

M ST SUMMER CAMPS

Get ready for a summer filled with fun, learning, and active adventures with St. Martin's 2026 Summer Enrichment and Athletic Camps for rising 3rd-8th graders!

Enrichment Camps: Unlock Your Potential!

Immerse your child in a world of creativity, curiosity, and discovery. Our diverse range of enrichment camps will cater to various interests, including cooking, board games, coding, film, and more! Our expert instructors are committed to providing an engaging and educational experience that will leave your child inspired and empowered.

What to Expect:

- Engaging and age-appropriate activities for all interests.
- Experienced and passionate instructors and coaches.
- A safe and inclusive environment that fosters personal growth.
- Opportunities to make new friends and lasting memories.
- Lunch is provided in the Saints Dining Hall at no additional charge if you select both morning and afternoon sessions.
- Campers may also choose to attend Summer Day Camp in either the morning or afternoon sessions to compliment their enrichment/athletic camp selections.

Athletic Camps: Play, Learn, Grow!

Fuel the passion for sports and physical activity in your child. Our athletic camps offer a mix of skill development, teamwork, and, most importantly, fun! Whether it's soccer, basketball, or a combination of sports, our experienced coaches will guide participants through exciting drills, games, and friendly competitions.

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Enrichment and Athletic Camps, A to Z

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Painting, Drawing, and Sculpting! Oh My!

Paper Engineering and Paper Circuits

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Root Boot Camp!

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The Science of Slime

Sim That City

Soccer Camp (Co-ed)

Volleyball Skills Camp (Girls)

Word Play!

Enrichment and Athletic Camp Listings By Week

Week 1: June 1-5			
9:00-12:00	Boys Baseball Camp with Coach Bobby Ledoux	3rd-7th	Bobby Ledoux
	Painting, Drawing, and Sculpting! Oh My!	5th-8th	Sara Hardin
	Chemistry of Cooking	3rd-5th	Erin Morere
12:30-3:30	Boys Basketball Camp with Coach Mike Odom '92	5th-8th	Mike Odom
	Painting, Drawing, and Sculpting! Oh My!	3rd-5th	Sara Hardin
Week 2: June 8-12			
9:00-12:00	Minecraft Epic Explorer's Camp	3rd-8th	John Dicasali
	Soccer Camp with Coaches Jenny and Bobby Velasquez (Co-ed)	3rd-8th	Bobby and Jenny Velasquez
	Art Camp	4th-8th	Allison Thomas
12:30-3:30	Sim that City	5th-8th	Robby Stanley
	Canvas Reimagined: An Immersive Art Experience	5th-8th	Elaina Cushing
Week 3: June 15-18 (no camp June 19)			
9:00-12:00	Rising Stars (mini theater camp)	1st-2nd	Lynne Bordelon
	Minecraft Epic Explorer's Camp	3rd-8th	John Dicasali
	Cardboard Family Arcade	5th-8th	Robby Stanley
12:30-3:30	Paper engineering and paper circuits	5th-8th	Robby Stanley
	Basketball (co-ed)	3rd-5th	Rebecca Lovisa
	Creative Writing Camp: Tales That Terrify	6th-8th	Emma Massengale
Week 4: June 22-26			
9:00-12:00	Minecraft Epic Explorer's Camp	3rd-8th	John Dicasali
	The Science of Slime	3rd-8th	Erin Morere
12:30-3:30	Root Boot Camp: Train Your Brain in Greek and Latin!	5th-8th	Keith Schwarz
	Myth Busters	3rd-8th	Erin Morere
Week 5: June 29- July 3			
9:00-12:00	Soccer Camp with Coaches Jenny and Bobby Velasquez (Co-ed)	3rd-8th	Jenny Velasquez
	Junior Chefs Cooking Camp	3rd-5th	Betsy Fox
12:30-3:30	Game Makers Camp	3rd-8th	Rebecca Lovisa
	Culinary Creations Cooking Camp	5th-8th	Betsy Fox
Week 6: July 6-10			
9:00-12:00	Soccer Camp with Coaches Jenny and Bobby Velasquez (Co-ed)	3rd-8th	Jenny Velasquez
	Escape Room Designers	5th-8th	Robby Stanley
12:30-3:30	Classic Arcade Camp	4th-8th	Gene Hernandez
	Podcast Studio	5th-8th	Robby Stanley
Week 7: July 13-17			
9:00-12:00	Football Skills Camp with Coach Kevin Dizer (Boys)	3rd-7th	Kevin Dizer
	Cheer Camp with Head Coach Tiffany DuSaules	3rd-7th	Tiffany DuSaules
	Craft Camp: Create • Customize • Craft	3rd-8th	Julie Warren and Betsy Fox
12:30-3:30	Classic Arcade Camp	4th-8th	Gene Hernandez
	Word Play!	3rd-8th	Keith Schwarz
Week 8: July 20-24			
9:00-12:00	Volleyball Camp with Coach Nicky Wood	3rd-7th	Nicky Wood
	Minecraft Epic Explorer's Camp	3rd-8th	John Dicasali
12:30-3:30	Classic Arcade Camp	4th-8th	Gene Hernandez
	Rube Goldberg Machines	5th-8th	Robby Stanley
	Essential '80s Movies	5th-8th	Keith Schwarz

OPEN TO RISING 1ST-2ND GRADERS

Rising Stars

Teacher: Lynne Bordelon

Ages: rising 1st-2nd

Cost: \$250

With Afternoon Day Camp Add-On (includes lunch):
\$425

Week 3: June 15-20, 9:00 am-12:00 pm (Holiday June 19)

Rising Stars Theatre Camp is the perfect introduction to the magic of the stage for our youngest performers! Designed especially for students entering 1st and 2nd grade, this half-day camp nurtures

confidence, creativity, and joy through age-appropriate theatre games and activities.

Campers will explore the basics of acting, dance, and vocal performance in a fun, supportive environment while building teamwork and self-expression. The experience culminates in a special performance onstage before the “big kids” production of Seussical JR. on June 18 and 20, giving our Rising Stars a chance to shine in the spotlight and experience the thrill of live theatre.

A joyful first step into the world of performing arts—where confidence grows and stars begin to rise!

OPEN TO AGES RISING 3RD-8TH

Craft Camp: Create • Customize • Craft

Coach: Julie Warren and Betsy Fox

Ages: rising 3rd-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 7: July 13-17, 9:00 am- 12:30 pm

Spark your child’s creativity in this hands-on, week-long makers camp designed for rising 3rd–8th graders! Campers will explore the exciting world of crafting using Cricut machines and a wide variety of materials while building confidence, creativity, and real-world design skills.

Throughout the week, campers will design and create both fun and functional projects—such as custom t-shirts, leather bracelets, charging cord holders, colorful paper flowers, personalized cards, and wall banners. Projects are thoughtfully differentiated by age and skill level, so beginners feel supported while older campers are challenged with more advanced techniques.

This camp is perfect for kids who love to create, personalize, and experiment. Whether your child is new to crafting or already a DIY pro, they’ll learn new skills, express their unique style, collaborate with friends, and head home each day with handmade creations they’re proud of. Creativity takes the lead in this high-energy, confidence-building camp—let’s get crafting!

Canvas Reimagined: An Immersive Art Workshop

Teacher: Elaina Cushing

Ages: rising 3rd-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 2: June 8-12, 12:30 pm- 3:30 pm

Watch your child light up as they explore art, take creative risks, and discover what they’re capable of. Canvas Reimagined invites campers to explore art through hands-on projects inspired by famous artists and local Louisiana creatives, all in a fun, supportive studio environment. Each day balances skill-building with open-ended creation, allowing children to experiment with exciting materials, think creatively, and develop confidence in their own ideas. Your child gains more than artistic techniques: they learn to see



the world through an artist's eyes, express complex ideas visually, and trust their creative instincts. By connecting to both art history and Louisiana's vibrant creative culture, campers understand that art is alive, relevant, and part of their own community. With interactive games, guided projects, and plenty of time to create, this camp is perfect for kids who love art or are ready to discover a new passion.

Science of Slime

Teacher: Erin Morere

Ages: rising 3rd-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 4: June 22-26, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Science of Slime is a hands-on science adventure disguised as pure, messy joy! Let us spare your home, and we'll take care of the messy part!

Your rising 3rd-8th grader will dive into real chemistry concepts like polymers, viscosity, and chemical reactions while developing critical STEM skills like measuring, experimenting, and problem-solving. They're learning—they just think they're playing! Five full days of sensory exploration means something new every single day: stretchy slime that pulls for miles, fluffy cloud textures, creations that glow in the dark, silky-smooth butter slime, and satisfying crunchy concoctions. Each camper designs and customizes their own collection to take home—no two slimes alike!

Here, scientific curiosity meets hands-on experimentation as campers test recipes, troubleshoot when textures aren't quite right, and discover how changing a single ingredient transforms everything. It's the ideal mix of guided learning and creative freedom. Your child will build, squish, stretch, and mix their way through an experience that proves science is anything but boring—all while taking home multiple custom slimes they've created themselves, new friendships, confidence in scientific thinking, and a deeper appreciation for the chemistry happening all around them.

Myth Busters

Teacher: Erin Morere

Ages: rising 3rd-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 4: June 22-26, 12:30 pm- 3:30 pm

Does your child question everything? Perfect! Myth-

Busters Summer Camp turns that natural curiosity into scientific superpowers—and we promise to contain the inevitable explosions, goo, and general chaos within our four walls so you don't have to!

Your rising 3rd-8th grader will spend five action-packed days thinking, testing, and discovering like an actual scientist. They'll tackle popular myths head-on, make bold predictions, and design experiments to uncover the truth. From kitchen chemistry that fizzes and bubbles to physics challenges that defy expectations, each day brings new questions to investigate and mysteries to solve. The grand finale? Campers lead their own team investigations, proving they've mastered the scientific method while having an absolute blast.

This isn't about memorizing facts from a textbook. Your child will develop real critical-thinking skills as they experiment, journal their observations, troubleshoot unexpected results, and present findings to their fellow scientists. They'll build confidence in their ability to question assumptions, test ideas, and think independently—skills that reach far beyond the science lab. Collaborative teamwork means they're learning alongside peers who share their passion for asking "why" and "what if," creating friendships built on shared discovery and plenty of laughter. Myth-Busters Camp transforms everyday questions into unforgettable adventures that prove science is the coolest way to understand the world around us.

Volleyball Skills Camp (girls)

Coach: Nicky Wood

Ages: rising 3rd-7th

Cost: \$200

Week 8: July 20-24, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Ready to watch your child's confidence soar—both on and off the court? Bump, Set, Spike! is where players of all levels transform their game through five days of high-energy coaching, skill-building, and pure volleyball fun.

Whether your rising 3rd-7th grader is picking up a volleyball for the first time or already dreaming of varsity, our expert coaches meet them exactly where they are. Through personalized instruction and progressive drills, campers master the fundamentals—serving with power, passing with precision, setting up the perfect play, and delivering that satisfying spike. But this camp goes beyond technique. Your child will build

unshakeable confidence as they see real improvement each day, develop teamwork skills that translate to every area of life, and discover the thrill of pushing past their own limits.

The magic happens in our balance of focused skill development and energizing gameplay. Campers practice new techniques, then immediately put them to use in exciting scrimmages and team challenges. They'll leave camp not just as better volleyball players, but as stronger communicators, more resilient competitors, and part of a new crew of friends who share their passion for the game. Get ready for a week of diving saves, victory celebrations, and nonstop action that'll have your child counting down to next summer before this one even ends!

Saints Football Skills Camp

Coach: Kevin Dizer

Ages: rising 3rd-7th

Cost: \$200

Week 7: July 13-17, 9:00 am- 12:30 pm

Whether your rising 3rd-7th grader is brand new to football or already living and breathing the game, transform your game in just five days! The Saints Football Skills Camp delivers expert coaching from StM varsity football coaches, serious skill development, and the kind of heart-pounding action that keeps kids talking about it all year long.

Our experienced coaches meet every player at their level to help them sharpen essential techniques, build game-day fitness and conditioning, learn tactical strategies that elevate their football IQ, and develop the mental toughness and leadership qualities that define great athletes on and off the field.

Every day balances focused position work with drills

and competitive scrimmages where new skills come alive in real game situations. Campers push their limits alongside teammates who share their passion, creating bonds forged through sweat, determination, and those unforgettable touchdown moments. They'll return home not just as stronger, smarter football players, but as more disciplined, resilient, and confident young people ready to tackle any challenge.

Soccer Camp (Co-ed)

Coaches: Jenny and Bobby Velasquez

Ages: rising 3rd-8th

Cost: \$200

Week 2: June 8-12, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Week 5: June 29- July 3, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Week 6: July 6-10, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Turn your child's love of soccer into serious skill development with five days of professional coaching, dynamic training, and nonstop action on the field!

Whether your rising 3rd-8th grader is just discovering their passion for the beautiful game or already dreaming of scoring the winning goal, our experienced coaches bring out the best in every player. Campers will master essential techniques—dribbling with control, passing with precision, powerful shooting, defensive tactics, and strategic positioning. Through engaging drills that keep energy high and focus sharp, your child will see real improvement in their footwork, ball control, and game awareness. But the magic of soccer goes beyond individual skill, and this camp emphasizes what makes the sport truly special: seamless teamwork, split-second communication, and the joy of playing as one unit toward a shared goal.

Every session balances skill-building exercises with exciting scrimmages where campers put their training into action. They'll develop the confidence to take risks, the resilience to bounce back from mistakes, and the sportsmanship that defines great athletes. Your child will forge friendships with fellow soccer enthusiasts who share their competitive spirit and love of the game, creating memories that outlast any trophy. They'll come home exhausted, grass-stained, and absolutely buzzing with stories about their best plays—and already begging to sign up for next summer!



Baseball Camp

Coach: Bobby Ledoux

Ages rising 3rd-7th boys

Cost: \$200

Week 1: June 1-5, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Give your young ballplayer the ultimate summer baseball experience where expert instruction meets pure, diamond-dusted joy! St. Martin's Baseball Camp isn't about creating pros—it's about building confident, skilled players who truly love the game, guided by St. Martin's varsity baseball coach Bobby Ledoux.

Whether your rising 3rd-7th grader is stepping up to the plate for the first time or already has their eye on the varsity team, our coaches create a competitive yet encouraging atmosphere where every camper thrives. Players will master the complete baseball toolkit—hitting with power, bunting with precision, throwing mechanics, catching techniques, smart base running, defensive positioning, game rules, and strategic thinking. But we're teaching more than just baseball. Your child will learn what it means to be a true teammate and build personal responsibility as they care for their equipment and support their fellow players.

Rain or shine, camp goes on! We move indoors during inclement weather, so your child never misses a day of development. Just send them with their glove, hat, sunscreen, plenty of water, and tennis shoes for indoor days, and we'll handle the rest. They'll come home tired, happy, and ready to play catch with anyone who'll listen to their camp stories!

Cheer Camp: Stunts, Spirit, and Squad Goals!

Coach: Tiffany DuSaules

Ages: rising 3rd-7th

Cost: \$200

Week 7: July 13-17, 9:00 am- 12:30 pm

Ready to watch your child flip, cheer, and shine with confidence? Cheer Camp delivers five days of high-energy instruction where aspiring cheerleaders learn real skills, build unshakeable trust with teammates, and discover the incredible power of spirit and teamwork!

Participants will master proper stretching techniques to stay safe and flexible, sharp motions that command attention, impressive stunting skills with a focus on safety and technique, crowd-leading cheers that bring

the energy, and a full dance routine they'll be dying to perform for anyone who'll watch. But cheer is about so much more than the moves—it's about trust, communication, and lifting each other up, literally and figuratively.

Every day balances focused skill development with team-building games and trust activities that turn a group of individual athletes into a unified squad. Campers learn to spot each other during stunts, encourage teammates through challenges, and celebrate every breakthrough together.

Classic Arcade Camp

Teacher: Gene Hernandez

Ages: rising 4th-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 6: July 6-10, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm

Week 7: July 13-17, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm

Week 8: July 20-24, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm

Game on! Classic Arcade Camp is where your rising 4th-8th grader steps into a retro gamer's paradise for five days of friendly competition, skill-building, and pure nostalgic fun—no quarters required!

Campers will compete in daily tournaments of modern and classic video games such as Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, Super Smash Bros, Tetris, Mario Kart, Balloon Fight, Excitebike, Tecmo Bowl, Street Fighter 2 and Galaga. Beyond the tournaments, campers get



dedicated practice time to level up their skills, explore different games at their own pace, and swap strategies with fellow players.

They'll develop hand-eye coordination, quick decision-making, and strategic thinking while building friendships over shared high scores and epic comeback victories. The atmosphere buzzes with friendly competition, celebratory cheers, and that timeless arcade energy that makes every match feel epic. Your child will return home with new gaming skills, a deeper appreciation for video game history, and endless stories about tournament triumphs and hilarious defeats. Warning: expect requests to dig out your old Nintendo and challenges to prove you can still beat their high score!

Art Camp

Teacher: Allison Thomas

Ages: Rising 4th-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 2: June 8-12, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Unleash your young artist's imagination at Art Camp, where rising 4th-8th graders explore ceramics, drawing, sculpture, and painting in five days of colorful, hands-on creativity! Our camp is designed to inspire and nurture the artistic spirit in every child, fostering a love for self-expression and exploration in a supportive and engaging environment. Students will be guided in their learning through the use of techniques and skills particular to the medium, but will also be encouraged to be creative and think independently. At the end of the week, they'll come home with not only finished pieces you'll be proud to display in your home but also newfound confidence in their growing creative abilities.

Minecraft Epic Explorer's Camp

Teacher: John Dicasali

Ages: Rising 3rd-8th

Cost: \$350

Week 2: June 8-12, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Week 3: June 15-18, 9:00 am-12:00 pm (Holiday June 19)

Week 4: June 22-26, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Week 8: July 20-24, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Embark on an Epic Minecraft Journey! Join forces with

fellow gamers in this multiplayer extravaganza, where teamwork is the key to survival. Each day presents unique in-game challenges that will test your skills in gathering resources, constructing incredible structures, and navigating the ever-changing Minecraft landscape. But are you ready to face the Dragons, Withers, and Wardens that await you?

Dive into the latest Minecraft update and discover a world filled with thrilling challenges and exciting new content! From the enchanting Cherry Blossom Biomes to the mysterious Deep Dark Caves, an epic adventure awaits you.

Immerse yourself in this extended 15-hour Minecraft experience, where collaboration, communication, and friendly competition are the building blocks of unforgettable summer memories. Unleash your creativity, explore new realms, and make friends while conquering challenges in this ultimate Minecraft camp!

Word Play!

Teacher: Keith Schwarz

Ages: Rising 3rd- 8th

Cost: \$200

Week 7: July 13-17, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm

Join us for a week of playful, creative exploration of language through games and hands-on word activities. Campers will dive into a wide variety of word games, including Mad Libs, Scrabble, Balderdash, and many more, building vocabulary and flexibility with language along the way. Beyond games, students will experiment with blackout poetry, explore idioms and expressions, and take part in creative challenges that highlight how words can be twisted, stretched, and reimaged. This camp emphasizes fun, collaboration, and creativity while helping students become more confident and curious language users.

Root Boot Camp!

Teacher: Keith Schwarz

Ages: Rising 4th- 8th

Cost: \$200

Week 4: June 22-26, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm

In this weeklong summer camp, students will explore Greek and Latin roots and discover how they power thousands of English words we use every day. Through games, puzzles, creative challenges, and hands-on

activities, campers will learn how to break words apart, figure out unfamiliar vocabulary, and use roots to become more confident readers and thinkers. This camp is active, playful, and idea-driven. Students will play with language, solve problems, and see how words are built and connected. By the end of the week, campers will leave with stronger vocabulary skills and a new way of looking at language.

*Electronic Device with internet access needed.

Game Makers Camp

Coach: Rebecca Lovisa

Ages: rising 3rd-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 4: June 29- July 3, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm

Who knew learning could disguise itself as this much fun? Game Makers Camp turns your rising 3rd-8th

grader into an inventor, designer, and entrepreneur as they create original board games, card games, and outdoor challenges from scratch. Campers learn essential design thinking—crafting fair rules, testing prototypes, gathering feedback, and iterating to improve their creations. They're developing critical problem-solving skills, logical reasoning, and resilience when first attempts don't work perfectly. The collaborative atmosphere means your child builds teamwork and communication skills while bringing their wildest game ideas to life using simple materials and limitless imagination. The week culminates in an exciting Game Expo where campers showcase and play each other's inventions, experiencing the pride of seeing others enjoy what they've created. Your child gains creative confidence, entrepreneurial thinking, and genuine excitement about the design process—all while having an absolute blast!

OPEN TO AGES RISING 3RD-5TH

Painting, Drawing, and Sculpting! Oh My!

Teacher: Sara Hardin

Ages: rising 3rd-5th

Cost: \$250

Week 1: June 1-5, 12:30 pm- 3:30 pm

Perfect for your young artist who's always reaching for markers, paint, or clay! This hands-on camp for rising 3rd-5th graders dives into multiple mediums—painting techniques, drawing fundamentals, vibrant oil pastels, and sculptural creations. Campers explore mark-making, color mixing, shading, and three-dimensional design while discovering which materials spark their creative joy. This isn't just about making pretty pictures; your child will develop fine motor skills, visual-spatial thinking, and the confidence to express ideas through art. They'll learn that mistakes are part of the creative process and that experimentation leads to the best discoveries. In our supportive, mess-friendly environment, every young artist finds their voice and creates work they're genuinely excited to display.

Chemistry of Cooking

Teacher: Erin Morere

Ages: rising 3rd-5th

Cost: \$250

Week 1: June 1-5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Who knew your pantry was actually a science lab? Kitchen Science Camp turns rising 3rd-5th graders into culinary chemists for five delicious days of experimentation, discovery, and edible creations! Through hands-on activities using everyday ingredients, campers explore real science concepts: chemical reactions that make things rise and fizz, physics principles behind mixing and emulsification, biology in fermentation and yeast, and the chemistry of flavor combinations. This camp transforms how your child sees food, turning every meal into a learning opportunity and snack time into discovery time. They'll develop scientific thinking, measurement skills, and an understanding that science isn't confined to textbooks—it's happening all around them. Perfect for curious minds who love asking "why?" and don't mind a little mess, campers discover they don't need fancy equipment to be scientists, just curiosity and creativity. And yes, we handle all the kitchen chaos so yours stays clean! Your child comes home with new recipes, scientific knowledge, and a fresh appreciation for the

magic happening in every bite.

Junior Chefs Cooking Camp

Teacher: Betsy Fox and Julie Warren

Ages: rising 3rd-5th

Cost: \$250

Week 5: June 29-July 3, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Your rising 3rd-5th grader will discover the joy of cooking real food they're excited to eat! In our welcoming Van Slate House kitchen, young chefs spend a fun-filled half-day mastering kid-friendly recipes, practicing essential cooking skills like measuring and mixing, and learning the art of setting a beautiful table. But we're teaching more than just recipes. Campers gain kitchen confidence, basic dining etiquette, and the pride that comes from creating something delicious with their own hands. These foundational skills build independence and give your child tools they'll use at home for years to come. Through teamwork and hands-on practice, they develop following directions, time management, and the patience good cooking requires. Each camper leaves with a collection of tested recipes ready to recreate in your kitchen. Whether your child dreams of becoming a chef or simply loves trying new foods, this camp serves up the perfect blend of learning, creativity, and tasty fun!

Basketball Camp (Co-ed)

Coach: Rebecca Lovisa

Ages: rising 3rd-5th

Cost: \$200

Week 4: June 15-18, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm (Holiday June 19)

Give your rising 3rd-5th grader expert coaching in the fundamentals that every strong basketball player needs to master. Our experienced coaches focus on essential basketball skills: dribbling with both hands, shooting form and accuracy, defensive footwork, passing precision, and smart positioning on the court. Through engaging drills and age-appropriate activities, campers build muscle memory and basketball IQ while developing the work ethic and coachability that translate far beyond the gym. Your child gains physical fitness, hand-eye coordination, and the resilience to keep practicing until they nail that layup. They'll also learn teamwork, communication, and good sportsmanship in scrimmages where skills come alive in real game situations. Expect your young athlete to return home eager to practice their new moves, bursting with confidence, and ready to take on any challenge—basketball or otherwise!

OPEN TO AGES RISING 5TH-8TH

Painting, Drawing, and Sculpting! Oh My!

Teacher: Sara Hardin

Ages: rising 5th-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 1: June 1-5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Perfect for your rising 5th-8th grader who's ready to take their artistic skills to the next level! Art Camp explores painting techniques, advanced drawing fundamentals, vibrant oil pastels, and sculptural creations in a studio environment that encourages creative risk-taking. Campers dive deeper into mark-making, color theory, composition, shading, and three-dimensional design while developing their own unique artistic style. At this age, art becomes a powerful tool for self-expression and identity, and this camp creates space for your child to explore ideas, emotions, and

perspectives through their work. They'll build technical skills alongside creative confidence, learning that art is both disciplined practice and fearless experimentation. In our supportive, mess-embracing studio (we contain the chaos so you don't have to!), every artist finds their voice and creates art pieces they'll be genuinely proud to share. Your child returns home with refined skills, original artwork, and the creative confidence that comes from being seen and celebrated as an artist.

Creative Writing Camp: Tales That Terrify

Coach: Emma Massengale

Ages: rising 6th-8th

Cost: \$200

Week 3: June 15-18, 12:30 pm- 3:30 pm (Holiday June 19)

Does your child love stories that make your heart race

and your skin crawl? Stories that make them afraid to even turn the page? Then Creative Writing Camp: Tales That Terrify is calling their name...

For one thrilling week, rising 6-8 grade writers will dive into the dark and mysterious world of scary storytelling. We'll explore what really makes a story frightening—from eerie settings and creepy characters to shocking twists and chilling suspense. Together, we'll read spine-tingling excerpts from master storytellers like Edgar Allan Poe and Stephen King and uncover their secrets for keeping readers up at night.

Then... it's your turn. You'll craft your own original horror stories, experiment with atmosphere and suspense, and learn how to make readers feel the fear you imagine. Whether your horror is subtle and spooky or bold and terrifying, this camp will help you sharpen your voice and unleash your creativity.

Expect: Creepy mentor texts, imaginative writing challenges, collaborative story sharing, and a supportive space to take creative risks. By the end of the week, you won't just love reading scary stories, you'll know how to write them. Warning: This camp may cause chills, goosebumps, and a sudden love of writing.

Basketball Camp (boys)

Coach: Mike Odom

Ages: rising 6th-8th

Cost: \$200

Week 1: June 1-5, 12:30 pm- 3:30 pm

Your rising 6th-8th grader will train under state championship-winning head coach Mike Odom '92 in a week designed to elevate serious players to the next level. This isn't beginner basketball: it's intensive skill development for athletes ready to compete. Campers work on advanced ball-handling, shooting mechanics, defensive strategies, offensive plays, and the basketball IQ that separates good players from great ones. Coach Odom brings championship-level expertise and high expectations, pushing athletes to refine their technique while building the mental toughness and work ethic that define elite competitors. Through challenging drills and competitive game scenarios, your child develops not just physical skills but leadership, accountability, and the discipline to perform under pressure. They'll learn what it takes to compete at higher levels while building camaraderie with teammates who share their dedication to the game. Your athlete returns home with refined skills, a deeper understanding of

competitive basketball, and the confidence that comes from training with a proven champion.

Culinary Creations Cooking Camp

Teacher: Betsy Fox and Julie Warren

Ages: rising 5th-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 5: June 29- July 3, 12:30 pm- 3:30 pm

Ready to raise a young chef who can actually cook and host with style? This half-day camp for rising 5th-8th graders, hosted in the kitchen of the Van Slate House, teaches real culinary skills your child will use for life. Campers master fundamental cooking techniques, tackle exciting recipes they'll actually want to make at home, and create restaurant-quality dishes to enjoy and share. But great food is only part of the experience: your child also learns proper table setting, hosting essentials, and polished dining etiquette that builds confidence in any social situation. These are life skills that translate to college dorms, future dinner parties, and impressing potential in-laws someday! Beyond the recipes, your child develops kitchen safety, time management, teamwork, and the satisfaction of creating something delicious from scratch. They'll leave with a collection of tested recipes and newfound independence in the kitchen. Warning: You may be asked to relinquish some counter space as your young chef insists on cooking dinner!

Sim that City

Teacher: Robby Stanley

Ages: rising 5th-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 2: June 8-12, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

What does it take to design a city that works? Campers imagine, plan, and construct a collaborative cardboard city while exploring the basics of architecture, structural engineering, and urban design. They'll think about how buildings connect, how spaces are used, and how real professionals tackle big design challenges. Along the way, they'll hear insights from people who do this work in the real world. Finally, campers will dream up bold structures and then challenge them with real weight tests to see which designs stand strong and which ones topple. It's part creative build, part engineering showdown—just like what real architects and structural engineers do every

day.

Cardboard Family Arcade

Teacher: Robby Stanley

Ages: rising 5th-8th

Cost: \$200

Week 3: June 15-18, 9:00am-12:00pm (Holiday June 19)

Turn everyday cardboard into a world of imagination and play! Campers explore how classic games work as they design and build their own mini-golf holes and arcade-style creations using simple materials. Along the way, they experiment, test ideas, and bring playful inventions to life. It's part creativity lab, part game studio, and entirely fun.

Paper Engineering and Paper Circuits

Teacher: Robby Stanley

Ages: rising 5th-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 3: June 15-18, 12:30pm - 3:30 pm

Paper becomes a powerful design tool in this hands-on engineering camp. Campers discover how folds, cuts, and layers can create moving pop-up designs, then explore how lights and simple circuits can bring paper projects to life. Creativity meets problem-solving as ideas transform from flat sheets into interactive creations. Expect surprises around every fold.

Escape Room Designers

Teacher: Robby Stanley

Ages: rising 5th-8th

Cost: \$250

Week 6: July 6-10, 9:00am-12:00pm

Step behind the scenes of an escape room and become the designer. Campers work together to invent puzzles, clues, and interactive elements that challenge players to think creatively and logically. They explore how storytelling, engineering, and problem-solving combine to create an engaging experience. The result is a room full of mystery, teamwork, and clever ideas.

Podcast Studio

Teacher: Robby Stanley

Ages: rising 5th-8th

Cost: \$200

Week 6: July 6-10, 12:30pm - 3:30 pm

Find your voice and bring stories to life through sound. Campers experiment with recording, interviewing, and storytelling while working inside DIY sound booths they help design. They'll learn how audio can create mood, share ideas, and capture attention. It's a creative mix of technology, communication, and imagination.

Rube Goldberg Machines

Teacher: Robby Stanley

Ages: rising 5th-8th

Cost: \$200

Week 8: July 20-24, 12:30pm - 3:30 pm

Simple goals become wildly complex in this inventive engineering challenge. Campers design chain-reaction machines that use everyday objects and clever mechanisms to complete a single task. They explore planning, testing, and redesigning as their ideas move from digital concepts to real-world contraptions. This camp teaches perseverance, creative problem-solving, and the engineering design process in the most entertaining way possible. Your child learns that failure isn't the opposite of success but a necessary step toward it, building resilience and critical thinking skills that extend far beyond building contraptions. Expect plenty of trial, laughter, and "aha!" moments!

Essential 80s movies

Teacher: Keith Schwarz

Ages: Rising 5th- 8th

Cost: \$200

Week 8: July 20-24, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm

Step into the world of essential 1980s movies in this weeklong camp. Each day, campers will watch a classic film from the decade and then take a guided deep dive into it through discussion, games, and hands-on activities connected to the movie's themes, characters, and ideas. The camp emphasizes shared viewing and thoughtful discussion, allowing students to engage more deeply with each film. Popcorn and snacks will be provided, and all movies will be carefully selected to be appropriate for the age level.