Summer Enrichment Programs

2016

**The** [**Aerospace Camp Experience**](http://www.museumofflight.org/ace) **at the Museum of Flight,** for kids entering kindergarten and up, focuses on all things aviation, aerospace, and outer space. If your middle school and high school kids love engineering, they can explore topics ranging from building robots to the principles of aerodynamics and space flight. **Ages:** Grades K–12 <http://www.museumofflight.org/education/ace>

[**Bricks 4 Kidz**](http://www.bricks4kidz.com/washington-seattle-proper/program-events/camps/) offers summer camps for LEGO enthusiasts at six Seattle-area locations. Camp themes range from "Pocket Brick Monsters" to "Mining and Crafting." **Ages:** 5–10 <http://www.bricks4kidz.com/washington-seattle-proper/program-events/camps/>

[**Camp Invention**](http://www.campinvention.org/), a nonprofit enrichment program created by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, has campers engage in team creative problem-solving using STEM concepts to tackle the world's problems. Camps are held at elementary schools around the Sound. Registration is now OPEN for 2016 programs. **Ages:** Grades 1–6 <http://campinvention.org/>

[**Challenge Island**](http://www.challenge-island.com/seattle-bothell-kirkland/programs/camps/)is part STEM, part *Survivor,* and all fun. Campers split into tribes to complete a series of challenges such as building a vehicle with household items. Camps are offered in six locations around greater Seattle and the Eastside. No updates for 2016 yet.

<http://www.challenge-island.com> **Ages:** 4-13

**Cornish College of the Arts** Summer at Cornish offers educational opportunities for children in dance, theater, art, music and design. **Ages:** 3.5-14 <http://www.cornish.edu/summer/>

[**Destination Science**](http://destinationscience.org/index.php/component/content/article/81)camps on offer in 13 Seattle and Eastside-area locations give kids a chance to train like astronauts, build robots and other gadgets, join a crime scene investigation team, and more during a fun-filled week. Registration opens January 18! **Ages:** Grades K–6 <http://destinationscience.org/locations-fees/washington/>

[**DigiPen ProjectFUN**](https://projectfun.digipen.edu/) **(Redmond, WA)** 1-week Summer Workshops let elementary, middle, and high school students explore careers in game development, digital media creation, and engineering while enhancing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. **Feb. 6, 13, March 5 -** Summer Workshops Preview Day; **March 16** Early Bird Discount Deadline **Grades:** 1-12 <https://projectfun.digipen.edu/>

[**Digital Media Academy**](https://www.digitalmediaacademy.org/washington-tech-camps/university-of-washington/)offers a range of camps on topics such as art and digital photography and 3D game design with Minecraft for younger campers, up to camps on robotics and programming to game development and filmmaking for older campers. Camps meet on the University of Washington campus and campers can attend as day campers or stay overnight (ages 12–17) on campus for an additional fee. **Ages:** 6–17

[https://www.digitalmediaacademy.org/washington-tech-camps/university-of-washington](https://www.digitalmediaacademy.org/washington-tech-camps/university-of-washington/)

[**The Evergreen School Summer Program**](http://www.evergreenschool.org/summer_overview) **(Shoreline, WA)** Week-long classes and camps that include offerings in arts and crafts, music and theatre, science and math, sports and games, nature studies, outdoor exploration, and more. Registration usually opens **end of February.**  **Ages:** 3-14

<http://www.evergreenschool.org/summer_overview>

[**Girls Rock Math**](http://www.girlsrockmathematics.com/#!summer/c1jk7)camps in 10 Seattle and Eastside locations investigate and use math in fun and creative ways, including exercises in writing and art. Many of GRM camps also get participants outdoors in the summer sunshine to find patterns and symmetry in nature. Registration opens **January.** **Ages:** Grades 1–6

<http://www.girlsrockmathematics.com/#!summer/c1jk7>

[**iD Tech Camps**](http://www.idtech.com/locations/washington-summer-camps/) in Seattle, Bellevue and Bothell (day camps and overnight) give future computer science students experience on a university or independent school campus. Technology camp topics include web design, coding, Minecraft and more. iDTech also offers Alexa Cafe, sessions of all-girls tech camp for ages 10–15 with fun names like "Sugar Coded, " "Game Pop" and "Design Technista." Early Bird Discount Deadline **January 31, 2016**  **Ages:** 6–18 h[ttps://www.idtech.com/locations/washington-summer-camps/](https://www.idtech.com/locations/washington-summer-camps/)

[**KidsQuest Children's Museum**](http://www.kidsquestmuseum.org/page.php?id=105) **in Bellevue.** Little learners can get their hands on engineering and science projects even before they start elementary school, thanks to the Science Explorers and Engineering Explorers camps at KidsQuest. School-age kids can join the science fun in Adventure Camps, where they conduct their first chemistry experiments, design extreme structures, and more. Not yet been updated for 2016. **Ages:** 3–8 <http://www.kidsquestmuseum.org/page.php?id=105>

[**Math For Love Summer Camps**](http://mathforlove.com/summer-camp/)Week-long camps that take a playful approach to mathematics. The Math for Love approach includes games and puzzles with a healthy dose of curiosity, intrigue, and surprise. Not yet updated for 2016, but there are Sunday classes available that start January 24. **Ages:** 8-10 and 11-15 <http://mathforlove.com/summer-camp/>

[**Northwest Maritime Center (Seattle, WA)**](http://www.nwmaritime.org/programs) 9 weeks of summer day camps for kids – all of them on boats. Kids can experience maritime life in many ways, from dinghy sailboats to marine life to boatbuilding. Summer camps are divided into two programs: Messing About in Boats, for 5-10 year-olds, and Learn to Sail for 8 to 16 year-olds. Registration is open! **Ages:**  5-16 <http://www.nwmaritime.org/programs>

[**Open Window School (Bellevue, WA)**](http://www.openwindowschool.org/Page/Programs/Summer-Program) Week-long classes provide engaging experiences designed to encourage creative and critical thinking, experimentation, and discovery. **Grades:** K-7 <http://www.openwindowschool.org/Page/Programs/Summer-Program>

[**Operation Exploration**](https://www.bsd405.org/schools/summer-school/operation-exploration.aspx) **(Bellevue, WA)** A hands-on integrated 12 day program that emphasizes accelerated academics, creativity, and higher-level thinking skills around a central theme. Information for 2016 not yet available. **Grades:** 2-6 <https://www.bsd405.org/schools/summer-school/operation-exploration.aspx>

[**Pacific Science Center**](http://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/Camps/summer)has more than 60 programs planned for summer. Camps are held at six locations, including Seattle and the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center in Bellevue. Camp topics range from preschool science experiments to a robot workshop to spy science, one of the most popular camps at PSC. Registration opens for members February 25, for the public March 1 and early bird registration ends April 30. **Ages:** Pre-K–grade 12 <http://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/Camps/summer>

[**Play-Well Lego Engineering Summer Camps**](http://play-well.org/camps-2015.shtml) (various locations around Seattle and Greater Seattle area) 1-week camps, Day/Commuter, Kid. Kids build elaborate objects, structures and vehicles while exploring fundamental principles of engineering and physics. They also learn to collaborate and create without fear of mistakes. The experience is joyful, the impact long-lasting Registration open! **Grades**: K-8 <http://play-well.org/camps-2015.shtml>

[**Robinson Center for Young Scholars at University of Washington**](https://robinsoncenter.uw.edu/programs/summer/) Summer Challenge (5th-6th), Summer Stretch (7th-10th), Explorations in STEM careers (9th-11th) Sign up information posted January 2016. **Grades:** 5-11 <https://robinsoncenter.uw.edu/programs/summer/>

[**Seattle Audubon Society**](http://www.seattleaudubon.org/sas/WhatWeDo/EnvironmentalEducation/SummerProgram.aspx)Located in Magnuson Park, Seattle Audubon's youth education program, Nature Camp, provides opportunities for children to discover, explore, and learn about the animals and plants that live in and around Seattle**. Ages:** Grades 1-9 <http://www.seattleaudubon.org/sas/WhatWeDo/EnvironmentalEducation/SummerProgram.aspx>

[**Seattle Aquarium**](http://www.seattleaquarium.org/camps-family-programs) offers a full roster of Marine Summer Camps where campers investigate the ocean depths with underwater exploration tools and marine science. Camp topics for different ages range from marine mammal science to sharks and fish friends. Registration opens **February 2016.** <http://www.seattleaquarium.org/camps-family-programs> **Ages:** Grades K–8

**Seattle Parks and Recreation** Weekly summer camps at 33 different locations across the Seattle area. The Parks Department offers a variety of camps from sports like basketball and volleyball to hip-hop and engineering. Register online now. **Ages:** 3-17

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/camps/>

**Seattle Tilth** Children “spend summer days outdoors being urban farmers.” Art, song and games are added for some “urban farm flair!” One day, two day and weeklong programs are offered.

<http://seattletilth.nonprofitsoapbox.com/kids-and-families> **Ages**: 1-15

[**SIG at the Overlake School**](http://www.giftedstudy.org/day/overlake/) **(Redmond, WA)** A 3-week, day program that combines challenging academics with social, cultural, and recreational opportunities to nurture students’ social skills, enhance existing talents and acquire new ones. **Ages:** 5-12 <http://www.giftedstudy.org/day/overlake/>

[**Summer at Seabury (Tacoma, WA)**](http://www.summerlearningtacoma.org/programs/seabury-summer-camps)Week-long, day programs that offer fun, excitement, creativity and learning. Sessions include: Spy Camp, Knights of the Round Table, Harry Potter, Minecraft (In Real Life), and Survival (Outdoors) Camp. Information updated 2016. **Grades:** K-6

<http://www.summerlearningtacoma.org/programs/seabury-summer-camps>

[**Taproot Theater (Seattle, WA**](http://taproottheatre.org/12406-2/)**)** Week-long day camps for budding thespians, including specific courses on puppetry, comedy, auditioning, stage combat, Shakespeare, and several productions. Information will be updated 2016. **Grades:** Pre-K-12

<http://taproottheatre.org/12406-2/>

[**TechKnowHow Seattle's**](http://www.techknowhow.com/seattle-south/)camps use LEGO to foster skills in building, robotics, remote control techniques and stop-motion animation with iPads. Camps are offered in West Seattle, Federal Way and Kent. Information will be updated 2016. **Ages:** 5–12 <http://www.techknowhow.com/seattle-south/>

**University of Washington Summer Youth Programs** A variety of programs for elementary, middle, and high school students. Registration opens February 2016 and spots fill fast!

**Grades:** 1-12

<http://www.summer-camp.uw.edu/>

**Washington Fencing Academy** (Issaquah, Redmond, Seattle, Bellevue) Fencing is sometimes called ‘physical chess’ and the strategic nature of it is very appealing to some students. <http://www.washingtonfencing.com/in-house-camps/>

[**Wilderness Awareness School (Seattle, Issaquah, Kenmore, Carnation, Duvall)**](http://wildernessawareness.org/youth-programs)Through exploration, adventure, and creative play, students work together in small groups gaining knowledge of plants, mammals, tracking, birds and survival skills. Day and overnight camps. <http://wildernessawareness.org/youth-programs> **Ages:** 4-18

[**Wilderness Warriors**](http://www.tracksandtalesnatureschool.com) **(Duvall, WA)** Tracks & Tales Nature School offers children a strong foundation in outdoor exploration, primitive living skills, creative expression & personal growth by using games, ancient crafts, storytelling, and the natural bounty of a pristine northwest forest. Week-long day camps. **Ages:** 8-13 <http://www.tracksandtalesnatureschool.com>

**Wolf Camp** Overnight youth camps and day camps that explore topics such as wilderness survival, fishing, and nature guide training. The camp is celebrating 20 years of summer nature camps. <http://www.wolfcollege.com/> **Ages:** 5-17

**Woodland Park Zoo** The Zoo offers a variety of camps and programs that are developmentally appropriate. Students can learn more about animals while being right next to them! Several topics include Animal Olympics and Animal Kingdoms. **Ages:** 3-14 <https://www.zoo.org/page.aspx?pid=1784#.VrJ3ZjYrLVo>

**YMCA of Greater Seattle** A variety of summer day camps and overnight camps including outdoor day camps, sports camps, and other specialty camps. Updates and registration for summer 2016 will be available early February. **Ages:** 3-16 <http://ykids.seattleymca.org/find-a-camp>

**40-Plus Fun Summer Camps** Visit the parentmap.com site for more sumemr programs tied to sports, STEM, outdoor, drama and more. **Ages:** 3-18 <https://www.parentmap.com/article/fun-summer-camps-for-seattle-area-kids>