



Clark Fork School

Shooting Stars Summer Camp Weekly Themes 2019

Who is the Shooting Stars Summer Camp Program for? The Shooting Stars Summer Camp is for pre-K students who are at least 3 years old and want to engage in meaningful, fun, and place-based activities. (2-year-old students who were enrolled in our Steller's Jay program during the 2018-2019 school year are also welcome.) You do not need to be a CFS student to attend – we encourage new families to participate!

Week 1: June 17-21 – SUMMER CELEBRATION

Shooting Stars will kick off summer by gathering around the campfire, telling stories, singing folk songs, and playing in the summer sun (or rain). Picnics, water play, popsicle-making, sidewalk chalk, art projects...this week is all about embracing the joy of summer!

Week 2: June 24-28 – INCREDIBLE INSECTS

Calling all Junior Entomologists! Let's explore the miniature world of insects as we learn about the power of pollination and the important role that insects play in our ecosystem. We will start the week by exploring the insects that live in our own backyard and investigating how they hide, move, and live. As the week progresses, we will turn our attention to exotic insects - the beautiful, the bizarre, and the in-between!

Week 3: July 1, 2, 3, and 5 (There will be no camp Thursday, July 4th **). GRAZING IN THE GARDEN**

Become an Explorer, a chef, and a master gardener while learning about the delicious food we grow right here at CFS. After getting to know the wonders of our garden, we will get our hands dirty harvesting, cooking, and exploring. We will saunter to other local gardens, learn about Guerilla Gardening in our unused spaces, and do lots of taste testing. We will even host a mud kitchen party! Please indicate any dietary restrictions on your enrollment form.

Week 4: July 8-12. BEAUTY OF BOXES

Boxes are wondrous and amazing things! You can create with them, re-use them, build with them...they might just be the best toy ever. This week, we may make a maze or a castle. We may engineer a tunnel or build a boat. We may explore the different ways boxes are used around Missoula and in the modern world. Campers' imaginations will be in charge as we explore the different and fun ways we can play with a simple, but brilliant toy - the box!

Week 5: July 15-19. MAGIC OF MINERALS

Discover the magic of minerals as we explore what makes Montana the Treasure State! This week, our junior geologists will grow crystals, conduct a fossil hunt, pan for gold, and dig deep into all things rocks, gems, and geodes. Let's roll up our sleeves, get messy, and have fun as we foster an appreciation for some of the wonders of the natural world.

Week 6: July 22-26. YOGA RETREAT

This week is all about taking care of our minds, bodies, and community! Our little yogis will explore various yoga asanas (poses) through games and stories, prepare healthy growing foods that nourish our bodies, and cultivate a kind and peaceful environment. Through engaging activities, we will explore concepts such as compassion, gratitude, confidence, and self-care.

Week 7: July 29-August 2. LITTLE PICASSO.

Let's get the creative juices flowing as we delve into the kid-version of art history! Focusing on a different artist every day, we will use their processes and practices as inspiration for our own artistic creations. Our budding artists will dabble in various media including painting, collage, sculpture, and installing art, all while expressing creativity and, most importantly, having fun!

Week 8: August 5-9. POWER OF PLAY.

A summer should be filled with play! Let your imagination go wild this week as we create, explore, and follow our curiosity. With the help of their fabulous teachers, campers will help plan this week's itinerary. Will we build fairy houses for our magical friends? Splash away the summer heat? Use our musical brain to make new melodies? It's all up to our campers! The only certainty is that there will be lots and lots of play!

Week 9: August 12-16. SPLASHING THROUGH SUMMER

Splash into summer! During this week of play and investigation, we will dive into water experiments, play with ice, and learn about the water cycle. We'll explore local waterways and investigate the ways water affects the plants around us. This week, we'll find all the best ways to cool off in the summer heat!

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or need clarification in any way. We look forward to a fun summer with you!

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