



DERBY
SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer 2026
Afternoon Class Catalog
Periods 1 & 2

Class Information

- These class selections are for campers that have chosen **AFTERNOON EXTENSION**.
- You will need to make **BOTH a Period 1 and a Period 2 selection**.
- There are classes that **require a multi-week registration**.
- **Not all classes are available each of the 7 weeks of camp.**

Art Department



ART: PERIOD 1 OFFERINGS

Adventures in Art

Period 1 | Weeks 2–6 | Ages 8–11

Class Description

Let your creativity run wild! In Adventures in Art, campers will explore a variety of artistic techniques including drawing, painting, printmaking, and more. Each day brings a new opportunity to experiment with different materials and styles while creating unique works of art. From bold brushstrokes to detailed sketches and fun printing projects, this class encourages imagination, self-expression, and artistic confidence. Perfect for all skill levels, it's a colorful journey where every camper can discover their inner artist!

Creative Studio

Period 1 | Weeks 1 & 7 | Ages 11–15

Class Description

Explore, experiment, and create in this open-studio-style class designed for more mature artists! We will paint, make zines, and dive into mixed media materials. This independent study format gives you the freedom to develop your artistic voice and individual interests. Perfect for young artists looking to refine their skills or try something new!

ART: PERIOD 1 OFFERINGS (*Cont.*)

Make Your Mark

Period 1 | Weeks 2–6 | Ages 11–15

Class Description

Draw and Collage! In this class, students will embark on a vibrant journey through the whimsical world of 2D art, filled with painting, drawing, experimenting, and so much more. We will start with the basics of color mixing and 2D techniques, and build our skills to create unique creations.

Miniatures and Sculpey

Period 1 | Weeks 4 & 6 | Ages 12–15

Class Description

Do you love all things mini? Are you interested in getting into the mini hobby or interior design? Do you have a collection of miniature items because they are just so cute! But you aren't sure what to do with all of them? Join miniatures and create your dream room! Bedroom, Kitchen, Bathroom, Playroom, Game room—or any other room you can envision and want to bring to life! Build your own mini furniture, appliances, art and decorations using odds and ends, scraps of various materials, and Sculpey clay. Learn how to use Sculpey clay to create miniature items for your room. The possibilities are endless!

Model Magic

Period 1 | Weeks 1, 4, & 6 | Ages 8–11

Class Description

Squish it, shape it, and bring your ideas to life! In this hands-on class, campers will use colorful Model Magic to create fun and imaginative projects. From cute characters and mini sculptures to personalized keepsakes, the possibilities are endless. Campers will learn basic sculpting techniques like rolling, molding, and blending colors while building creativity and fine motor skills. This class is perfect for all skill levels and encourages kids to explore their imagination in a fun, relaxed environment. Get ready to stretch your creativity and make something amazing!

Sculpey

Period 1 | Weeks 2, 5, & 7 | Ages 8–12

Period 1 | Week 3 | Ages 8–15

Class Description

In this Intro to Sculpey class, campers will make a range of things out of the fun and malleable Sculpey material. From little creatures to beads to small sculptures, come squish around in Sculpey!

ART: PERIOD 2 OFFERINGS

Bling It On

Period 2 | Weeks 2, 3, 5–7 | Ages 8–12

Class Description

Turn up the sparkle! In this creative camp, campers will transform everyday items into dazzling works of art. From sunglasses and water bottles to accessories and more, each day brings a new project to design, decorate, and shine. Using gems, glitter, and plenty of imagination, campers will learn fun techniques to personalize their creations while building confidence and creativity. Perfect for all skill levels, this camp is all about expressing your style and adding a little extra sparkle to everything you make!

Soapstone Carving

Period 2 | Weeks 2–7 | Ages 8–15

Class Description

By sawing, carving, sanding, and polishing, campers will make beautiful small sculptures from this amazing material. Campers will use the sanding and carving skills they have developed to design and shape their creations. Patience and focus will be key as we work towards the final products. Safety with carving tools will be the class priority. ***Campers will need two weeks to complete projects*** (*weeks do not need to be consecutive*). Those enrolled for only one week may not have time to finish their projects.

Watercolor Painting

Period 2 | Weeks 1, 4 & 6 | Ages 10–15

Class Description

Where paper meets paint! This class will introduce students to the world of watercolors. We will have fun projects where they learn techniques, share ideas and get creative! It's hard not to fall in love with the magic discovered in the beauty of watercoloring!

Dance Department



DANCE: PERIOD 1 OFFERINGS

Acro Dance

Period 1 | Weeks 2, 3, 5-7 | Ages 8-12

Class Description

Flip, stretch, and soar! Acro Dance blends the grace of classical dance with the excitement of acrobatics, creating a fun and energetic style that's both artistic and athletic. Campers will learn foundational dance technique alongside beginner acro skills like balances, flexibility, and simple tumbling, all combined into creative choreography. This class builds strength, coordination, and confidence in a supportive and encouraging environment. Whether you're brand new or have some experience, dancers will love exploring this dynamic style.

Creative Movement

Period 1 | Weeks 1-3 & 7 | Ages 8-11

Class Description

Rolling, balancing, jumping, skipping, twirling, turning, spinning, hopping, swaying, stamping, rocking, clapping, bouncing, kicking, twisting, sliding! Working with the whole group and/or in partners, dancers will explore choreography and together choreograph a dance!

Hip Hop

Period 1 | Weeks 1-7 | Ages 8-15

Class Description

Get ready to move and groove with high-energy dancing! This class will teach cool hip hop moves to the latest beats, perfect for kids who love music, dancing, and having fun. With a mix of vibrant routines and creative expression, kids will improve their rhythm, boost their confidence, and make new friends. Whether you're a beginner or a dance pro, this class is all about having a blast while learning fresh, exciting moves!

DANCE: PERIOD 2 OFFERINGS

Yoga

Period 2 | Weeks 1–7 | Ages 8–15

Class Description

Learn how to do challenging and relaxing yoga poses. Each week we will do exercises that focus on balance, thought, posture, concentration, and visualization. Namaste!

Creative Movement

Period 2 | Weeks 5 & 6 | Ages 8–11

Class Description

Rolling, balancing, jumping, skipping, twirling, turning, spinning, hopping, swaying, stamping, rocking, clapping, bouncing, kicking, twisting, sliding! Working with the whole group and/or in partners, dancers will explore choreography and together choreograph a dance.

Music Department



MUSIC: PERIOD 1 OFFERINGS

Vocal Workshop II

Period 1 | Weeks 1-7 | Ages 12-15

Class Description

From pop to jazz, Sabrina Carpenter to Laufey, Vocal Workshop II is an opportunity to dive deeper into the styles of singing that interest you! We will learn to apply vocal and expressive techniques to solo and group songs, while also exploring elements of songwriting, arranging, and performing. This class will feature regular performances at the Noontime Shows.

Ukulele & Guitar Workshop

Period 1 | Weeks 1-7 | Ages 9-15

Class Description

In this high energy class we will learn strumming and chord formation, picking techniques, and how to read standard notation. We will build a repertoire of songs to perform at our noontime shows.

World Rhythms Drumming

Period 1 | Weeks 1-7 | Ages 8-15

Class Description

Campers will enjoy the energetic, hands on experience of learning and playing hand drums, percussion instruments and, and exploring the music, movement, and rhythms from around the world.

MUSIC: PERIOD 2 OFFERINGS

Vocal Workshop I

Period 2 | Weeks 1–7 | Ages 8–11

Class Description

Calling all those who love to sing! In Vocal Workshop, we will learn fundamental vocal techniques to apply to performance in solo and group singing as we explore pop music from trending artists to classic hits, from HUNTR/X to Hannah Montana. This class will feature regular performances at the Noontime Shows.

Showtunes Workshop

Period 2 | Weeks (5–7) | Ages 11–15

Class Description

We will perform musical numbers ranging from classic beloved Broadway tunes to Broadway's current pop-rock hits. Solos and group musical numbers will be rehearsed and performed.

****Please note this is a 3 week class.***

Rock Band

Period 2 | Weeks (2&3), (4&5), (6&7) | Ages 10–15

Class Description

Two years experience required on your instrument. In this class we will engage in the process of selecting, rehearsing, and performing music in a rock ensemble setting! Students will learn various music to perform. Singers welcome!

****Please note this is a 2 week class.***

Bucket Drumming

Period 2 | Weeks 1–3 & 6–7 | Ages 8–15

Class Description

Get ready to make some noise! In this high-energy class, campers will turn everyday buckets into instruments and explore the exciting world of rhythm and percussion. Campers will learn timing, coordination, and creative expression while building their own drumming skills. No experience needed—just bring your energy and enthusiasm! By the end of the session, students will work together to create powerful rhythms and perform as a group. It's loud, it's fun, and it's the perfect way to feel the beat!

Sports Department



SPORTS: PERIOD 1 OFFERINGS

Field Sports

Period 1 | Weeks 1-7 | Ages 8-15

Class Description

This outdoor class offers various outdoor sports and games, from soccer to kickball, ultimate frisbee, track & field, flag football, and capture the flag. The activities are developmentally appropriate, motivate movement in many forms, and promote physical fitness to create the best possible experience and atmosphere of engagement and teamwork for all!

SPORTS: PERIOD 2 OFFERINGS

Court Sports

Period 2 | Weeks 1-7 | Ages 8-15

Class Description

This indoor class offers assorted indoor sports and games, from netball to volleyball, handball, dodgeball, and floor hockey. The program focuses on sportsmanship for campers to exercise self-control, be respectful & responsible, & most importantly, have FUN!

STEM Department



STEM: PERIOD 1 OFFERINGS

Digital Drawing and Animation

Period 1 | Weeks 4–6 | Ages 10–15

Class Description

Create your own characters and then learn how to animate them. We will go over how to make unique characters with real personality and then put them in short animations together. This class will cover initial sketching to final drawings in a digital animation program.

Toy Workshop

Period 1 | Weeks 2 & 3 | Ages 8–12

Class Description

Learn how to make toys out of household items and traditional craft materials. Let your imagination run wild and create things like cardboard cities, paper dolls, sock puppets, and more.

Robotics I

Period 1 | Weeks 2–4 & 6–7 | Ages 8–11

Class Description

Robots are becoming a part of our everyday lives. This hands-on course will challenge campers to learn about robot construction, programming, and control. Working in small teams, we will design and build small robots. Then we will program and control them through tests of various practical, real-life applications.

STEM: PERIOD 2 OFFERINGS

Robotics I

Period 2 | Weeks 2 & 6 | Ages 8–11

Class Description

Robots are becoming a part of our everyday lives. This hands-on course will challenge campers to learn about robot construction, programming, and control. Working in small teams, we will design and build small robots. Then we will program and control them through tests of various practical, real-life applications.

Robotics II

Period 2 | Weeks 3, 4, & 7 | Ages 11–15

Class Description

Robots are becoming a part of our everyday lives. This hands-on course will challenge campers to learn about robot construction, programming, and control. Working in small teams, we will design and build small robots. Then we will program and control them through tests of various practical, real-life applications.

Textiles Department



TEXTILES: PERIOD 1 OFFERINGS

Sew What?

Period 1 | Weeks (2 & 3), (4 & 5), (6 & 7) | Ages 9–12

Class Description

Have fun learning how to sew! In this class, you will design and sew your own stuffed toys. You will use both machine and hand sewing for your creations.

****Please note this is a 2 week class.***

TEXTILES: PERIOD 2 OFFERINGS

Crochet Corner

Period 2 | Weeks 2–5 | Ages 8–15

Class Description

Do you love working with your hands and are looking for a new hobby? Come on over to the Crochet Corner! In this class campers will learn some of the basic stitches of crochet and will be guided in creating some fun little shapes and animals!

Felt Creature Creations

Period 2 | Weeks 1–7 | Ages 8–11

Class Description

Come and learn the fun art of hand sewing while creating adorable felt creatures. Students will learn how to cut fabric, follow patterns, as well as how to stitch decorative details to make a variety of colorful projects.

TEXTILES: PERIOD 2 OFFERINGS *(Cont.)*

Fabric Dyeing

Period 2 | Weeks 1, 6, & 7 | Ages 12–15

Class Description

Campers will learn different dyeing techniques using natural dyes, tie-dyeing, resist dyes, and batiking! Students will then be able to choose their favorite dyeing process to make a custom tee shirt.

No Sew Boho

Period 2 | Week 7 | Ages 9–15

Class Description

Design your own boho-inspired style—no sewing required! In this creative class, campers will use iron-on tape and fun fabrics to create unique, wearable art pieces. Campers will explore color, texture, and layering while learning simple no-sew techniques to bring their designs to life. Perfect for all skill levels, this class is a fun and easy way to dive into fashion design and leave with one-of-a-kind creations to wear and share!

Writing and Literature Department



WRITING AND LITERATURE: PERIOD 1 OFFERINGS

Newspaper "The Weathervane"

Period 1 | Weeks 1-7 | Ages 8-15

Class Description

Join the staff of Derby's longest-running newspaper! We put out an issue every day, and need reporters to create the articles, stories, quizzes, advice columns, political editorials, movie reviews, and sports updates that the entire camp will be talking about. Collaborate with friends and photographers for your more ambitious ideas. You decide what you care about, and that's what you write about! If you want a fast-paced environment where your work will reach hundreds of readers, then consider joining the ranks of this esteemed publication.

WRITING AND LITERATURE: PERIOD 2 OFFERINGS

Fiction Workshop

Period 2 | Weeks 1, 4, & 7 | Ages 12-15

Class Description

A great short story can create a tiny universe, bring you into the mind of a unique character, or end with a plot twist that makes readers want to go back to the beginning and start again. In this class, we will write short fiction, getting guidance on every step of the process from brainstorming to publishing. Along the way, we will help you pursue your individual goals; are you trying to make people laugh? Cry? Think deep thoughts? We can help you make that happen.

WRITING AND LITERATURE: PERIOD 2 OFFERINGS *(Cont.)*

Write-A-Min

Period 2 | Weeks 2, 3, 5, & 6 | Ages 8–11

Class Description

Let your imagination run wild! In this playful and inspiring class, campers will explore creative writing through fun daily projects, games, and brainstorming activities designed to spark ideas and keep writer's block at bay. From silly poems and imaginative short stories to unexpected writing challenges, campers will experiment with language in new and exciting ways. Think outside the page—write in unique formats, explore creative prompts, and discover that inspiration can come from anywhere.

Book Club

Period 2 | Weeks 1–7 | Ages 9–11

Class Description

Looking for a relaxing and cool break in the afternoon? Come join our book club! Bring a book you'd like to read on Monday, and from there we'll decide whether we want to have a themed week and read books together, like Mystery, Fantasy, or Graphic Novel, or read our own books individually and discuss them for the last part of class each day. We might even present what we're reading at the Noontime Show to inspire other campers to love reading too!

Theater Arts Department



THEATER ARTS: PERIOD 2 OFFERINGS

The Sugar Blues Presented by Derbywood Playhouse

Period 2 | Weeks (2 & 3), or Weeks (4–6) or Weeks (2–6) | Ages 10–15

Class Description

Join Sweet Tooth Sam the Candy Man, the Dreamers, and the rest of the Sugar Blues cast as we guide the audience through a lively theater experience about eating too much sugar! The play has several dancing and singing numbers, and a short video shoot. Campers who have strong dance and vocal experience are encouraged to sign up. ***Five week registration is preferred, however campers can choose to participate in weeks 2 and 3 or weeks 4 through 6.***

****Please note this is a multi week class.***

Stage Makeup

Period 2 | Weeks 1–7 | Ages 8–15

Class Description

Come learn the tips and tricks that professional make up designers use. We'll cover everything from animal faces, clowns, and cuts and bruises, to wild fashion runway looks! Campers will have the option to help with make up for the musical production.



Class Selection Worksheet

Camper Name: _____

WEEK 1: 6/22–6/26

Period 1:

Period 2:

WEEK 2: 6/29–7/2

Period 1:

Period 2:

WEEK 3: 7/6–7/10

Period 1:

Period 2:

WEEK 4: 7/13–7/17

Period 1:

Period 2:

WEEK 5: 7/20–7/24

Period 1:

Period 2:

WEEK 6: 7/27–7/31

Period 1:

Period 2:

WEEK 7: 8/3–8/7

Period 1:

Period 2:
