

SUMMER CAMP CURRICULUM (Ages 2 to 12)

"StarVentures" Program

Program Philosophy

StarVentures Summer Camp transforms ordinary summer days into extraordinary learning adventures through themed weeks that combine education with fun, ensuring children continue growing and learning while creating lasting memories.

Weekly Schedule Framework

6:30 AM - 8:30 AM: Arrival and Morning Adventure

- Camp welcome and health checks
- Breakfast service and social interaction
- Theme introduction and day planning

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM: Morning Circle and Theme Launch

- Weekly theme presentation and goals
- Special guest introductions
- Adventure planning and excitement building

9:15 AM - 10:30 AM: Theme-Based Learning Activities

- Science experiments related to weekly theme
- Arts and crafts projects
- Educational games and challenges

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM: Energy Snack and Hydration

- Healthy snack service and water breaks
- Movement activities and stretching
- Preparation for outdoor adventures

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM: Outdoor Adventures and Field Trips

- Educational field trips and community exploration
- Nature-based activities and discovery
- Physical challenges and team building

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM: Lunch and Cultural Exploration

- Theme-related lunch experiences
- Cultural appreciation and discussion
- Social interaction and friendship building

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM: Quiet Time and Reflection

- Rest time for younger campers
- Quiet activities and reading for older children
- Reflection journals and goal setting

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM: Afternoon Energizer

- Snack service and hydration
- Physical activities and games
- Preparation for afternoon adventures

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM: Hands-On Projects and Creation

- Theme-based craft projects and skill building
- Engineering challenges and problem solving
- Creative expression and artistic development

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Active Recreation and Sports

- Swimming and water activities (when available)
- Team sports and cooperative games
- Individual fitness and skill development

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM: Showcase and Celebration

- Daily achievement celebration and sharing

- Portfolio development and documentation
- Family communication and pickup preparation

Weekly Curriculum Themes

Week 1: Space Explorers

- Astronomy and space science
- Rocket building and launch experiments
- Planetarium visits and star observation
- Space-themed arts and crafts
- Astronaut training physical challenges

Week 2: Ocean Adventurers

- Marine biology and ocean ecosystems
- Water experiments and wave studies
- Aquarium visits and sea creature exploration
- Ocean conservation and environmental awareness
- Beach games and water safety

Week 3: Time Travelers

- Historical periods and cultural exploration
- Museum visits and historical reenactments

- Ancient civilizations and archaeology activities
- Traditional crafts and cultural arts
- Timeline creation and historical research

Week 4: Nature Detectives

- Environmental science and ecosystem studies
- Nature hikes and wildlife observation
- Gardening projects and plant life cycles
- Weather monitoring and climate awareness
- Conservation projects and earth stewardship

Week 5: Mad Scientists

- Chemistry experiments and laboratory skills
- Physics demonstrations and hands-on activities
- Invention creation and design thinking
- Science museum visits and expert presentations
- Scientific method application and documentation

Week 6: Around the World

- Geography and cultural studies
- International cuisine and cooking experiences

- Language introduction and communication skills
- Cultural celebrations and traditional games
- Passport creation and world exploration

Week 7: Art Attack

- Visual arts mastery and technique development
- Museum visits and artist studies
- Cultural art forms and historical appreciation
- Individual and collaborative masterpiece creation
- Art show preparation and presentation skills

Week 8: Sports Champions

- Multi-sport instruction and skill development
- Teamwork and sportsmanship training
- Olympic games and competition preparation
- Fitness education and health awareness
- Awards ceremony and achievement celebration

Age-Specific Adaptations

Toddler Modifications (Ages 2-3)

- Shorter activity periods with more transitions

- Sensory-based exploration of weekly themes
- Simple craft projects with adult assistance
- Rest time and individual attention as needed
- Safety modifications for all activities

Preschool Enhancements (Ages 3-5)

- Theme-related literacy and numeracy activities
- Beginning research and documentation skills
- Cooperative projects and social skill development
- Independence building and responsibility training
- Creative expression and imagination development

School Age Challenges (Ages 5-12)

- Advanced research projects and presentations
- Leadership roles and peer mentoring opportunities
- Community service integration with weekly themes
- Complex problem-solving and critical thinking challenges
- Portfolio development and reflection skills

Special Events and Field Trips

- **Educational Field Trips:** Age-appropriate destinations that enhance weekly themes including museums, nature centers, cultural sites, and community organizations
- **Guest Expert Presentations:** Professional visitors who share expertise related to weekly themes including scientists, artists, historians, and community leaders
- **Family Showcase Events:** Weekly presentations where children share learning and creativity with families and community members
- **Community Service Projects:** Age-appropriate volunteer opportunities that connect weekly themes to social responsibility and community awareness
- **End-of-Summer Celebration:** Comprehensive showcase of summer learning, achievements, and friendships with families and community members

Assessment and Documentation

- **Daily Adventure Journals:** Individual documentation of activities, discoveries, and reflections maintained by each camper
- **Photo Documentation:** Comprehensive visual record of activities, achievements, and special moments shared with families through secure online platforms

- **Weekly Portfolio Creation:** Collection of projects, artwork, writing samples, and achievement records organized by weekly themes
- **Skill Development Tracking:** Monitoring of social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth throughout the summer experience
- **Family Communication:** Regular updates about individual progress, group dynamics, and upcoming activities through multiple communication channels