, art, songs, games, puzzles, and play. Build your own volcano, hunt for dinosaur bones and fossils, do science experiments and more as we travel through time to discover a land of the lost. Many new adventures for those who have come previously. Taught by career-long Early Childhood Education teacher and Highlands EDP counselor, Ms. Sarah Creveling.

Harry Potter Camp AM

Taught by Lou Phillips

Grades: 2nd–5th

ATTENTION - ALL HARRY POTTER LOVERS! Your presence is requested for a spellbinding summer camp filled with fun. Join us for a magical time as we construct wizarding wands, hold a quidditch tournament, and hunt for horcruxes! Highlands' own sorting hat will decide your house fate. You'll be able to challenge your friends' Harry Potter knowledge in the trivia competition, and improve your wizarding skills in our spell class, potion class, and flying class! We will also search around Highlands for lost owls from Eeylops Owl Emporium! You may wear wizard attire, or – if you prefer – dress in the muggle manner. Join Highlands' teacher Mr. Lou Phillips, and don't miss out on this amazing wizarding adventure! This camp is also offered in the afternoon.

Highlands Birding Camp

Taught by Rachel Nelson

Grades: 3rd–5th

This exciting camp is designed for elementary students who are eager to explore the fascinating world of birds! Learn the basics of bird watching, including how to use binoculars, field guides, and apps to identify birds. Plus, we will engage in hands-on activities like building a bird house and using tools to mimic a variety of bird beaks. Join us for a week filled with adventure, discovery, and a deeper appreciation for our feathered friends. Whether you're a budding ornithologist or just curious about the natural world, the Highlands Birding Camp is the perfect place to spread your wings and soar!

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Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

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Puppy Camp

Taught by Angela DeMarco

Grades: K–3rd

Are you ready for a pawsome summer adventure?! Get ready to meet new friends, learn about our furry friends, and have lots of fun at Puppy Camp! We will be spending our days learning about different breeds of dogs, playing games, and doing crafts. This fun-filled camp is designed specifically for kids who love dogs and puppies. Our program is packed with thrilling activities that will keep your campers entertained, engaged, and learning throughout this camp! Taught by Highlands teacher, Ms. Angela DeMarco.

Soccer Camp

Taught by Challenger Sports

Grades: K–8th

USA'S SMALL-SIDED. FRANCE'S POSSESSION. BRAZIL'S CREATIVITY. BRITAIN'S SPEED, POWER & FITNESS. SPAIN'S PASSING & MOVING.

Challenger's International Soccer Camp is the combination of the most popular training sessions from the world's top soccer nations: Brazil, England, France, Spain, and the U.S.! Sessions will be led by a team of experienced international coaches and will be integrated with Challenger's iChallenge training app, which will help players develop skills and creativity.

Taylor Swift Camp

Taught by Jill Garrett

Grades: K–2nd

Calling all Swifties! This camp is where you can come and learn more about the global superstar that is Taylor Swift. From her humble country roots to filling stadiums with her sing-along pop hits. We will listen to Taylor's Version (CLEAN) songs, We will make friendship bracelets, and we will make a BFF t-shirt just like the one she wears in her video of the song, "You belong with me." Your camper will leave confidently knowing all things T-Swift! Taught by Ms. Jill Garrett.

Enrichment Camps: Week 2 (June 8th–12th)

Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Social-Emotional Learning Through Theatre

Taught by Red Mountain Theatre

Grades: 3rd–5th

Red Mountain Theatre presents Social-Emotional Learning through Theatre (SEL).

This program teaches Social-Emotional Learning concepts through the use of creative drama, storytelling, and literature. Students step into the worlds of different characters while learning to experience emotions in the body. Students will also learn self-awareness skills to identify their own emotions and those of others while using regulation techniques to successfully process through these emotions. Students will learn introductory theatre concepts like confidence, teamwork, creativity, and communication through the use of games, improvisation, reading, writing, dancing, music, and more.

Volleyball Camp

Taught by Jordyn Box

Grades: 1st–4th

Join Volleyball Coach, Jordyn Box, for a week full of volleyball skills. Throughout the week, we will start at the basics and work our way through playing as a team, playing games, and learning more advanced skills such as digging, setting, hitting, and both under and overhand serving. It will be a great way to prepare your child for the upcoming Volleyball season!



Enrichment Camps: Week 2 (June 8th–12th)

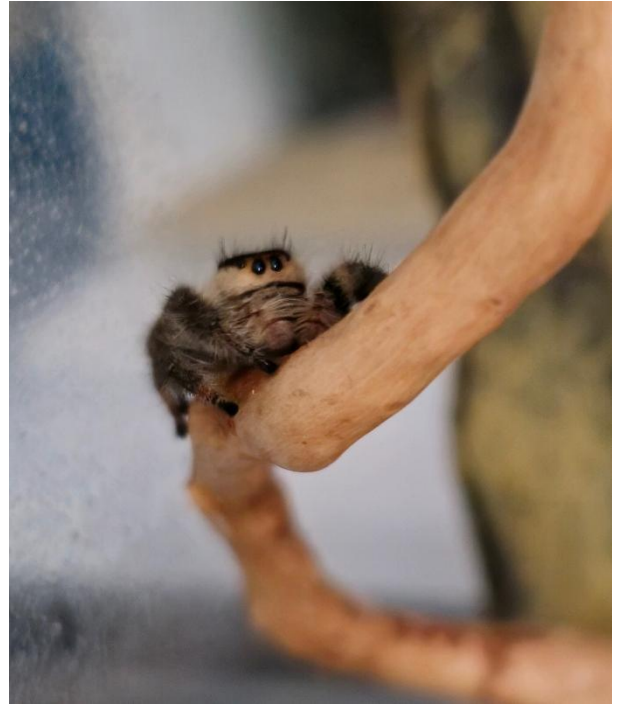
Afternoon Enrichment Camps 1:00pm–4:00pm

Crawly Club

Taught by Zoë Schumann

Grades: K–2nd

Do you love bugs, insects, or all things that crawl? Then this camp might be for you! Join Highlands EDP Counselor Ms. Zoë Schumann as she delves into the world of insects and other small invertebrates. Meet these fascinating animals up close with different crawly creatures being brought in every day of the camp. We will perform scientific experiments, do arts and crafts, play games, and learn all about these often overlooked and underappreciated animals!



Harry Potter Camp PM

Taught by Lou Phillips

Grades: 2nd–5th

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Volleyball Camp

Taught by Jordyn Box

Grades: 5th–8th

Join Volleyball Coach, Jordyn Box, for a week full of volleyball skills. Throughout the week, we will start at the basics and work our way through playing as a team, playing games, and learning more advanced skills such as digging, setting, hitting, and both under and overhand serving. It will be a great way to prepare your child for the upcoming Volleyball season!

Enrichment Camps: Week 2 (June 8th–12th)

Full Day Enrichment Camps 9:00am–4:00pm (Includes Lunch)

Counselor-In-Training (CIT)

Taught by Tynley Baker

Grades: 7th–11th

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program at Highlands enables middle and high school students to develop leadership skills in a comfortable atmosphere. Interested students entering grades 7th–11th will learn what it takes to be a counselor in our summer program and enhance their leadership skills. CIT campers learn how to work with children in a summer camp environment and obtain first-aid and CPR certification. Space in CIT Leadership Camp is limited to 20 students. The CIT application period is open through April, and 20 candidates will be accepted by mid-May. Lunch and a summer camp t-shirt are included. Non-refundable application fee of \$20. Once accepted, you will be charged the remaining fee of \$360.00. Taught by Highlands School Librarian, Ms. Tynley Baker. Cost: \$20.00 Initial Application Fee; once accepted, \$360.00. **INCLUDES LUNCH.**



Following training, CITs will be matched with Highlands summer camps as Junior Counselors based on camp needs, volunteer interest, and availability. We request that the successful CIT camper volunteer at Highlands Summer Camp for at least one week. New Junior Counselors must register for the weeks they would like to volunteer.

Stop Motion Movie Camp

Taught by Helga Mendoza

Grades: 2nd–6th

Stop motion is a powerful animation technique that makes static objects appear to be moving. Campers will use stop motion apps to create simple two-dimensional and/or three dimensional animations using Legos, Clay, and drawings. They will also be able to define the concepts of placement, framing, direction, speed, and storytelling. This camp teaches ways to link the fields of ART, DESIGN, and DIGITAL technology. Hands-on art exercises and games will help students improve their computer skills and creativity. Taught by Highlands School Art teacher, Helga Mendoza. **INCLUDES LUNCH.**

Enrichment Camps: Week 3 (June 15th–18th)

(This is a four-day week – NO CAMP on Friday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth)

Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Dance Camp

Taught by Dance Connections

Grades: 4K–3rd

Get your camper movin' and groovin' in Dance Camp! Your camper will discover various forms of dance including ballet, tap, and more while learning choreography and performance skills. Dance campers will work together to develop rhythm and routine in a performance that will culminate at the end of the week. Taught by Lindsey Hull and her team from Dance Connections.

Camp Code AM

Taught by Tynley Baker

Grades: 4K–8th

Come on, let's Code! How many lines of code have you written? Are you ready to write some more? Never tried it, but want to? Students of all ages are welcome in Camp Code. Using a variety of age-appropriate online resources, and lots of visual programming, we will learn the fundamental concepts of computer science: conditionals, loops, abstraction, all while having fun, fun, fun! Campers will build community, explore computer programming, and see their ideas come to life on the screen. So register early, because we are bringing up a whole new generation of programmers! Full day option open to 3rd grade and up. Taught by Highlands School Librarian Ms. Tynley Baker.

Highlands Hoops Basketball Camp AM

Taught by Corey Glenn

Grades: K–3rd

Come learn basketball skills, compete, and have a great time at the Highlands Hoops Basketball Camp! Players will learn dribbling, passing, defense, shooting, movement, and of course, team play. Players will have a chance to play games and compete with an emphasis on sportsmanship! Taught by Highlands Middle School Basketball Coach, Corey Glenn. This camp is offered in the afternoon for grades 4th–8th.



Enrichment Camps: Week 3 (June 15th–18th)

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Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

I Love Art

Taught by Helga Mendoza

Grades: K–5th

Calling all artists! This camp is designed to provide a safe and creative place for young artists to experiment with various techniques and explore their interests. It will provide the tools and the space for campers to fully immerse themselves in painting, drawing, and sculpting projects. The projects will be flexible and open-ended so not all the results will be the same and the campers will be encouraged to work in groups. They will have a fantastic time making sculptures in clay, building robots, drawing their favorite superhero or princess, and sharing their love of art. So bring a friend and make some art! Taught by Highlands School Art Teacher, Ms. Helga Mendoza.

Little Bookworms Camp

Taught by JeanAnn Dupree

Grades: 1st

Welcome to a young readers & writers club, a fun-filled week where stories come to life! Designed especially for rising first graders, this camp builds confidence and excitement around reading and writing through play, creativity, and imagination.

Each day, campers will enjoy read-aloud stories, word games, and gentle writing activities that help them explore letters, sounds, and simple sentences. Children will create their own mini books, act out stories, and share their ideas in a supportive, joyful environment.

Our goal is to help young learners see themselves as readers and writers while having fun, making friends, and getting excited for first grade!

Little Sous Chefs

Taught by Mallory Richardson

Grades: 4K–2nd

Little Sous Chef allows students to engage in hands-on activities that develop their beginning cooking skills while following the steps of a recipe start to finish. Students are introduced to a wide variety of kitchen appliances, as well as taught how to use a variety of kitchen measurement tools. At the end of each lesson, the children are able to enjoy eating their creations.



Enrichment Camps: Week 3 (June 15th–18th)

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Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Mission Quest

Taught by Sarah Engel

Grades: 2nd–4th

Does your child love solving mysteries, playing games, and thinking outside the box? Then Mission Quest Camp is the place to be! Campers will participate in hands-on logic games, interactive scavenger hunts, and mini breakout room challenges designed to engage and challenge elementary students. Through teamwork and play, children will build problem-solving skills, practice communication, and strengthen critical thinking while having fun. Leadership, confidence, creativity, and perseverance will be encouraged in a supportive and engaging environment. Led by Highlands Third Grade Teacher, Sarah Engel.

Pioneer Plunge

Taught by Crystal Winslett

Grades: 1st–7th

The Pioneer Plunge experience introduces campers to daily life in Alabama in the 1800s. Campers will play historic games, make butter in a jar, wash clothes with a washing board, attend a one-room school, make ice cream with a hand-cranked churn, weave a basket, and more! Be sure to include any allergies your camper may have when enrolling. Taught by Highlands 4th/5th grade Social Studies teacher, Ms. Crystal Winslett.

Science Scouts

Taught by Danielle Gambino

Grades: 4K–2nd

Join us for a week of science fun where we will explore different topics including space, dinosaurs, density, cause and effect and other scientific ideas! Our class is structured for tiny hands to dive right in helping children bridge the gap between ideas and practices. Creating these hands-on experiments help children learn through play and encourage communication and spatial thinking. Using your hands to learn has been proven to be impactful on a child's learning experience, and they love it because it is fun!



Enrichment Camps: Week 3 (June 15th–18th)

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Afternoon Enrichment Camps 1:00pm–4:00pm

Camp Code PM

Taught by Tynley Baker

Grades: 4K–8th

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Highlands Hoops Basketball Camp PM

Taught by Corey Glenn

Grades: 4th–8th

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Pokémon Club PM

Taught by Helga Mendoza

Grades: K–5th

Pokémon fans, this is your camp! This camp is designed to provide a safe and creative place for Pokémon fans to meet and share their love and knowledge of the game. Some of the activities are a scavenger Pokémon hunt, stop motion Pokémon animations, modeling clay sculptures, and of course time to share cards and play the game. Taught by Highlands School Art Teacher, Ms. Helga Mendoza.



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Full Day Enrichment Camps 9:00am–4:00pm (Includes Lunch)

Camp Code FD

Taught by Tynley Baker

Grades: 3rd–8th

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Enrichment Camps: Week 4 (June 22nd–26th)

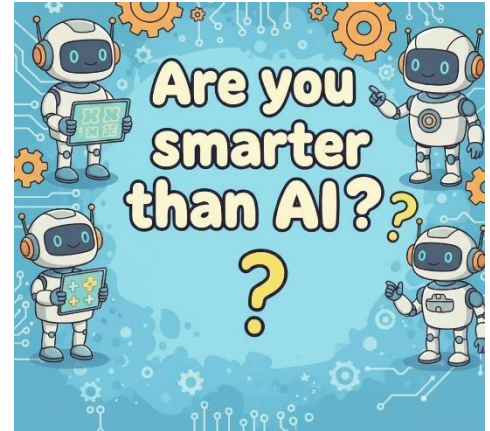
Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

AI Media Training for Middles: Digital Forensics

Taught by Richard Stern

Grades: 5th–8th

Step into the role of a social media recruiter. In this camp, the principles and social impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) will be explored as well as an explanation of the tools and skills needed to identify AI in images, text, and videos. The week will conclude with “hiring” an artist based on viewing a fake and real artist’s portfolio.



Abstract Painting

Taught by Bob Carr

Grades: K–5th

Learn the basics of abstract art painting. Bob Carr is a local Birmingham artist with 25+ years in the art community. Each day we will learn an exciting new technique in Abstract Art and how to apply them in your paintings! All art supplies will be provided by the instructor.

Archery

Taught by Erin Williams

Grades: 4th–8th

Join Highlands Physical Education Teacher, Ms. Erin Williams, in this exciting camp where campers will learn the sport of archery, an art that has been practiced through the ages all around the world! For all skill levels, from beginner to advanced, campers will go through one week of fun, games and competition to improve their shooting skills and learn range safety. Step up to the challenge of tribute training as we train like Katniss Everdeen. Be a superhero for the day like Hawkeye from the Avengers. And join the ranks of other archers in history, such as Robin Hood and his merry men (and women)! The week culminates with campers testing their skills at the Archery Olympic Games.

Chess Camp

Taught by Dr. David Brooks of The Knight School

Grades: K–8th

Join Chess Coach David Brooks and his team of professionals for a week of intensive chess instruction designed to target beginning and intermediate players. The week will consist of daily tournaments using state-of-the-art electronic chess clocks, and special summer belts earned as students move up in ability. As parents of enrolled students will attest, Daily Puzzlers, Toast Games (in which Coach demonstrates the level of ferocity that should characterize every attack), and the liberal distribution of candy for correct answers combine to generate a fun, competitive environment in the classroom.

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Creative Corner Camp

Taught by Ms. Eve Espy

Grades: 1st–5th

Join Ms. Espy this summer for a creative, hands-on Craft Camp for rising 1st–5th graders! We'll paint, decorate, and design a variety of projects. Each day brings new materials, easy step-by-step instruction, and plenty of time for students to explore their own ideas.

- Activities: Painting, collage, decorating, upcycled crafts, and more
- Goals: Build fine motor skills, boost creativity, and have fun in a supportive, relaxed environment
- What to bring: Smock or old shirt, water bottle.

Sign up today and let's make a summer full of color and creativity!

Fairy Camp

Taught by Lindsey Scoggins

Grades: K–4th

Join Ms. Lindsey's Camp where we will do all things fairy! We will build our very own fairy garden to take home. We will use a lot of natural elements around to build our fairy garden. We will do face painting, dress up in our fairy wings, and even get magical fairy hair! We will read fairy books and dive into the magnificent world of fairies. Please remember there are boy fairies too, so this camp is open to all genders. Taught by Ms. Lindsey Scoggins.



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Taught by TeNikka Roberts

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Taught by Highlands School Middle School Teacher, Ms. TeNikka Roberts

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Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Play, Scribble, Write (4K Preparatory Camp)

Taught by Angela DeMarco

Grades: 4K

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scribbling to music, finger painting and playing with play dough. They will also build letters with lines and curves while developing language, math and social skills. Of course, there will be time for snacks and some free play time as well. Pre-writing skills will be the focus but having fun working together will also emphasize cooperation and other social skills for this age group.



Science Scouts

Taught by Danielle Gambino

Grades: 4K–2nd

Join us for a week of science fun where we will explore different topics including space, dinosaurs, density, cause and effect and other scientific ideas! Our class is structured for tiny hands to dive right in helping children bridge the gap between ideas and practices. Creating these hands-on experiments help children learn through play and encourage communication and spatial thinking. Using your hands to learn has been proven to be impactful on a child's learning experience, and they love it because it is fun!

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Grades: K–8th

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Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Theatre For Kids

Taught by Charlotte Leffel

Grades: K–6th

Lights, Camera, Action! Come learn the basics of acting through fun scripts, rehearsals with costumes and props, creative movement, and more! This camp helps aspiring actors and actresses to excel in their craft and have a positive stage experience, while boosting their confidence and improving their speaking skills. This camp will culminate with a short performance showcasing students' talents. Taught by Highlands School Music Teacher, Charlotte Leffel.

Tiny Hands, Big Plans Camp

Taught by JeanAnn Dupree

Grades: K–1st

At Tiny Hands, Big Plans Camp, little campers strengthen their fine motor skills through fun, hands-on activities like crafting, cutting, gluing, building, drawing, and playful games. Designed especially for rising Kindergarten and 1st graders, this camp builds confidence, coordination, and creativity—while keeping kids laughing and engaged all week long!

Enrichment Camps: Week 4 (June 22nd–26th)

Afternoon Enrichment Camps 1:00pm–4:00pm

Class Piano for Beginners

Taught by Charlotte Leffel

Grades: K–2nd

Are you interested in learning how to play the piano? Join Highlands School Music and private piano teacher, Ms. Charlotte Leffel in this fun and lively camp! Whether this is an introduction to the piano or you would like to polish your skills, this is the camp for you!



Enrichment Camps: Week 4 (June 22nd–26th)

Full Day Enrichment Camps 9:00am–4:00pm (Includes Lunch)

Gaming 101

Taught by Tynley Baker

Grades: 3rd–8th

In Gaming 101 campers will use the fundamentals of computer programming to create original video games, animations, and interactive stories using the programming language SCRATCH. Scratch is a project of the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at MIT. Learning to use the powerful programming tools in Scratch helps kids think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively—all essential skills for life in the 21st century. Gaming 101 is a perfect follow-up and extension of Camp Code for rising 3rd graders and older. Taught by camp favorite, Tynley Baker. INCLUDES LUNCH.



Enrichment Camps: Week 5 (July 6th–10th)

Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Draw & Discover Camp

Taught by Danielle Spencer

Grades: K–2nd

Rising K–2nd graders will dive into great books and then follow fun, directed drawing lessons that connect reading and art in a fun, creative way. Perfect for building confidence, creativity, and lots of smiles!

Highlands Hoops Basketball Camp

Taught by Corey Glenn

Grades: K–2nd

Come learn basketball skills, compete, and have a great time at the Highlands Hoops Basketball Camp! Players will learn dribbling, passing, defense, shooting, movement, and of course, team play. Players will have a chance to play games and compete with an emphasis on sportsmanship! Taught by Highlands Middle School Basketball Coach Corey Glenn. This camp is offered in the afternoon for grades 4th–8th.



If You Build It, They Will Come

Taught by JeanAnn Dupree

Grades: K–2nd

Campers will enjoy lots of building activities using a variety of materials! We will build structures with wooden blocks, Legos, magnetic blocks, dominoes, plastic cups, straws, and foam shapes! Your camper will also learn about famous architecture around the world in this fun, interactive camp! Taught by Highlands School First Grade teacher, Ms. JeanAnn Dupree.

Karate

Taught by Sensei Roy Woodard of JIKC Karate

Grades: K–8th

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Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Keith Haring Pop Art

Taught by Bob Carr

Grades: 1st–8th

Do you love pop art? If so, you'll enjoy this camp with returning Highlands favorite Mr. Bob Carr. Campers will spend time learning about the art of American Pop artist Keith Haring. They will explore the pop art graffiti style of Keith Haring and will create mixed-media designs in the style of Mr. Haring. Don't miss out on this unique art camp!

Little Sous Chefs

Taught by Mallory Richardson

Grades: 4K–2nd

Little Sous Chef allows students to engage in hands-on activities that develop their beginning cooking skills while following the steps of a recipe start to finish. Students are introduced to a wide variety of kitchen appliances, as well as taught how to use a variety of kitchen measurement tools. At the end of each lesson, the children are able to enjoy eating their creations.

Pirates & Mermaids-Sea Adventure Creativity Camp

Taught by Ms. Sarah Creveling

Grades: K–2nd

Come set sail to a world of imagination on the open seas! A fun-filled week built on supporting and enhancing your child's creativity, curiosity, artistry and play acting. We will tell tall tales about sea monsters, pirates and mermaids. Act out stories in a real pirate ship with costumes, arts and crafts, puppets, puzzles, and music. They will meet Captain Barnacle, a retired pirate, who has an aquarium by the docks. Come learn about the sea creatures and fish he found. Taught by career-long Early Childhood Education teacher and Highlands EDP counselor, Ms. Sarah Creveling.

Thrilling Third!

Taught by Sarah Engel

Grades: 3rd

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Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Showtime Sing & Dance

Taught by Charlotte Leffel

Grades: K–6th

It's showtime! Come join Highlands School Music Teacher, Charlotte Leffel in this lively, fun-filled camp! In a combination of singing and dancing, students will use imaginative play with fun skits, costumes and props to foster and enhance their stage presence. Students will use teamwork to create a lively performance that will be showcased at the end of the camp.



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Afternoon Enrichment Camps 1:00pm–4:00pm

Highlands Hoops Basketball Camp

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Grades: 4th–8th

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Ukulele Camp

Taught by Ms. Charlotte Leffel

Grades: 2nd–8th

The Ukulele is a fun and engaging instrument—it's portable, fairly inexpensive, great for playing popular music, and fun to sing along with. Through musical games, movement, and singing, we'll develop our musicianship skills together. We'll work on chords and strumming and learn a few songs that are great for beginners. It's also a great primer for learning other stringed instruments. Whether you're a

beginner or already have a little experience, come join our friendly group classes! We will provide you with a Ukulele to play for camp if you do not have one of your own. Taught by Highlands School Music teacher, Ms. Charlotte Leffel.



Enrichment Camps: Week 5 (July 6th–10th)

Full Day Enrichment Camps 9:00am–4:00pm (Includes Lunch)

Camp Halfblood

Taught by Tynley Baker

Grades: 3rd–8th

Attention Demigods! Improve your chances of surviving - attend Camp Halfblood! Do strange things happen when you least expect them? Do you suspect some of your teachers are secretly monsters there to stalk only you? Are you fascinated by all things Greek and Roman? If you answered yes to any of these questions, one of your parents is probably an ancient god. Every demigod should join Percy Jackson for Camp Halfblood where children of the gods come together to play capture the flag, explore the gods' junkyard, encounter mythic monsters, and navigate the labyrinth. No claim is made that attending Camp Halfblood will guarantee your survival or that of your family if you draw the attention of monsters or anger the gods. Taught by Tynley Baker. Lunch included.



Enrichment Camps: Week 6 (July 13th–17th)

Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Advanced Volleyball

Camp Taught by Jordyn Box

Grades: 5th–8th

Join Volleyball Coach, Jordyn Box, for a week full of in-depth volleyball skills along with exploring more of the game. We will look at different types of defenses, learning how to block, and how to expand your skills. This will be a great lead into the start of the school volleyball season.

BEACH Camp! Our 10th Year

Taught by Ms. Sarah Creveling

Grades: K–2nd

Take a trip to the beach with us on our 10th year anniversary of this popular summer camp experience. Engage the creative, artistic, explorative side of your child as we discover the wonders of the Gulf Coast. Learn about the sand, shells, Alabama seacoast birds, oysters, shrimp and fish. Using the beach as our canvas, create with sand, and shells. Read books about this fascinating ecosystem and make your own book. Act out stories with puppets, play with all types of sharks, sea creatures, and ships, puzzles and games. Many sun and fun experiments! Plus, we end the week with an exciting Beach Party! Taught by career-long Early Childhood Education teacher and Highlands EDP counselor, Ms. Sarah Creveling.

Dance Camp

Taught by Dance Connections

Grades: 4K–3rd

Get your camper movin' and groovin' in Dance Camp! Your camper will discover various forms of dance including ballet, tap, and more while learning choreography and performance skills. Dance campers will work together to develop rhythm and routine in a performance that will culminate at the end of the week. Taught by Lindsey Hull and her team from Dance Connections.



Fairy Camp

Taught by Jill Garrett

Grades: K–4th

Join Ms. Jill's Fairy Camp where we will do all things fairy! We will build our very own fairy garden to take home. We will use a lot of natural elements around to build our fairy garden. We will do face painting, dress up in our fairy wings, and even get magical fairy hair! We will read fairy books and dive into the magnificent world of fairies. Please remember there are boy fairies too so this camp is open to all genders. Taught by Ms. Jill Garrett.

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Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

First Grade Tech Stars

Taught by JeanAnn Dupree

Grades: 1st

At First Grade Tech Stars Camp, kids shine as they discover how to use Chromebooks in fun and meaningful ways! Campers will learn basic skills like logging in, using the mouse and keyboard, opening apps, and practicing digital responsibility through games, stories, and guided activities. With plenty of movement breaks and hands-on fun, kids build confidence with technology in a supportive, kid-friendly environment!

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The Magic of Math

Taught by Angela Stiefel

Grades: 3rd–5th

Discover the Magic of Math: a camp where math comes to life through fun, hands-on activities! Campers will explore puzzles, games, creative challenges, and real-world math adventures designed to build confidence, and spark curiosity. From problem-solving quests to team competitions every day is packed with engaging experiences that show just how exciting math can be. Come unlock the magic and make math your superpower!



Enrichment Camps: Week 6 (July 13th–17th)

Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Mahjong Camp

Taught by Ellen Mitchell

Grades: 3rd–8th

Come learn the basics of American Mahjong. American Mahjong Camp is a welcoming, hands-on activity where students learn the classic tile game in a way that's clear, playful, and age-appropriate. Mahjong builds critical thinking and math skills without feeling like school, encourages patience, focus, and confidence. Students will learn how to recognize tiles, read the official American Mahjong card, and understand patterns and game flow, including drawing, discarding, calling tiles, and declaring Mahjong. Students use strategic skills like observation, memory, probability, and planning ahead as well as social skills: turn-taking, good sportsmanship, and respectful table etiquette. Mahjong is a game students can enjoy for life—with family, friends, and across generations. Taught by Highlands teacher, Mrs. Mitchell.



Minecraft AM

Taught by Tynley Baker

Grades: 3rd–8th

Minecraft Camp includes access to two private Minecraft multi-player servers managed by Ms. Baker and experienced campers. During camp, we'll create, survive, and explore. Builders and explorers will use problem-solving skills to work cooperatively on whole camp, group, and individual self-directed projects. Experience the fun of building with friends IRL. Campers must bring the device they play on with them to camp, i.e. a laptop, Switch, or mobile device. The most reliable way to join the school-run servers is using a laptop with the PC version of the game. Each student will need to know how to log in to his or her personal Minecraft/Mojang/Microsoft account prior to camp. During camp, we will play Minecraft with friends. If you are new to the game, you will be able to learn from other campers while you play. Campers may attend both morning and afternoon sessions. Led by Highlands Librarian, Ms. Tynley Baker.

No Internet?

Taught by Crystal Winslett

Grades: 2nd–6th

What did people do before the internet? Children will explore ways people learned, played, and were entertained before the World Wide Web. Taught by Highlands 4th/5th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Ms. Crystal Winslett.

Enrichment Camps: Week 6 (July 13th–17th)

Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Taught by Ms. Danielle Spencer

Grades: K

Get ready for Kindergarten! Come join Highlands Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Danielle Spencer, to have fun and get ready to start Kindergarten in August. This camp will include activities, games, and mini-lessons in reading, phonics, math, and art. Campers will have opportunities to work on letter formation, build writing and cutting skills, practice social skills and following directions. One day, we will tour Highlands School to get familiar with the campus. Campers will have a blast meeting new friends, playing on the playground and exploring the fun classroom centers which include blocks, Legos, Playdough, art, home living, puzzles, and much more! This camp is recommended for rising Kindergartners enrolled at Highlands School.



Sewing 101

Taught by Amy Pruett

Grades: 4th–8th

Learn something new this summer! Campers will learn basic sewing skills as they create simple projects throughout the week. We will practice threading a sewing machine, filling a bobbin, machine sewing, and hand sewing.



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Spark The ART

Taught by Ms. Lindsey Scoggins

Grades: 3rd–5th

Come learn different art techniques involving shading, 3D elements, perspective and creating textures to take your artwork to the next level. We will explore famous works of art that will demonstrate how these techniques can be used. Last but not least, have fun with art activities and exercises that will inspire your next creation! Join Highlands Guidance Counselor, Ms. Lindsey Scoggins.



Enrichment Camps: Week 6 (July 13th–17th)

Afternoon Enrichment Camps 1:00pm–4:00pm

Crawly Club PM

Taught by Ms. Zoë Schumann

Grades: K–3rd

Do you love bugs, insects, or all things that crawl? Then this camp might be for you! Join Highlands EDP Counselor Ms. Zoë Schumann as she delves into the world of insects and other small invertebrates. Meet these fascinating animals up close with different crawly creatures being brought in every day of the camp. We will perform scientific experiments, do arts and crafts, play games, and learn all about these often overlooked and underappreciated animals!

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Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

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First Grade Readiness

Taught by JeanAnn Dupree

Grades: 1st

Get ready, get set, let's learn all about what it takes to be a first grader at Highlands School! In this fun-filled camp taught by Highlands First Grade teacher, Ms. JeanAnn Dupree, your camper will learn about our daily routine and class schedule. We will also tour the campus in order to feel more comfortable around the school. And, of course, we will do some review of letters, sounds, and numbers!

Go Forth with Fourth!

Taught by Crystal Winslett

Grades: 4th

Come on, let's learn all about what it takes to be a fourth grader at Highlands School! In this fun camp, taught by Highlands School 4th/5th grade Social Studies Teacher, Ms. Crystal Winslett, your camper will learn about our daily routine and class schedule. We will also tour the campus in order to feel more comfortable transitioning between classes. We will also cover expectations in each class and how 4th grade teachers use Google Classroom.

Magic of Science

Taught by Lou Phillips

Grades: 1st–5th

Come explore mysteries in science using games, experiments, and STEM challenges. Your camper will get to build, create, and solve some of the challenges along the way. Other activities include predicting and testing ideas. Taught by Highlands teacher Mr. Lou Phillips.

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Middle School Masters Academy

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Morning Enrichment Camps 9:00am–12:00pm

Soaring into Second!

Taught by Ellen Mitchell

Grades: 2nd

Are you a rising second grade student? Then, this is the camp for you! Join Highlands Second Grade Teacher, Ms. Ellen Mitchell, for a fun-filled week learning all about 2nd grade and working on skills that will set you up for success as you begin the school year. Students will enjoy a mini novel study, creative writing, and math practice.

Thrilling Third!

Taught by Sarah Engel

Grades: 3rd

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Full Day Enrichment Camps 9:00am–4:00pm (Includes Lunch)

Gross Out

Taught by Verna Gates of Fresh Air Family

Grades: 1st–4th

If it's Icky, Sticky, Slimy and FUN– It's Gross Out Camp Slimy salamanders, slugs, bugs and roly polies are all found as campers explore their world through hands-on field biology. It's the kind of learning that kids thrive in – hands-on, in-motion and at a child's pace. Gross Out Camp, a program of Fresh Air Family, is an award-winning science camp. As we say - "It's science, but please don't tell the kids."

Campers explore the campus as science is delivered in the icky, sticky elements of nature. We will be on the trail, performing science experiments and having fun. On that trail we have found a praying mantis egg sack, leaf-footed bugs and yellow-spotted millipedes - so many discoveries. No screens allowed! Just the biggest playground (classroom) -- the Great Outdoors. The Gross Out Camp guarantee is tired, dirty children. INCLUDES LUNCH.

