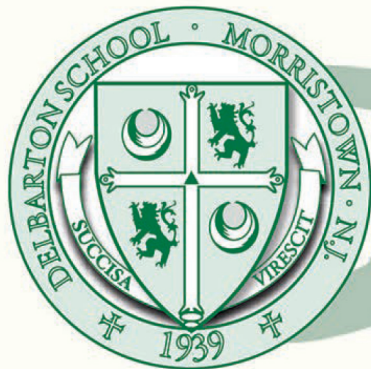


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CAMP EXPANDS
THE WORLD

Camp is not just recreation and fun. It is more than teaching skills, such as archery or swimming. It is about understanding the beauty of discovery that can lead to emotional growth and maturation.

It is the expansion of one’s world, a sharpening of one’s vision that invites the acquisition of lifelong lessons, according to the American Camp Association (ACA).

Camp professionals are not just teachers or counselors; they are coaches and mentors. They influence, advocate, shape, love, and protect. And it is true, both young and old do learn lessons from the camp experience. However, those lessons come after experiences that are real, relevant, and personal. “It is the development of a child as a person that is equally as important as academics,” former owner of Camp Chickagami Ruth Isserman said. Further, “it’s the richness of making their own entertainment” and the most important skills we contribute are listening and observing. “We are building better people for a better world,” she stated.

“Who will care when I’m not there?” It’s every parent’s question when they leave their children in the hands of strangers. Who will take the time to appreciate basic child development, as well as the unique qualities of their personalities? Who will ensure that my children have fun and, at the same time, learn important life lessons? Who will help my children understand how they can work as a team, contributing and succeeding? Who will help my children understand the importance of a community and the responsibilities that lie within? Who will keep my children safe and guard their tender feelings while they are acting invincible? Who will care when I’m not there?

The answer to these questions is the camp professional. They offer children the opportunity to explore, discover, and learn about the best things life has to offer. They are willing to laugh, talk and cry with children, creating an understanding of social bonding. These are the people who are willing to care when I am not there.

ACA offers a variety of tips on how to

Camp is an equal
opportunity life-changer.
By sending a child
to camp, families
are truly giving a gift
that lasts a lifetime.

choose the right summer camp for your child:

When beginning the camp selection process, consider your child’s interests. It’s important to know a child’s personality and identify what camp programs will benefit him or her most. With a variety of programs and activities, summer camp offers fun and meaningful adventures to match a child’s interests and maturity level.

Be certain to include your child in the decision-making process. Together with your child, explore the camp options and examine the materials the camps provide. In addition, many camps have web sites that include photos, maps or virtual tours of the camp facility, sample daily schedules and menus, and information about the directors and key staff. As children become better acquainted with the camp experience and more involved in the decision-making process, they will have less anxiety about going away to camp.

The camp experience is a win-win for everyone. Parents win because their children grow and learn. Children win because they have fun and collect lifelong friends and memories. Society wins because the camp experience helps make healthy, productive adults. Camp professionals win because they have made a positive difference in a child’s life.

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The pages in this booklet provide a listing of camps of all types in the area. Happy camping.



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Children ages 3-17 can enjoy the Summer Camp offerings at Oak Knoll.

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During these cold winter months, Oak Knoll is thinking warm thoughts and planning for Summer Camp 2025! Check out our offerings below for boys and girls ages 3-17 on our campus right here in Summit, NJ!

June Theatre And Mini Camps

Two-week mini-camps are offered for students in pre-K to grade 7 during the weeks of June 9 and June 16, 2025. Mini sessions — great big fun! Choose between our June Adventures Mini Camp — arts and crafts, water games, and more — or our signature Theatre Workshop! On stage, campers work in small groups on scenes, monologues, and songs and dances. Special themed days will add fun and excitement for all, with an outdoor or streamed performance on the last day of camp.

Summer Adventures Day Camp

There's no better time than now to get moving on researching summer camp programs. Oak Knoll School's ACA-accredited Summer Adventures Day Camp runs this summer from June 23 to August 8, 2025.

Summer Adventures' mission is to blend play and pedagogy for children ages 3-17 via various activities, including swimming, fencing, science, sports, arts, archery, nature immersion, and more, all while they make new friends and create lasting summer memories on Oak Knoll's 11-acre Summit, New Jersey campus.

Summer Adventures' dedicated staff return each year to the camp, and parents and families can enjoy stress-free flexibility as campers can attend camp for one week, seven weeks, or any time in between. Campers will also enjoy

weekly themes including "Happy Birthday, USA," "Getting to Know You," "Animal Antics," and "Halloween in July."

Middle And High School Academic And Enrichment Programs

Oak Knoll School is excited about the Summer of 2025 and its new online and in-person course offerings. Academic and enrichment courses will be available to students entering grades 6-12. Whether students are interested in preparing for their fall math courses, building skills for academic success, or wanting to explore their creative side, our Middle and High School Academic and



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- June Mini Camps
- Kindergarten Ready
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- Youth Sports Camps



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KNOLL: A NEW ADVENTURE EVERY DAY

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Enrichment Programs offer engaging summer courses in a relaxed environment. Students entering their junior and senior years will also have the option to take the Survey of US History for credit! For more information on any of our academic offerings for middle and high school students, contact Nicole Johnston at nicole.johnston@oakknoll.org.

Kindergarten Ready

For younger children entering kindergarten this fall, Oak Knoll's Kindergarten Ready program (girls and boys aged 5, July 7-31, 2025) includes opportunities for play and socialization. As emergent readers, students will become comfortable with printed words and gain skills in sight word recognition and phonetic decoding. Students will be introduced to counting, graphing, and measurement using manipulatives such as pattern blocks. Students will learn to recognize, duplicate, and create patterns of all kinds. Socialization will be fostered through group activities.

Youth Sports Camps

Campers can participate in Youth Sports camps at Oak Knoll's Summit campus or the school's Chatham athletic complex. Offerings have included field hockey, Track and field, and soccer — coached by Oak Knoll's head varsity coaches — and New York NFL Alumni Youth Football Camp!

Whatever you and your child choose this summer, it's bound to be an adventure at Oak Knoll!

Registration for Oak Knoll's Summer Programs opens on January 15, 2025. Save the dates to join us for two camp fairs: NJKids Camp Fair, Sunday, January 26, 2025, from 12-3 p.m. at Oak Knoll School in Summit and our own Oak Knoll Summer Programs Open House, Sunday, February 23, 2025, from 1-3 p.m. on campus at 44 Blackburn Road, Summit, NJ. Visit www.oakknoll.org/summer for more details.



Children ages 3-17 can enjoy the Summer Camp offerings at Oak Knoll.



KICK OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Chu's Academy of Martial Arts in Gillette has been developing courage, concentration, and confidence in Long Hill area students since 1982. Their proven programs are not just for kicking and punching, they are specifically and intentionally designed to develop listening skills, instill discipline and respect, encourage self-control, and promote honesty, humility, and endurance through the traditional martial art of Soo Bahk Do.

The founder of Soo Bahk Do, Hwang Kee, was adamant that the martial artist must also be a scholar, and Chu's Academy fully integrates that philosophy into their curriculum to support and challenge the student in achieving all that is possible both physically and academically.

"We are teaching children to go beyond the ordinary", said co-owner and 4th degree certified master instructor Michelle Cavett. "We are developing and challenging them to be extraordinary in all that they do", she said.

"The Summer is a great time to provide additional skill development for your child", said Lydia Chu, co-owner and 6th degree certified master instructor. Chu, who is a high school math teacher at Watchung Hills Regional High School, added that "children who practice concentration, listening, and self-control at our Academy are prepared, confident, and engaged when the school year starts".

Chu's Academy of Martial Arts offers a 10 week Summer Program targeted to prepare children who are returning to school, or are attending for the first time. Their Little Dragons program is for children 3-5 years old, and the Beginner program is targeted to children 5+. For more information, visit their website www.karate4peace.com or call/text (908)647-4194.



Amos Chang, 12, of Gillette breaks with a flying side kick.

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Summer Address: 15 Seminary Ave., Chester, N.J. 07930

Summer Phone: 908-879-4919

Email: artofdancestaff@artofdance.org

Website: artofdance.org

Director: Valerie Harman

The Art of Dance is a family-owned dance studio in beautiful downtown Chester. The studio is in its 56th year of teaching dance to children, as well as adults. The Art of Dance has a summer jam packed with dance and fun with programs for all ages and abilities. For children 3-7 years old, there is Frozen, Princess and other weekly themed dance camps, with dance, crafts and more starting June thru August.

There are classes and Boot Camps in all styles of dance and Musical Theater for children and teens.

For the serious dancer there is a week-long Ballet Intensive August 4-8 with Master teachers from New York City Ballet and the American Ballet Theater, and a Dance Intensive Aug 11-15 with teachers from NYC and LA. For our adults we offer tap, ballet, jazz, hip hop, and dance fitness.

Be sure to register early as classes fill quickly.

Don't miss out on the fun!

THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

Summer Address: The Center for Contemporary Art, 2020 Burnt Mills Road, Bedminster, N.J. 07921

Summer Phone: 908-234-2345

Fax: 908-275-8828

E-mail: info@ccabedminster.org

Website: www.ccabedminster.org

Director: Ged Ong, Director of Education Programs and Operations

Weekly programs offered for children and teens ages five through 15. Fees range from \$294 to \$347 per week. Special Needs camp is \$120 for six weeks. Sessions are one week.

Weekly in-person summer art camps for children and teens ages 5 - 15 are designed to stimulate creative expression through projects and activities that change each week. Summer Art Camps run June 16 through August 29. Summer Art Camps are for half or full-day camps.

Programs:

Morning Art - 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Students ages 5-8 and 9-11 will engage in two- and three-dimensional creative exploration through painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, mixed media and more. Teens will explore a single medium in depth.

Afternoon Art - 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Young artists ages 5-8 will enjoy themed programs that change each week while 9-11 year olds and teens will explore a single medium in depth.

DELBARTON SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer Address: 230 Mendham Road, Morristown, N.J. 07960

Summer Phone: 973-538-3231 ext. 3019

E-mail: curnow@delbarton.org

Website: delbartonsummer.com

Director: Sports Camps: Jake Ross and Kendall Rogers; Academic Courses: John Thompson; Arts Programs: Andrew Lyman

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New this year: a co-ed arts program. Fees vary according to sports camp or academic/arts program. Session lengths are one to five weeks.

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credit courses, and skill sharpeners for writing, reading, and math.

Learn more about our summer programs and sign up delbartonsummer.com.

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Summer Address: Hunterdon Art Museum, 7 Lower Center Drive, Clinton, N.J. 08809.

Summer phone: 908-735-8415

Fax: 908-735-8416

Email: educ_staff@hunterdonartmuseum.org

Website: www.hunterdonartmuseum.org

Director of Education and Community Engagement: Donna de Ville

Hunterdon Art Museum's Summer Camp sessions are immersive experiences for children of all abilities, ages 5-14, designed to ignite the imagination and spark creativity.

Each camp session is a half-day, week-long program focused on a specific art medium or theme.

Two weekly sessions are offered (a.m. and p.m.) for each age group.

Classes are held in the museum's studios. Fees vary depending on the program selected. Please visit the website for more information.

JCC CAMP RUACH

Summer Address: 775 Talamini Road, Bridgewater, N.J. 08807

Summer Phone: 908-443-9026

E-mail: asteinberg@ssbjcc.org

Website: www.jcccamp.ruach.org

Director: Alanna Steinberg

Programs are for 2 years old – 9th Grade, coed, vocational programs, full inclusions. Sessions are from June 23 – August 15.

JCC Camp Ruach is an extraordinary day camp located on over 14 beautiful acres of land. Our 9-week program offers campers ages 2 years through grade 9 a fun-filled summer! JCC Camp Ruach is dedicated to your child's safety and well-being. We know your child will have a fantastic summer through our supportive and nurturing environment while participating in a wide variety of activities and dynamic programs. Highlights include sports, swim (indoor and outdoor), ropes courses, karate, theater, art, music, dance, cooking, zip line, mini-golf, archery, community service projects, day trips, week long overnight trips, and more. At JCC Camp Ruach there are no additional fees for lunch – for those on site, snacks, daily activities, trips and even overnights. Busing for full day campers to and from camp are also included at no additional cost!

Summertime is an opportunity for children to play, experiment and grow with friends. We also offer a special needs inclusion camp program and various specialty camp.

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MiniQuest, KidsQuest, SpecialtyQuest, TravelQuest, Leader In Training day camps

Summer Address: Drew University, 36 Madison Ave., Madison, N.J. 07940

Summer Phone: 973-822-9622

Fax: 973-377-1064

E-mail: QuestCamps@madisonymca.org

Website: www.madisonareaymca.org/camp

Director: Finola Colon

MiniQuest (preschool, ages 3-4) \$1,020/ 2 weeks (at the F.M. Kirby Children's Center of the Madison Area YMCA) – full day program; \$452/ 2 weeks (at the F.M. Kirby Children's Center of the Madison Area YMCA) – half day program.

KidsQuest (entering kindergarten – grade 5) \$1,040/ 2 weeks (at Drew University).

SpecialtyQuest (entering kindergarten – grade 5) \$1,060/ 2 weeks (at Madison Area YMCA Family Center).

TravelQuest (entering grade 3 – 8) \$1,200/ 2 weeks (at Madison Area YMCA Family Center)

Leader In Training (L.I.T.) program (entering grades 6-9) \$597/ 2 weeks (at Drew University).

Financial assistance may be available. Session lengths are 10 weeks (five 2-week sessions)

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At Quest Camps 2025, friendship is the heart of camp. Campers from preschool through entering grade 9 step into a world where curiosity never goes out of style and summer feels like a blank space waiting to fill with adventure! Imagine a camp that blends the classics of camp fun and epic games with the wonders of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). At Quest Camps, it is a fearless pursuit of friendship, invention, and a summer that stays enchanted in your memory long after it ends. Whether you sign up for a fortnight (2 weeks) or drop-in week, let's make those friendship bracelets together! Are you ready for it?

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From preschool through 9th grade, campers will have a great experience reaching their goals by building character and independence through a variety of age-appropriate activities. Join us for full or half-day MiniQuest (preschool, ages 3-4) located at the F.M. Kirby Children's Center of the Madison Area YMCA, KidsQuest (entering kindergarten – grade 5), or Leader In Training camps

(entering grades 6 – 9), both located at Drew University. SpecialtyQuest (entering kindergarten – grade 5) is located at the Family Center and includes traditional day camp activities in addition to options for a deeper dive into one of our program areas; choose from Gymnastics, School of Performing Arts, Sports, Fine Arts and Y Ninja Gym. NEW for Summer 2025 is TravelQuest (entering Grade 3 – Grade 8); during weeks 9 and 10, campers will experience a variety of trips. Campers depart each day at approximately 9 a.m. Throughout the summer, the Y incorporates its four core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility. Our summer camp experience guarantees to be full of opportunities, adventure and friendships.

Our trained, qualified and caring Y staff run all camps. We offer five two-week camp sessions so that our campers have ample time to engage in projects and activities that are more comprehensive as they bond with each other. Our two-week sessions have built-in reduced rates, including lunch! Not able to come for the full two-week session? No problem! Sign-up for our one-week drop-in program. The health and safety of our campers and staff is our top priority. We continue to follow the most current guidelines from health authorities, the state and local governments, the CDC, and American Camp Association as we create a safe and healthy camp experience.

At the Y, we believe that every child should be able to enjoy the best summer camp experience possible. The Madison Area YMCA is a mission-driven charitable organization, committed to providing an enriching camp experience for all, and providing help to families who may not be able to afford the full price of camp.

Financial assistance may be available. Join us for what will be the best summer ever!

NEW HORIZONS DAY CAMP

Summer Address: 235 Brooklake Road, Florham Park, N.J. 07932

Summer Phone: 973-850-6640

E-mail: info@NewHorizonsDayCamp.com

Website: www.NewHorizonsDayCamp.com

Director: Mike Wynne, Program Director

Programs are for rising PreK – 9th grade campers. Fees vary based on total weeks attending. Please visit the website for a rate sheet. Session lengths are 8 Weeks, June 23 – August 15. There is a minimum enrollment of 2 weeks.

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KidsQuest campers Valentina Rojas, Malu Lima Mayland, Luca Piotti, Autumn DePerry, and Kate-lyn Murray—all 8 years old from Madison—join camp counselors Elise Hart and Garrett Lasky in dancing their way through a summer filled with friendship, connection, and unforgettable memories!

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Website: www.njballet.org/njbschool

Director: Maria Kowroski

Session Lengths are as follows:

Summer Intensive: July 14 – Aug 2, 2025 (Ages 12-20; Audition required)

Elite Youth Intensive: July 7 – July 11, 2025 (Ages 8-13; Audition required)

Open Youth Intensive: June 30 – July 3, 2025 (Ages 8-13; No Audition required)

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Summer Phone: 908-766-0244

E-mail: info@steschool.org

Website: www.steschool.org

Director: Deacon Russ Raffay – Principal

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Summer Address: 440 South Street, Morristown, N.J. 07960

Summer Phone: 973-644-3355

Fax: 973-644-3535

E-mail: seatonh@verizon.net

Website: www.seatonhackney.com

Director: Gillian Barta

Camp is for children ages 5 to 17 years, all levels. Fees are \$575 for ½ day weekly, \$895 for full day weekly and \$995 for Advanced Camp. Sessions are from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and for full day 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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'TRUE NORTH' VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at Pluckemin Church

Summer Address: 279 Route 202-206, Pluckemin, N.J. 07978

Summer Phone: 908-658-3346

E-mail: Chris@ppch.org

Website: <https://ppch.org/vbs>

Director: Chris Staffin

This Christian camp is open to all children ages 4 (by July 1, 2025) through 6th grade. Youths who have completed 6th grade may sign up to be a youth volunteer. Register on the church website by June 1st. Fees are \$25 for one child; \$20 for each additional child in a family. Sessions are one week, July 7-11th, 9 a.m. – noon each day.

During this fun, action-packed, wilderness-themed one-week camp, your child will go on the ultimate Alaskan adventure. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today! True North VBS will point them toward Jesus as they learn

about God's love for them through games, music, Bible adventures, arts & crafts, and more! Each day will have a different theme and activities. The camp is held both indoors and outdoors on the 6-acre campus of the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church. Our goal is to know God's love, show God's love, and share God's love with those in our community.

VBS SPORTS CAMP

Summer Address: Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church, 45 Church Street, Liberty Corner, N.J. 07938

Summer Phone: 908-647-0340

E-mail: kellyt@libertycorner.org

Website: <https://libertycorner.org/sports-camp>

Director: Kelly Tancredi, Director of Family Ministries; Spencer Ashnault, Camp Leader

VBS Sports Camp is open to campers age 4 years (by July 1) through 5th grade (grade entering in September 2025). Volunteer leadership positions are available for students in middle school and high school. Students receive 25+ service

hours as well as leadership training. Registration and references required. Fees are \$80/camper or \$240 for 3 or more siblings. Registration is required. Use the discount code EARLYBIRD before February 1, 2025, and save 20%. VBS Sports Camp will be held July 21-25, 2025, from 9 am to 12:15 pm daily.

Liberty Corner Kids is hosting Blaze a Trail, an action-packed week of VBS Sports Camp from July 21-25 for kids age four (by July 1) through grade 5. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each day on the campus of Liberty Corner Church. Pre-K and kindergarten campers will be part of Team 45 and will focus on movement and coordination through a variety of sports activities.

Campers in grades 1-5 may choose from basketball, cheerleading, or soccer. All campers will participate with energizing music and games, Bible stories, and snacks. We aim to inspire campers to "Blaze a Trail" and achieve extraordinary things through faith and determination. Registration is required for and available online only at libertycorner.org/sports-camp.

THE WORK-FAMILY CONNECTION

Summer Address: District of the Chatham Schools, Chatham, N.J. 07928

Summer Phone: 908-534-5935

Fax: 908-534-5985

E-mail: info@theworkfamilyconnection.org

Website: theworkfamilyconnection.org

Director: Vera Moncur

WFC Summer Camp is for campers entering K-8th grade in the coming fall. Fees are \$465 per week. Weekly sessions are from June 16 – August 15.

WFC Camp offers Enrichment Clubs in the mornings and pool time in the afternoons, and on Thursdays, we travel off site for exciting trips.

Enrichment clubs include coding, sports, cooking, visual arts, gardening, reader's theatre, performing arts, and more, taught by talented and professional instructors.

Full day trips include water parks, museums, the beach, amusement parks, and more! Camp runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extended care options available.

YMCA CAMP MASON

Summer Address: 23 Birch Ridge Road, Hardwick, N.J. 07825

Summer Phone: 908-362-8217

E-mail: shani@campmason.org

Website: www.campmason.org

Director: Anna Bilton

YMCA Camp Mason is a co-ed, inclusive camp open to all aged 7-16.

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How SUMMER ENRICHMENT IMPACTS ACADEMIC GROWTH

For students with college in their future plans, summers are ideal for exploring academic and personal development opportunities. During the school year, students can feel overloaded with classwork and extracurricular activities, but the summer months offer time to delve into one academic interest in greater depth. The College Board recommends that students who intend to go on to college after high school attend advanced summer enrichment programs throughout their high school years to help provide an idea of what to expect from college-level coursework.

If your child might benefit from academic exploration in the summer, you may want to consider options for summer enrichment such as those available next summer through Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies. These programs give your student the chance to engage in topics they're passionate about, often in advanced subjects rarely taught during high school. Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies' summer programs create an environment where learning is highly valued and actively encouraged - fostering a mindset of curiosity and intellectual growth students will take with them long after the summer is over.

These programs impact students in a variety of ways:

Creating An Environment Where Learning Is Highly Valued And Encouraged

Courses in the Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies program encourage participants to follow their interests while showing respect for their learning journey.

"The Stanford Summer Humanities Institute was truly eye-opening and the highlight of my summer," said Helen, Stanford Summer Humanities Institute participant. "The teachers and peers were constantly inspiring, and the course offered so much, helping me learn more about myself along the way."

Fostering A Mindset Of Curiosity, Academic Exploration And Intellectual Growth

Students in grades 8-11 are just beginning to explore the world around them, and their curiosity may feel limited by traditional school curriculum. A program



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that encourages their curiosity will lead to growth in their critical thinking skills, ability to research, and the capacity to see the wider context as well as the intriguing details of a topic.

Emphasizing The Importance Of Education

Summer courses hosted by an excellent higher education institution and designed to foster deeper learning demonstrate the power and value of education. Program participants will experience firsthand how much their instructors and peers care about the topics they study, and also the very process of learning how to learn.

Motivating To Pursue Learning

Students involved in these enriching summer programs often feel an educational spark has been lit, inspiring them to go further with subjects that fascinate them.

"My experience was eye-opening, with engaging lectures and enjoyable interac-

tions with like-minded individuals," said Tawfik, Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes participant. "The academic rigor and social activities offered were a perfect balance for making the whole experience memorable."

Developing A Deeper Commitment To Education

High-quality educational experiences at a young age will foster a desire to continue growing and learning at a deeper level throughout their lives - in college and beyond - which will inspire a greater dedication to learning.

"Being a part of Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes was a fantastic experience. I can't believe how much I learned in just two weeks," said Divyansha, Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes participant. "These invaluable lessons will help me in my academic journey."

Here are two summer programs to consider.

Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes

These are online, synchronous enrichment courses for students currently in grades 8-11. This program provides passionate and intellectually curious students with intensive study in a single course from advanced subjects rarely taught in high school, offering students the chance to dive deep into cutting-edge topics.

Students from around the world study and discuss academic topics in small classes, allowing them to participate in real-time discussions in which instructors and students interact with one another. Participants pursue in-depth, interactive exploration of academic material in a single subject per course, in fields including computer science, math, creative writing, social justice, engineering and more.

Stanford Summer Humanities Institute

This three-week residential program on Stanford University's campus is for students currently in grades 10-11. Students from around the world explore big questions in the humanities through seminars led by Stanford professors and graduate students. Participants engage with one subject from a humanities topic such as literature, politics or philosophy - ranging from ancient Greek philosophy to the American Enlightenment and more.

During the three weeks, students investigate philosophical questions and pursue research topics while learning how to write college-level papers and communicate complex arguments.

These advanced, unique courses are offered for academic enrichment and growth, not for credit or a grade. The greatest value of participating in these programs is the experience itself, which provides growth and development in students' talents and curiosity that will positively impact their educational journey.

To learn more and to apply to these summer enrichment programs, visit SummerHumanities.SPCS.stanford.edu and SummerInstitutes.SPCS.stanford.edu.

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READING NONFICTION PREPARES CHILDREN FOR SUCCESS

By **MELISSA TAYLOR**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Nonfiction is essential in a child's reading diet. Most children primarily read fiction, but as they progress in their education, they will be expected to primarily read for information. That means they must be able to comprehend informational/expository texts as they progress through the grades. The only way to equalize a child's comprehension in nonfiction to their fiction reading level is to practice reading high-quality nonfiction. Practice makes progress. Not perfection, but progress! That's the goal.

As a child reads facts, they're learning useful new information. This new information builds background knowledge and teaches them new words about the subject matter.

Knowing more vocabulary words and having a greater depth of background knowledge improves reading comprehension in both fiction and nonfiction. How? By providing context and a connection when kids encounter similar reading material in the future.

Hands down, the National Geographic Kids Almanac is a top nonfiction reading choice for kids in elementary and middle school. It's what children's nonfiction authors Melissa Stewart and Marlene Correia call "browsable" nonfiction, because readers can start and stop at any page of the book. It's not a front-to-back kind of reading experience, and most kids love that.

You can also help kids level up their nonfiction reading by explaining how text features like subheadings, photographs and fact boxes help organize and prioritize information, and by sharing specific nonfiction reading comprehension strategies.

Practice Using Text Features In The Almanac

Ask your reader to use the table of contents to pick a topic that looks interesting.

Flip to that section. Ask your reader to find: a heading, a subhead, an illustration, a photo, and a caption. Have them point out each one and read the text out loud. Now, ask them to read the whole section.

After they read, ask the reader what they learned and if they thought the text features helped organize the information they read.



Reinforce kids' curiosity by encouraging them to pick something they want to learn about.

Ask readers to flip to the index and find an animal. What page is it on?

Ask if they can explain the difference between a table of contents and the index. Help them compare the similarities and differences. Ask why they might use one instead of the other.

Nonfiction Reading Strategies

General reading skills can be strengthened by using specific nonfiction reading strategies. These include determining importance, accessing background knowledge, asking questions, and summarizing information.

Brainstorm with your reader how to tell if information is important or just interesting. Ask these questions:

Can you figure out what's important using the heading or title? What's an interesting fact you learned? What's the important big idea? How do the text features help you figure it out?

The Almanac exposes kids to a wide world of background knowledge in an engaging, accessible way, from spelunking to ice climbing to cave diving and beyond! Here's an example. A child encounters an article about spelunking. If they've never been exposed to the word or concept, it makes comprehension much harder. But, if the reader knows a little about spelunking, they'll be better able to comprehend the text about it.

Reinforce kids' curiosity by encouraging them to pick something they want to learn about. There will be implied questions. Ask your reader to tell you what they are wondering about the topic.

A beneficial feature of the Almanac is its multitude of short text passages. The more readers explore the content, the more practice they get summarizing short passages. Observing your reader's ability to tell you about what they read - or if they are struggling to tell you about what they read - can

be a diagnostic tool. Could it be that they can't differentiate what's important? Are you sure they're comprehending what they are reading? Answering these questions will help you guide them as they continue to read and learn.

Building knowledge, expanding vocabulary, encouraging curiosity, asking questions, forming opinions, having conversations, and developing critical thinking skills about the world ... these are just some of the outcomes - and tools for success - that nonfiction provides. Plus, research shows that when kids have access, they enjoy both fiction and nonfiction equally.

Ready to start reading? Grab your own National Geographic Kids Almanac 2025 at any bookstore or library!

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