

# **2011 PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS**

## **All-Day Preschool**

Dates: June 6 – July 29 (8 weeks)  
Topic: Regular Preschool  
Age Group: 3-6 years old (graduates okay)  
Time: 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

### **Session 1: June 6 – 17**

#### **Theme: Art**

Creating with various art media and an introduction to art history. Session will end with a Gallery show for families to appreciate children's artwork.

Teachers: Eve Cusack

### **Session 2: June 20 – July 1**

#### **Theme: Cooking with the Cusacks**

Healthy snacks, simple meal preparation, food exploration and nutrition.

Teachers: Eve and Sam Cusack

### **Session 3: July 5 – July 15**

#### **Theme: Our Big Back Yard**

Nature walks, gardening, woodland animals, gnomes & fairies.

Teachers: April Waxler

### **Session 4: July 18 – July 29**

#### **Theme: Construction & Physics**

Building with a variety of found, recycled and manufactured objects, along with science experiments exploring the nature and nature's forces.

Teacher: April Waxler

## **Half-Day Preschool**

Dates: July 18 – July 29  
Topic: Art  
Age Group: 3 – 6 years old (no graduates)  
Time: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
Teacher: Eve Cusack

Half-Day summer session gets a makeover! This session is no longer geared towards orienting new students but will be an intense exploration of art, including uses of various media, world art, and a study of art history. Please come prepared to get messy! The session is open to incoming first graders, as well as incoming and current preschool students. The session will end with a gallery show for parents and family members to enjoy the children's work.

## **ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL CAMP DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Elementary Session I: June 6-17**

#### **Camp Challenge**

Age Group: 6-12 (graduates okay)

Time: 8:30 AM-3:00 PM, M-F

Teacher: Mrs. Miller & Senora Thrasher

Materials Fee: \$10

In an action packed session, you will discover your personal best in group and individual challenges, athletics, arts and crafts creations, mind games, logic puzzles and more. Camp Challenge features personal and team-building challenges such as: outdoor survival scenarios, solving environmental mysteries, treasure hunts, building your own telegraph machine, learning Morse code and doing lots of puzzles and games. Weekly special events will include outdoor days spent hiking, picnicking and exploring nature at nearby parks.

This camp features something for just about everyone- a great time to get to know your personal abilities as well as learning how to work as a team.

### **Elementary Session II: June 20 – July 1**

#### **Native American/Pioneer Cultures**

Age Group: 6-12 (graduates okay)

Time: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, M-F

Teachers: Mrs. Miller & Senora Thrasher

Materials Fee: \$10 per student

Explore the arts, crafts and skills of the North American people who believed that self-reliance and ingenuity were the hallmarks of life well-lived. Each day, campers will choose to participate in a variety of activities such as: furniture repair and refinishing, basket weaving, building wooden birdhouses and storage boxes, stenciling, and making quill pens and corn husk dolls. We will also take time to explore food preparation such as making real lemonade, ice cream, butter, as well as a variety of Mexican-American foods.

The last day of camp will feature a festival where campers will serve many of the foods they've made during the camp and show off their handiwork to family and friends.

## **Elementary Session III: July 5 – July 15**

### **Music Camp**

Age Group: 6-12 (graduates okay)

Time: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, M-F

Teacher: Mrs. True & Mr. McNaughton

This summer camp will focus on the experience of music through musical expression, guest performers, and many opportunities for dance. We will explore many different musical genres, melodies, rhythms, harmonies, and cultures. We will also discover the joy, power, and energy that music offers all of us, and we will even make our own musical instruments! No musical experience is necessary, just a desire to explore and express. The two week camp will culminate in a musical and dance performance in which every student will be given an opportunity to perform for their fellow students and parents.

Mr. McNaughton brings many years of experience with piano, guitar and vocal arrangements. Mrs. True has a strong connection to the musical talent of the Bloomington Community and will be calling on her friends to illustrate many different musical genres.

## **Elementary Session IV: July 18-July 29**

### **Construction Camp**

Age Group: 6-12 (graduates okay)

Time: 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM, M-F

Teachers: Mr. Bailey

Materials Fee: \$20

The intent of this summer camp is to give the students a chance to work on building projects in a cooperative learning environment. There will be a wide range of options from which to choose, and the students may freely move from one project to another.

The camp will feature, by popular request, the K'nex room. This will be a room entirely devoted to a number of large, expert-level, building sets. Of course, there will also be ample opportunity for children to create their own K'nex creations. There will be an arts and crafts table to make projects ranging from origami to animal noise makers. Again, there will be plenty of opportunity for students to create from their own imaginations.

We will also have some optional building contests for children to try. For example, we will see who can build the tallest structure out of exactly one hundred straws. Or we may build cars out of recycled materials and race them. The side-yard will feature a new and improved flying station. Children will make any number of simple and advanced paper airplanes, as well as kites, gliders, and possibly baking soda rockets!

The other stations will include smaller scale projects such as: legos, playdough, taking apart computers and other electronics, marble chutes, books on building, and many activities. We will add projects to the camp daily, particularly at the start of the second week.