

# Summer Camp 2009

## Camp Descriptions



### Week 1: June 8-12, 2009

**Creatures of the Deep (Kickoff to Kindergarten):** Learn about creatures that live in our oceans, what they do, how they live and why they are important to us as land lovers!

**Bubble-ology (Grades 1-3 Half Day):** Learn the science behind bubbles as you mix your own super bubble solutions and create a variety of bubble wands. From square bubbles to bubble prints- you'll become an expert bubble-ologist by the end of the week!

**Backyard Pets (Grades 1-3):** Who's in your backyard? In this camp, you'll slither like a snake, design collars for your favorite pooch (or cat!), and make a home for a squirmy worm as you learn about the animals in your own backyard.

**Amazing Animals (Grades 3-6) :** Campers will use their favorite animals to learn about color theory, elements of art, and principles of design. Colorful animals will take shape in drawings, paintings, and even papier mache!

**A.S.I: Animal Scene Investigators (Grades 4-6) :** Learn how to determine what animals have paid you a visit! Using your A.S.I. Kit, you'll collect evidence from animal tracks, scat, homes, and nests to solve animal mysteries!

### Week 2: June 15-19, 2009

**Preschool Picasso (Kickoff to Kindergarten):** Learn about different artists and explore the use of different art materials.

**Color My World (Grades 1-3 Half Day):** Add a splash of color to your art! Try out interesting color combinations, learn how to mix new colors, and even create your very own unique color as you explore all of the amazing colors in our world through painting, drawing, and printmaking.

**Messy Masterpieces (Grades 1-3) :** Get ready to get messy as you explore the artwork of artists like Van Gogh, Monet, and Pollack... You'll finger paint, sculpt, squish, and mold your way through the master artworks!

**3-D Design Challenge (Grades 3-6):** You'll put your sculpting and designing skills to the test in this camp! Design skyscrapers and totem poles from cardboard boxes, create elaborate pop up pictures and books, transform famous paintings into sculptures, and meet the challenge to create your own unique 3-D artwork.

**Mixed Media Mayhem (Grades 4-6):** It is all about expression in this messy and fun camp. Campers will bind unique books from found materials, create colorful shaving cream monoprints, paint Pop Art- inspired portraits, and more. They'll use fabric, magazines, colorful felt, silverware, old toys, scraps of all kinds of paper and anything else we can get our hands on to create mixed media masterpieces.

### **Week 3: June 22-26, 2009**

**Fabulous Food Groups (Kickoff to Kindergarten):** Learn about healthy eating habits by exploring foods from different food groups.

**Little Chefs (Grades 1-3 Half Day):** Little chefs will don their aprons and chef hats as they learn how to mix, mold, and create delicious treats and healthy snacks. They'll taste their way through the food groups and make a recipe book to take home.

**Great Ex: Top Chef (Grades 1-3):** Do you have what it takes to be named Great Explorations' Top Chef? Campers will learn how to design their own unique recipes, participate in "Quick Fire" challenges, and host their own cooking show at the end of the week.

**Face It (Grades 3-6):** You'll put your best face forward in this camp as you learn how to draw and paint portraits in a variety of styles. From the realistic to the surrealistic, campers will learn different ways to create portraits and self-portraits like the masters.

**Snack Attack!(Grades 4-6):** Sharpen your culinary skills, learn how to make healthy food choices, and create delicious snacks in this special culinary camp. From sweet treats to crunchy bites, you'll learn how to make yummy snacks, create a recipe book, and showcase your own snack creation at the end of camp.

### **Week 4: June 29- July 3, 2009**

**Creepy Crawlies (Kickoff to Kindergarten):** Discover all the creepy crawly critters that live in our area and how they help our environment.

**Pretend Passport: Hawaii (Grades 1-3 Half Day) :** Aloha! Pack your bags and don't forget your flip flops! Campers will go on a pretend trip to Hawaii where they will learn to Hula, twirl poi, and even have a luau!

**Eco Explorers (Grades 1-3):** Learn how to protect our planet as you explore different local and global habitats. Plant a mini garden, make treats for the birds, create art from junk, and learn creative ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

**Make an Impression (Grades 3-6):** Make an impression as you print and stamp your way through the week. You'll create your own stamps, make colorful monoprints, use everyday objects to make prints, and so much more!

**Pet Vets, Keepers, and Trainers (Grades 4-6):** Do you like taking care of your pets? Want to learn how to teach your dog some new tricks? Ever dreamed of working in a zoo? In this camp, you'll explore jobs working with animals as you care for some cute critters and get tips from the experts! You'll also get certified in Pet First Aid!

## **Week 5: July 6-10, 2009**

**Pirates of Great Explorations (Kickoff to Kindergarten):** Learn about pirates from the Tampa Bay area, what ships they sailed, and what their favorite letter is!

**Pirate Academy (Grades 1-3 Half Day):** Ahoy, mateys! Our little pirates will listen to tales of pirates, buried treasure, and adventure on the high seas from their Captain before embarking on their own pirate adventure. They'll master the pirate lingo, make their pirate garb, and discover their own buried treasures.

**Treasure Hunters (Grades 1-3):** Hidden in tombs, buried in the sand, and scattered on the ocean floor-treasures can be found all over the world! Campers will learn about famous treasures and treasure hunters-then go on their own treasure hunts!

**Recycled Art (Grades 3-6):** There is no limit to what campers can create with typical recyclable materials and their imaginations! Water bottles will be transformed into beautiful flowers, portraits will be created from wood scraps, and old magazines will take on a new life as baskets. Campers will learn to transform trash to treasure!

**Tomb Raiders (Grades 4-6):** What treasures lie hidden in the chambers of ancient Egyptian pyramids? Campers will raid the tombs of Egypt to decipher stories in hieroglyphics, learn how to make a mummy, design Egyptian masks and jewelry, and add their own paintings to a pyramid's walls.

## **Week 6: July 13-17, 2009**

**Garden Investigators (Kickoff to Kindergarten):** Explore all of the happenings in a garden. Learn how to garden, investigate Sunken Gardens, and plant your own garden to take home!

**Super Hero School (Grades 1-3 Half Day):** Campers will put their super hero powers to the test and learn what it takes to be a real hero at Great Exploration's Super Hero School. Campers will complete super hero training, create their own super hero costume, and graduate from Super Hero School at the end of the week.

**Junior CSI Academy (Grades 1-3):** Do you have what it takes to be a CSI Agent? Campers will spend a week in our Junior CSI Academy creating a CSI Kit to take home and learning how to solve crimes. Campers will put their new skills to the test at the end of the week and graduate from the academy.

**Comic Book Clinic (Grades 3-6):** Wham! Boom! Pow! Learn how to draw comics and create your own comic book characters. After studying famous comic book characters you'll write and illustrate your own comic book.

**CSI: Great Ex (Grades 4-6):** A crime's been committed and it's up to you to solve it! As CSI Agents-in-Training, you'll learn how to examine crime scenes, collect evidence, and solve crimes like a real CSI Agent.

## **Week 7: July 20-24, 2009**

**Once Upon a Time (Kickoff to Kindergarten):** We'll listen to wonderful fairytales, write our own fairytale, and design costumes to play make believe in our fairy tale world.

**Silly Suitcases: African Safari (Grades 1-3 Half Day):** Grab your binoculars and get ready to go on an imaginary safari in Africa! Campers will learn about African wildlife while they create their own safari kit, go on pretend animal watches, and create their own collection of African animals.

**Silly Suitcases: Fairytale Adventures (Grades 1-3):** This week all the campers are princesses and princes! We'll build a castle to play in, create our own fairytale wardrobes, and go on exciting adventures in a magical place using our imaginations! Campers will be able to bring their fairytale to life at home when they bring their Fairytale Adventures Suitcase home!

**Silly Suitcases: Van Gogh on the Go! (Grades 3-6):** Paint under the stars like Van Gogh and create your own masterpieces. Campers will learn how to set up their own art studio and practice painting in the style of Van Gogh. Then they will bring their art studio home at the end of the week with their Van Gogh on the Go Suitcase.

**Silly Suitcases: Pirates! (Grades 4-6):** Campers will sail the high seas and search for buried treasure aboard the Great Ex Pirate Ship! They'll don their pirate garb... Campers will bring the pirate adventure home with their Pirate Suitcase...parents, get ready to walk the plank!

## **Week 8: July 27-31, 2009**

**Diggin' Dinos (Kickoff to Kindergarten):** Discover what kinds of dinosaurs existed and become a Pre-K Paleontologist.

**Pretend Passport: Japan (Grades 1-3 Half Day):** Pack your bags and don't forget your passport! Campers will travel to the other side of the world to explore Japan. They'll design a kimono, practice martial arts, and learn how to hold a tea ceremony.

**Dino Detectives (Grades 1-3):** Become a paleontologist-in-training as you uncover clues from the past and reconstruct a mystery dinosaur. You'll dig for fossils, construct your dinosaur and learn dino-mite facts!

**Skateboards and Graphics (Grades 3-6):** It's graphic design with a fun urban twist. Design your own line of skateboards, stickers, and t-shirts! Campers will create a logo to create their own unique line of products and even transform their logo into art on canvas, wood, and other interesting materials.

**Academy of Fashion Design (Grades 4-6):** Ever dreamed about designing your own fashion line? Now's your chance! Explore different fabrics, papers, designs, colors, and textures as you design a fashion line using paper dolls. From concept drawings to the final fashion show, you'll immerse yourself in the fashion world!

## **Week 9: August 3-7, 2009**

**Pre-K Drama (Kickoff to Kindergarten):** We'll learn acting techniques as we take to the stage, learn our lines, dress up in costumes, and put on a play at the end of the week.

**Puppet Tales (Grades 1-3 Half Day):** Campers will create their own collection of puppets and work together to create a special puppet show. From shadow puppets to finger puppets, children will learn how to make lots of fun puppets based on familiar stories and their very own puppet theater.

**Puppet Theater 101 (Grades 1-3):** Campers will make a wild collection of puppets and learn how to put on puppet shows as a group and on their own. Use socks to make silly sock puppets, transform foam into talkative characters, and make dolls dance on strings. Create a portable stage to take your puppet show on the road!

**Set and Costume Design (Grades 3-6):** Campers will use their artistic abilities to create props, costumes, and scenery for the theater. Appliance boxes will be transformed into castles and houses, butcher paper will become landscapes and oceans, scraps of cardboard will take on new life as shields, masks, and so much more.

**Puppets on Parade (Grades 4-6):** These aren't your ordinary puppets! Campers will design and build giant puppets used in parades and festivals. Campers will learn how to make their puppets walk, dance, and interact with each other and their audience. Dragons, sea creatures, and silly giants will come to life in a special show and parade at the end of the week.

## **Week 10: August 10-14, 2009**

**Slimy Summer Science (Kickoff to Kindergarten):** Make and play with all the slimy stuff you can't play with at home!

**Kitchen Chemistry (Grades 1-3 Half Day):** Did you know that the ingredients for some amazing chemistry projects can be found in your own kitchen? Using common kitchen items like soda, salt & pepper, baking soda, and sugar you'll erupt a volcano, make neon colored ice cream, make pepper dance, and more!

**Ooey, Goey, Icky, Sticky Art & Science (Grades 1-3):** See how far you can stretch some neon goeey gunk, erupt a volcano, paint with "magic paint," sink your fingers into some magic muck, and even draw with your own homemade sidewalk chalk...you'll have a blast playing with the all the ooey, goeey, icky, and sticky ingredients!

**Mixed Media Mayhem/Portfolio (Grades 3-6):** It is all about expression in this messy and fun camp. Campers will bind unique books from found materials, create colorful shaving cream monoprints, paint Pop Art-inspired portraits, and more. They'll use fabric, magazines, colorful felt, silverware, old toys, scraps of all kinds of paper and anything else we can get our hands on to create mixed media masterpieces. For campers who have attended multiple weeks of our Art Track, they will also put together a portfolio of all of their artwork.

**Mini Mad Scientists (Grades 4-6):** Put on your lab coats, safety goggles, and turn on your mad scientist brains! Our mini mad scientists will make chalk that glows in the dark, bounce rubber blubber, launch rocket balloons, and so much more in our wacky science lab!