



Summer Camp 2019

# Information Packet



**Register Online:**

**[www.chestnuthillacademy.com/campus-life/camps](http://www.chestnuthillacademy.com/campus-life/camps)**



Dear Parents and future Campers,

Welcome to Camp Explorations! Whether you are a returning camper or new to Camp Explorations, this summer will be sure to deliver a rewarding experience. Each day, campers (ages 5-12) explore the world around them through varying themed experiences. Activities, workshops, and guest speakers all help ignite curiosity and the explorer in each of us. Our camp program is staffed by seasoned childcare professionals that create a positive environment for growth throughout the summer. CHA families will receive a **10% Early Bird Discount** on enrollment (not including the registration fee or Extended Day) for registration forms submitted by May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### Which option is right for me?

- **Weekly:** Summer fun for the whole week! When registering, select the week-long option which includes multi-age themed activities and exciting field trips that vary each week. The weekly option is best for recurring campers and those wanting the full summer camp experience at Chestnut Hill Academy. Back-Up Care and Microsoft School's Out! benefits can be applied to full week registrations.
- **Daily:** Come and join Chestnut Hill Academy for a day or two. This option is great for parents needing care for single day use during the week or for a limited time during the summer. This is also ideal for Back-Up Care users wanting single days. This multi-age program coincides with the same weekly themes and focuses on art, science, engineering, and exploration within those themes.
- **Focused Kindergarten Camp:** This is a new experience that we have added for our incoming Kindergarten students. This camp will be offered during Week 1 (June 17-21), and Week 10 (August 19-23). In addition to enjoying the theme activities occurring all week long, our new CHA students will have dedicated time to get thoroughly acquainted with our school routines and norms.

### What does a normal day at camp look like?

Camp starts at 9:00 a.m. with an option to early drop off at Extended Day, which begins at 7:00 a.m. On your first day of attending camp this summer, we recommend allowing twenty minutes to check in at the front desk to ensure completion of your registration paperwork. Subsequent days of camp attendance will just involve a quick check-in at the front desk to receive your child's passport. After a quick snack at 9:00 AM (provided by our school cafeteria or brought from home), the day's adventures begin with a morning meeting to get groups situated and have an introduction to the day's activities! Activities vary each day and change dramatically based on the weekly theme. At least one special event is scheduled each week to coincide with the camp's theme. For students participating in the Beaches and Tide Pools Week, which involves field trips, an additional field trip permission form will be provided at the beginning of the week and will need to be signed and returned for your child to participate in camp. Additionally, a sack lunch may be required for the field trips, which will be noted on the week's permission slip. Lunch is held in our cafeteria with an option to order a school lunch or bring your own. Afternoon activities are followed by a snack and recess time. Camp ends at 4:00 p.m. with a 15-minute

grace period pick up. If your child is here after 4:15 p.m. they will join Extended Day. Extended day runs from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and includes a late afternoon snack.

## Schedule

7:00-9:00 AM	Extended Day option
7:00-8:00 AM	Self-guided exploration in Extended Day room
8:00-9:00 AM	Outside time
9:00 AM	<b>Camp begins!</b>
9:00-9:30 AM	Morning snack in the Café
9:30-11:00 AM	Themed camp activities
11:00-11:30 AM	Lunch group #1, with other group at recess
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Lunch group #2, with first group at recess
12:00-2:00 PM	Themed camp activities
2:00-2:30 PM	Afternoon snack
2:30-3:00 PM	Outside time
4:00 PM	<b>Camp ends!</b>
4:00-6:00 PM	Extended Day option
4:00-4:15 PM	Extended Day snack
4:15-6:00 PM	Self-guided exploration

## Weekly Themes

Week 1	June 17-21	S.T.E.A.M. Focused “Kindergarten Camp”
Week 2	June 24-28	Culinary Adventures
Week 3	July 1-3, 5	Bones and Biology
Week 4	July 8-12	Kinesiology Kids
Week 5	July 15-19	Mission Impossible
Week 6	July 22-26	Young Entrepreneurs
Week 7	July 29-August 2	School of Rocks
Week 8	August 5-9	Tech Time
Week 9	August 12-16	Beaches and Tide Pools
Week 10	August 19-23	Ooey Goey Science Focused “Kindergarten Camp”
Week 11	August 26-30	Splash

## Extended Day

This optional program is available for campers requiring early drop off and/or a later pick up time. Morning Extended Day begins at 7:00 a.m. and is a great way to start the day by playing games with friends and enjoying our playgrounds while gearing up for a great day at camp! Afternoon Extended Day is similarly structured beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. A late afternoon snack is provided by our cafeteria.

## Registration and Pricing

You will find all the information you need, and the forms required to register, on our website - [www.chestnuthillacademy.com/campus-life/camps](http://www.chestnuthillacademy.com/campus-life/camps)

- Camp fees are \$400 per week for the Weekly Camp option, or \$85 per day for the Daily Camp option, plus a one-time \$50 non-refundable registration fee which reserves your child's space at camp and pays for related administration duties.
- Registration requirements must be met on or before the first day of camp each week, **or we will not be able to accept your child.**
- Our cafeteria makes delicious, well balanced lunches for an additional charge of \$4.50 per meal. Lunches must be ordered in advance at <http://www.chestnuthillacademy.com/lunches> . If you're using Microsoft School's Out! benefits, there is no charge, but we still need you to place an order. **Please note that CHA is a Nut Safe School and this policy applies during the summer. Products containing nuts will be disposed of and an alternative may be provided.**
- Extended Day is charged at an hourly rate of \$20/hr. or at a weekly rate of \$60. If hourly usage exceeds \$60, the weekly rate will be charged instead. There is a 15-minute grace period that allows you to drop off at after 8:45 a.m. and pick up before 4:15 p.m. without being charged for Extended Day. Please note that a strict closing time is enforced. **Campers must be picked up by 6:00 p.m. or a late pick-up fee of \$10/minute will be incurred.**

### Cancellation Policies

Enrollment changes for Weekly Camp must be made at least one full week in advance, in writing (email acceptable), by Friday at 5pm, and 24 hours in advance for Daily Camp. If you need to cancel a camp registration for any reason, please notify CHA as soon as possible at [cha@brighthorizons.com](mailto:cha@brighthorizons.com). Registrants will be charged for the full week/day of camp if less than 1 week/24 hours' notice of cancellation is given, or if child is enrolled but registrant does not attend camp.

### What should my child bring to camp?

Your camper will have a personal locker in which they can store the belongings they bring each day. A backpack or bag is recommended along with a labeled water bottle. The Pacific Northwest is known to have temperamental weather, so we advise sending your camper with a rain jacket or extra layer each day. Hypoallergenic sunscreen will be provided for your child's use at camp, and we will ask you to complete a permission slip form for sunscreen upon registration. However, if you choose to supply your own sunscreen, please make sure it is in the original bottle and the permission slip for that sunscreen is completed. Extra sun protection like a hat and sunglasses are optional. Closed toe shoes are recommended most days, but sandals are acceptable if they have a backstrap. No flip flops please.

Summer camp is one of the most quintessential times of childhood. It offers exceptional opportunities for social growth, comradery, learning, and fun! We can't wait for you to join CHA this summer in exploring the world around us. If have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at the email or phone number listed below.

Warm regards,

**Monique Stuart-German**

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## Weekly Themes

### **June 17-21 'S.T.E.A.M.'**

The exciting world of S.T.E.A.M is happening all around us! Science, technology, engineering, art, and math influence our everyday. During this program, campers will participate in various challenges that will require them to research, design, build, create, test, and develop innovative solutions for real world experiences.

### **June 17-21 *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 S.T.E.A.M. 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!

### **June 24-28 'Culinary Adventures'**

This week, we'll be busy in the kitchen innovating with ingredients, learning the basics of baking, and tapping into all the inherent math and science lessons that come with being in the kitchen. We'll be emphasizing cooking and baking as practical life skills, and campers will get to utilize fresh and seasonal ingredients and will also learn about food sources and food production. Aprons are optional, appetites are not! Let's get cooking!

### **July 1-3, 5 'Bones and Biology'**

Make no bones about it, this is the perfect camp for young scientists! Anatomy, physiology, and biology are all coming into play as campers learn about bodies. We'll be moving beyond head, shoulders, knees, and toes to more thoroughly examine the amazing organs, structures, and systems that make up our bodies.

### **July 8-12 'Kinesiology Kids'**

Ready, set, MOVE! Campers this week will not be sitting still, as they'll be participating in a variety of fun games, activities, and sports, with a winning outcome for all involved. This week is for campers of all abilities and experience levels, and will present opportunities for athletics, friendly competition, exercise, and ways to explore human movement and their own body mechanics.

### **July 15-19 'Mission Impossible'**

Calling all ninjas, spies, super sleuths, and master detectives! Every camper will be putting their critical thinking skills to the test as we engage in a series of secret missions to solve puzzles, unravel mysteries, and conquer obstacle courses! Logic and deduction are a must as all our super sleuths tackle a variety of tricky tests, riddles, and brainteasers. Prepare to be mystified, challenged, and perplexed!

### **July 22-26 *'Young Entrepreneurs'***

We are taking care of business this week! Campers will demonstrate their 21st century skills of critical thinking and collaborative work to engage in the process of design, and they will also explore topics that will make them aware of the financial world. Because business is about so much more than just having a bright idea, our week will include a focus on leadership skills, civic responsibility, etiquette, and problem-solving. Get ready to be a money boss!

### **July 29-August 2 *'School of Rocks'***

Whether your child is a passionate paleontologist or just a rudimentary rock hobbyist, this week of camp will have something for everyone! We'll be going on an expedition to the past to explore some fossils (because who doesn't love dinosaurs!), and throughout the week will be digging into geology with geodes, volcanoes, earthquakes, and crystals. Rock on!

### **August 5-9 *'Tech Time'***

Looking for a taste of technology? Hoping for an introduction to some exploratory engineering, balanced with time out in the fresh air and enjoying social experiences with friends? This week, campers will get some exposure to different technological tools, programs, and activities, such as Ozobots, coding, and stop motion animation. We'll be taking advantage of what CHA's Tech Lab has to offer and increasing our technical knowledge!

### **August 12-16 *'Beaches and Tide Pools'***

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### **August 19-23 *'Ooey Gooley Science'***

Come ready to make a mess! We'll be expanding our knowledge and exploring the different properties and qualities of all things ooey-gooley and squishy-squashy. Campers are full of great questions and are intrigued to learn about many things that provoke their senses. Be prepared for experimentation and a variety of tactile experiences.

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### **August 26-30 *'Splash'***

Prepare to get wet and stay wet during this week of wild water adventure! Pack your bathing suit and towel for a week of sliding, dunking, splashing, soaking, and spraying the warm (we hope!) summer days away as we enjoy and explore the three scientific stages of water. Over the course of the week, campers will get to engage in a variety of wacky water games and stay cool on the giant water slide on the big field. Get ready to jump, belly flop, or dive right in!



Week	Theme	Description	Some highlights
Week 1 June 17-21	S.T.E.A.M.	The exciting world of S.T.E.A.M is happening all around us! Science, technology, engineering, art, and math influence our everyday. During this program, campers will participate in various challenges that will require them to research, design, build, create, test, and develop innovative solutions for real world experiences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UV bead sunscreen experiment</li> <li>• Tinfoil boat construction and penny challenge</li> <li>• Diet coke and Mentos geyser explosions</li> <li>• Alka seltzer rockets</li> <li>• Egg drop challenge</li> <li>• Rubik's cube challenge</li> <li>• Build a solar oven</li> </ul>
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- Games: Life, Monopoly
- Business ideas and logo design

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- Geode breaking
- Fossils
- Rock-painting
- Growing crystals
- Burke box – fossils
- Baking soda and vinegar volcanoes

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- Stop motion animation videos
- Ozobots
- Coding
- Circuits
- Coding obstacle course
- Legos

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- Sandcastle contest
- Creating beach art
- Tidepool scavenger hunt or tidepool bingo (can they find and identify several specific creatures)
- Field trips to local beaches

Week 10  
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- Static electricity experiments
- Toothpick and marshmallow towers
- Making playdough
- Making slime
- Making Oobleck
- Making "clean mud"
- Smell test to see how fast smells can travel
- Identifying close-up pictures of everyday objects
- Growing "germ gardens" on slices of white bread

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- Large inflatable water slide on the field
- Sno-cones
- Watercolor ice painting