Winter Break Camp TPS 2026

Schedule & Program Catalog

Current Grade *(2026-27 school year)*	**WEEK 1** December 21 - 23 (camp closed Dec 24 & 25)	**WEEK 2** December 28 - 30 (camp closed Dec 30 & 31)
Preschool 3	Whimsy Winter Wonderland	ZoomDance
Preschool 4	Gymnastics Whimsy Winter Wonderland	Gymnastics ZoomDance
Kindergarten	Alpine STEM Engineers Gymnastics	Gymnastics ZoomDance
Grade 1	Alpine STEM Engineers Clay & Cooking Random Science	From Story to Art Game Makers & Clay Shapers Young Whisk Takers
Grade 2	Alpine STEM Engineers Clay & Cooking Random Science	From Story to Art Game Makers & Clay Shapers Young Whisk Takers
Grade 3	All Star Sports From Story to Art Game Makers & Clay Shapers	Comic Book Creators From Story to Art Young Whisk Takers
Grade 4	All Star Sports Comic Book Creators Game Makers & Clay Shapers	Culinary: Chefs in the Making Strong Mind, Strong Body Volleyball
Grade 5	All Star Sports Comic Book Creators Ice Gliders	Culinary: Chefs in the Making Strong Mind, Strong Body Volleyball
Grades 6, 7, 8	Ice Gliders Strong Mind, Strong Body	Culinary: Chefs in the Making Volleyball

Camp offerings are listed based on the grade campers complete in the 2026-27 school year.
Please note there are no camp programs on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

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Enrichment Camps

All-Star Sports with DJ Baucom

December 21 - 23 ● campers currently in grades 3-5

All Star Sports offer campers an action-packed week of sports, fitness, and games! Campers will have plenty of space and time to play classic games like basketball, soccer, dodgeball, hockey, capture the flag, and kickball. Each day will be filled with practice drills, relay races, and game play designed to help campers practice fundamentals, improve their motor skills, and build confidence. Campers will find personal improvement throughout the week in various physical fitness drills, exercises and challenges. DJ Baucom is a beloved TPS teacher and coach, who is excited to continue camps.
(Maximum enrollment: 14)
***Cost**: $250*

Alpine STEM Engineers with Play-Well TEKnologies

December 21 - 23 ● campers currently in grades K-2

Snow is falling, and your child is the engineer in charge of the whole mountain! Campers use LEGO® bricks to build a Winter Wonderland, from motorized snowmobiles and gondolas to a hilltop village with slopes for tiny skiers and sledders. With an experienced Play-Well instructor guiding the way, kids put engineering, architecture, and imagination to work and see their creations move. Play-Well TEKnologies strives to provide an environment where students can create without fear of mistakes, explore fundamental STEM concepts through play, and express their creativity in ways they never thought possible. Kids are naturally gifted creators.
(Maximum enrollment: 16)
***Cost**: $300*

Clay & Cooking with Lynne Dorman & Vineyard

December 21 - 23 ● campers currently in grades 1-2

Campers will learn the art and craft of clay with TPS after school ceramics teacher, Lynne Dorman, and spend some time in the kitchen with Boni Wolf from Vineyard. Campers will leave with not only clay creations but culinary ones as well! Each morning will feature hands-on work with clay, where campers will expand their imagination and learn a variety of ceramic techniques. Ceramics projects will include the construction of pieces for functional use with food-safe glazes that will coordinate with the food items prepared in the cooking section and non-functional sculptures. Campers will also be able to use non-fireable clay to make whimsical and miniature creations of their choosing. During afternoon cooking instruction, students will improve their confidence in the kitchen, while learning food safety and fostering culinary independence. VineyardAppCamp strives to teach students critical 21st-century skills through real world projects under the guidance of experienced teachers.
***Please note:** All materials are included in the cost of camp. Recipes will be nut-free and oven-less; however, campers with food allergies should be mindful of exposure to allergens and thoughtfully consider this before enrolling.*
(Maximum enrollment: 8)
***Cost**: $350*

Comic Book Creators with Melissa Charles

Wk 1: December 21 - 23 ● campers currently in grades 4-5
Wk 2: December 28 - 30 ● campers currently in grade 3

Come indulge your inner artist/writer, and create your own comic book at Comic Book Camp! Every great hero starts with an idea, and campers take theirs all the way from first spark to finished comic. Using a mix of traditional and digital tools, young artists develop their concepts, write scripts, sketch, ink, and color. They'll leave with a comic they made themselves and can be proud of. Your guide is Melissa Charles, a TPS Kindergarten Associate Teacher and devoted comic book fan, who has read hundreds of them.
(Maximum enrollment: 8)
***Cost**: $300*

Culinary Camp: Chefs in the Making with Chef Matt Rolan & Daniela Perez Gonzalez

December 28 - 30 ● campers currently in grades 4-8

Aprons on! Campers cook, bake, and explore food science and culinary traditions from around the world through hands-on projects. Each day builds real kitchen skills along with teamwork, creativity, and cultural curiosity. Kids prepare their own meals and desserts, and they go home more confident and independent in the kitchen.
Chef Matt and pastry chef Danny bring the creativity of an elevated cooking experience. Each detail is thoroughly designed for chefs in the making. Combined they have years of experience working in kitchens, meal prepping for households, and catering private events. Together they are combining their love of food with teaching.
(Maximum enrollment: 10)
***Cost**: $350*

From Story to Art: Writing & Illustration, Pencils to Paints with Future Hearts, Minds, & Dreamers

Wk 1: December 21 - 23 ● campers currently in grade 3
Wk 2: December 28 - 30 ● campers currently in grades 1-3

Every story deserves a picture, and every picture has a story. Mornings are for writing, as campers develop characters, settings, and plots. Afternoons are for art, as those ideas come to life in pencil, charcoal, and paint. Teaching Artists introduce playful techniques for drawing expressions, mixing colors, and finding an illustration style, so children discover which materials feel most like *them*. Whether they create a picture book, comic, graphic novel, or an original work of art, campers strengthen their storytelling, observation, and problem-solving while finding their own creative voice.
Future Hearts, Minds & Dreamers (FHMD) provides wholesome and proven arts enrichment programming with qualified professionals in their respective field who have a passion to guide the emerging, ever-absorbing minds of today's youth and seniors. Students learn through exploration, practical knowledge, and self-reflection.
(Maximum Enrollment: 10)
***Cost**: $300*

Game Makers & Clay Shapers with Tanasia Mason

Wk 1: December 21 - 23 ● campers currently in grades 3-4
Wk 2: December 28 - 30 ● campers currently in grades 1-2

Inventors, builders, and artists, this one's for you! Game Makers and Clay Shapers is a fun, creative club where students can explore their imagination through making games, building, and clay art! Participants will have the opportunity to design and create their own games, experiment with different materials, sculpt unique clay creations, and share their ideas with others. Whether you enjoy inventing, crafting, problem-solving, or making art, this club is the perfect place to express yourself, learn new skills, and bring your ideas to life!
(Maximum Enrollment: 8)
***Cost**: $300*

Gymnastics Camp with National Kids Gym

Wk 1: December 21- 23 ● campers currently in grades preK 4 - K
Wk 2: December 28 - 20 ● campers currently in grades preK 4 - K

This camp is perfect for a beginner gymnast who wants to perfect basic skills and learn how fun physical activity can be! Campers will work on balance beam, floor skills, training bar, mini trampoline, cardio games, stretching and much more. Some skills practiced will be different types of jumps, rolls, handstands, cartwheels, bridges, front support and basic flips on bars, etc. Days will be split into gymnastics skill focus, stretching and gymnastics body positions, and plenty of movement and body awareness games to keep campers moving. Not only will participants learn the basics of gymnastics, but multifaceted skills that extend beyond extracurricular activities. They will learn confidence in their bodies, increase their listening skills and ability to follow multi step directions, enhance their motor skills, body awareness, and balance. National Kids Gym Gymnastics classes cater to children who are new to physical activity without a parent or guardian. This class teaches independence and basic gymnastic and tumbling skills in a safe and comfortable environment. The coaches love working with children and forming a bond by meeting them exactly where they are, while allowing them to progress at their own pace.
Please note: *No experience necessary. A waiver with National Kids Gym will require a parent or guardian signature before the start of the camp.*
(Maximum enrollment: 10)
Cost*: $350*

Ice Gliders with Emma Fisher

December 21 - 23 ● campers currently in grades 5-8

Lace up and glide! Emma Fisher is a TPS 3B teacher, Class of ‘11 alum, NCAA D1 synchronized skating national champion, and Team USA alum. She brings her expertise to the Penn Class of 1923 ice skating rink for skaters of every level. On the ice, campers practice moves from US Figure Skating’s Basic Skills and Free Skate levels, plus a taste of synchronized skating. Off the ice, they build strength, flexibility, coordination, and body awareness. No experience is necessary, just energy and a willingness to try.
Please note: *No experience necessary. Students will be traveling to the Penn Rink (3130 Walnut Street) during this week. Exact day and times to be determined. Any students designated as independent walkers are still required to check-in & check-out with designated adults when arriving or departing campus. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather, as they will be walking to TPS mid-day. Skates will be provided, but campers are welcome to bring their own.*
(Maximum enrollment: 10)
Cost*: $450*

Random Science with Jane White

December 21 - 23 ● campers currently in grades 1-2

What is air made of? Why do lemons taste sour? Why do some things float while others sink? From unearthing the secrets of fossils to finding out the science behind homemade treats, Random Science Camp is built around hands-on experiments for young, budding scientists! Tailored for kindergartners and first-graders, our camp mixes scientific discovery with a whole lot of fun. Expect interactive experiments, a little messy play, and a great time learning together. Led by adored, retired TPS primary teacher, Jane White, who is excited to reunite with the TPS community camp.
(Maximum enrollment: 8)
Cost*: $300*

Strong Mind, Strong Body with B3 Fearless

Wk 1: December 21 - 23 ● campers currently in grades 6-8
Wk 2: December 28 - 30 ● campers currently in grades 4-5

Confidence is a skill and this camp builds it! Powered by the B3 Fearless Foundation, this introduction to the SkySafe Training program brings in specialists in strength and conditioning, self-defense, yoga and mindfulness. Mornings focus on strength, speed, and agility, along with practical self-defense skills and situational awareness that teach students when and how to use them. In the afternoons, yoga and mindfulness build emotional resilience and calm, focused awareness. Your child gains valuable life skills and a supportive network of mentors.
B3 Fearless introduces movement in a fun environment for students to improve their mental and physical confidence for sports, activities, and life! From agility, to endurance and everything in between, students practice themed sport-specific movements to build a positive, lifelong relationship with their health. A portion of proceeds supports B3's free community programs.
***Please note**: Students should bring a water bottle and athletic footwear or grippy socks to participate safely indoors.*
(Maximum enrollment: 10)
***Cost**: $300*

Volleyball Clinic with Telise Davis-Carter

December 28 - 30 ● campers currently in grades 4-8

Led by TPS alum, Telise Davis-Carter, this premier clinic will help facilitate personal development and push independent drive. This clinic will be covering all aspects of the game including passing, setting, serving, blocking and attacking. By combining high repetitions of these skills along with application in game-like scenarios, players will be able to leave this clinic with a sense of how doing the "small stuff" right can lead to a big impact on the court.
***Please note:** This clinic is open to all interested players, including all genders. Participants should come prepared to play with pads and appropriate athletic attire, including sneakers.*
(Maximum enrollment: 14)
***Cost**: $250*

Whimsy Winter Wonderland with Galleria Paulina

December 21 - 23 ● campers currently in grades preschool 3 - preschool 4

Snowflakes, sparkle, and a little bit of magic! Step into a snowy, magical world that campers create themselves. In this cozy, imaginative camp, our youngest artists will help create a winter wonderland of their very own. Little hands will paint, sculpt, and build, from handmade holiday crafts to a dreamy, mystical city that grows bigger and more wonderful each day. There's room for every idea, every splash of color, and every giggle along the way. Camp is led by Philadelphia artist Pauline Houston McCall, owner of the Creative Cultural Art Center and Gallery, who will welcome each child into a joyful space made for creating, exploring, and having loads of fun.
***Please note**: Any preschool 3 students interested in attending must be fully potty trained to participate.*
(Maximum enrollment: 8)
***Cost**: $300*

Young Whisk Takers with Vineyard

December 28 - 30 ● campers currently in grades 1-3

Campers mix, stir, bake, and taste their way through a delicious culinary adventure with Boni Wolf from Vineyard. Each day brings new dishes made from scratch, from golden French toast and personal pizzas to hearty soups and homemade bread, building real kitchen confidence and skills kids will be proud to show off at home. We'll wrap up with a festive New Year's Eve international dinner, sharing flavors from around the world. Whether your child is a budding chef or just beginning to explore the kitchen, this camp is sure to be a recipe for fun! Vineyard teaches critical skills through real-world projects, guided by experienced teachers.

Please note: *All materials are included in the cost of camp. Recipes will be nut-free and oven-less; however, campers with food allergies should be mindful of exposure to allergens and thoughtfully consider this before enrolling.*
(Maximum enrollment: 8)
Cost*: $350*

ZoomDance: Winter Wonderland

December 28 - 30 ● campers currently in grades preschool 3 - K

ZoomDance is an action-storytelling movement program that takes children on an adventure through literature, music, dance, and sensory experiences that are enriched in the arts and sciences. Our day camps offer a full ZoomDance story arc where we follow a theme and world-build around it, this camp's will be, 'Winter Wonderland'. We'll skate through frozen ice and blast through the tundra to discover a world of winter imagination and creativity. Explore a world of snow, icicles, and the incredible arctic; we can't wait to sled into the exciting winter wonderland with you! Tima Ally will be leading this camp. He is an early childhood and community arts educator focusing on the intersections of childhood imaginative play and the natural world. Tima has been an educator in the Philadelphia School District and has been with ZoomDance since 2022.

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(Maximum enrollment: 10)
Cost*: $300*