

Camp Explorations 2021

June 21-25 *'To Infinity, and Beyond!'*

The universe is full of mysteries and uncharted territories . . . and this week, we are blasting off into space for some out-of-this-world science! We'll be sailing through the solar system, exploring rockets and constellations, and perhaps even encountering some completely alien galaxy slime on our interstellar journey. One small step for CHA campers, one giant step for summer fun. Join us on our voyage to the moon!

June 28-July 2 *'Pay It Forward'*

Chestnut Hill Academy develops global leaders, and that mission extends to our summer camp! Being a global leader involves social awareness and connection to the community, and this week we'll celebrate and learn about pivotal community members, heroes, and helpers who regularly make a difference for others. We will translate all of this wonderful learning into social action through participation in some service projects, mindfulness activities, and regular, random acts of kindness.

July 6-9 *'Bugs and Botanicals'*

Prepare to get your hands dirty this week as we dig into an exploration of plants and insects, covering everything from life cycles to insect parts to adaptation. There are so many learning opportunities to be found in even the smallest things under the soil just outside our school doors! Whether a future entomologist or horticulturist, campers will be buzzing, flying, and growing through the wonderful world of science contained within a simple garden.

July 12-16 *'Arctic Expeditions'*

Penguins and polar bears, icebergs and underwater exploration! Join us in a geographical and conservation-focused investigation of the climate, animals, plants, and habitats of the Great Arctic. Arctic animal yoga, iceberg excavation . . . we will even be making our very own snow! After celebrating our newfound knowledge of all of these natural wonders, we may have to conclude our expedition with some delicious snow cones!

July 19-23 *'Alice in Wonderland'*

Yes, we are going down the rabbit hole to Wonderland! Lawn croquet, giant chess sets, and playing card challenges will provide endless fun, so don't be late. Curiouser and curiouser? Join the camp to find out more! This is a tea party that you won't want to miss.

July 26-30 'Adventureland'

Dreaming of adventure? Of sailing the high seas? Treasure hunts, mysteries, and magic? Join us for a week of excitement as we challenge campers to test their limits and stretch their strengths through scavenger hunts, knot tying challenges, obstacle courses, and more!

August 2-6 'Imaginarium'

This week, the sky is the limit! Or rather, each camper's imagination sets the limit as we dive into loose parts exploration and innovation, open-ended creativity, game design, storytelling, and challenges and invention. The process, and not the product, is the focus as we look for inspiration in the mundane, experiment, and generate new ideas!

August 9-13 'Robots and Rockets'

Tinker, test, and launch some rockets as we engage in some science and engineering this week. How high can your rocket fly? And what can your robot do? Put your mind and muscles to work this week to build and design some simple yet exciting machines. All innovative experimenters and early engineers are welcome!

August 16-20 'Enchanted Forest'

Bring your breadcrumbs and your magic beans, because we're tiptoeing into the Enchanted Forest to explore the magic of fairytales. From building fairy houses and gnome homes to making magic wands, we'll be stepping into a world of imagination and storytelling as we celebrate the beauty of summer.

August 23-27 Focused Kindergarten Camp – for incoming CHA Kindergarten students

This week we're inviting incoming Kindergarten students to join us for an introduction to CHA and Camp Explorations. In addition to the great dinosaur-based activities occurring all week long, our new CHA students will have some time outside the standard multi-age experience to get thoroughly acquainted with our school routines and norms. We're excited to welcome them, and to help create some of the friendships and community they'll be enjoying over the next several years!

August 23-27 'Delving into Dinosaurs'

Junior paleontologists, this week CHA will be going Jurassic! While dinosaurs may technically be extinct, we will be bringing them to life through a study of a variety of dinosaurs and their habitats, exploration of fossils, and scientific inquiry into these fascinating prehistoric creatures. We think this week of camp is going to be dino-mite!

August 30-September 3 'Early Environmentalists'

What better way is there to honor all of our wonderful summer experiences, than to learn how to conserve all of our resources for future summer adventures? This week campers will be learning about conservation, developing eco-friendly habits, and expanding their environmental awareness. We will discuss our responsibilities in relation to ecology and sustainability, and because having formative experiences in nature leads to love and respect for nature, we'll be spending a good portion of this week of summer camp enjoying the great outdoors.