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By Emily Crisman  
Staff Writer

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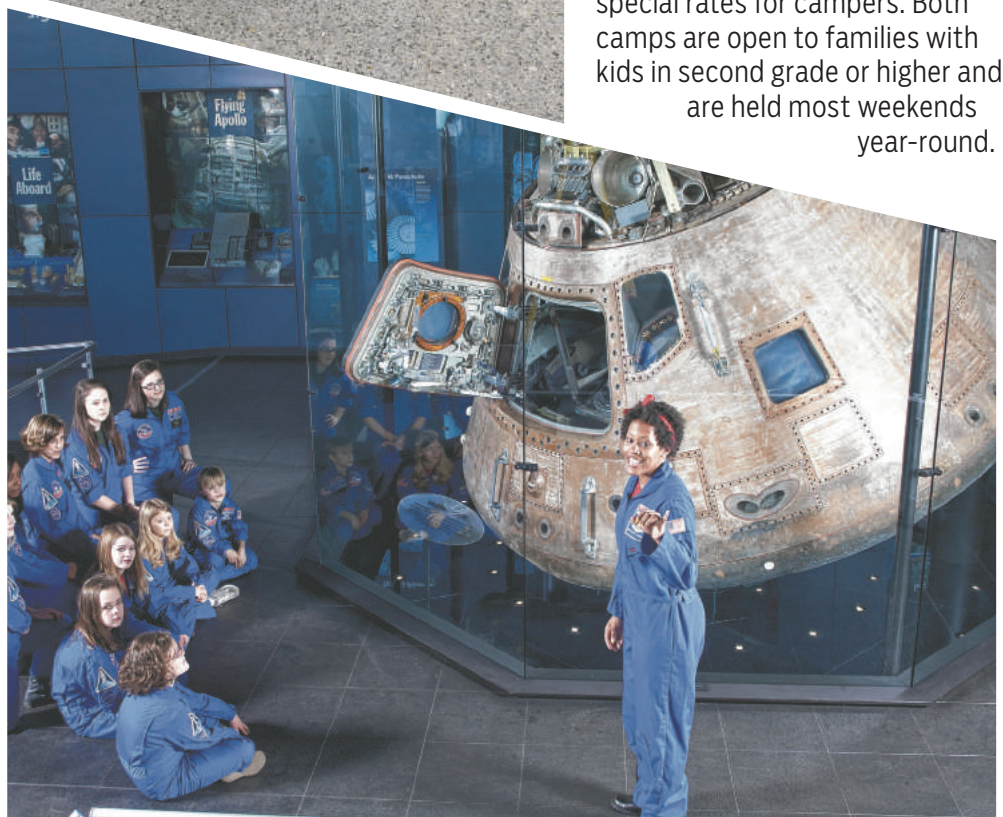
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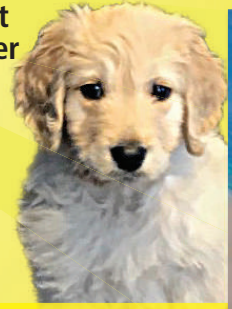


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## 5 reasons why summer camp is a good choice for kids

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Perhaps that's why one of the last vestiges of the classic summer vacation escape — summer camp — remains such a viable option for parents who want their children to get outdoors once the school year ends.

Although kids needn't be in camp all summer long, a week or two can benefit campers of all ages. The following are five reasons why summer camp might be the right fit this year.

**1.** Explore talents. Summer camps help young people explore their unique interests and talents. Under an organized, yet often easygoing, camp schedule, kids can dabble in sports, arts and crafts, leadership, community support, and many other activities that may not be fully available to them elsewhere.

**2.** Physical activity. Lots of camps build their itineraries around physical activities that take place outdoors. Campers may spend their time swimming, running, hiking, playing sports, climbing and so much more.

This can be a welcome change for kids accustomed to living sedentary lifestyles. Regular physical activity has many health benefits and can set a foundation for healthy habits as an adult.

**3.** Gain confidence. Day and sleepaway camps offer campers the opportunity to get comfortable in their own skin. Camps can foster activities in self-esteem by removing the academic measures of success and fill in with noncompetitive opportunities to succeed. Campers learn independence, decision-making skills and the ability to thrive outside of the shadow of their parents, siblings or other students.



**4.** Try new things. Camp gives children the chance to try new things, whether that's learning to cook,

exploring new environments or embracing a new sport or leisure activity. Opening oneself up to new opportunities can build character and prove enlightening for children.

**5.** Make new friends. Camp is a great place to meet new people and make lifelong friends. Campers flood in from areas near and far. This provides kids with a chance to expand their social circles beyond their immediate neighborhoods and schools.

Camps benefit children in a variety of ways. Lessons learned in camp can strengthen values, build confidence, develop coping mechanisms when adversity strikes and enable campers to make lifelong friends.

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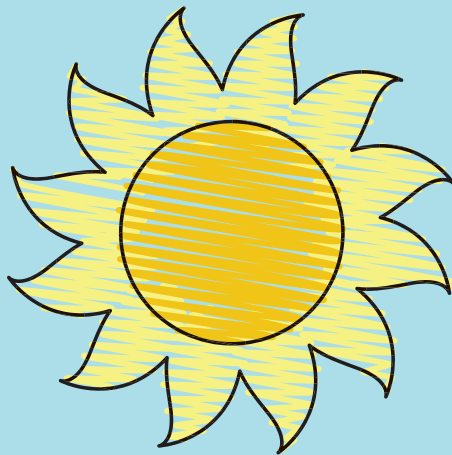
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## It's time to start preparing for summer camp season

Many people put off summer camp planning until it is too late. Parents should keep in mind that camps begin registration early in the year and have specific cut-off dates for enrollment.

Each summer, millions of children depart for campsites around the country to swim, hike, craft and enjoy the companionship of friends. This guide will help you plan your own summer camp agenda.

- › Attend an orientation seminar. Take the time to visit prospective camps for a tour, and use this open house as an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered. If available, find a camp employee to discuss your child's eligibility for enrollment. Some camps may offer webinars for convenience.

- › Fill out the enrollment package completely. Each camp has its own requirements for registration. Expect

to submit some personal information, including a medical background and proof of insurance, names and numbers of emergency contacts, and any other pertinent information as it applies to the camper. This may include allergies, fears, physical or mental disabilities, or even preferences in camp courses.

- › Establish payment schedules. Summer camps vary in price. The American Camp Association says camp costs range from \$100 to more than \$1,500 per week. However, many accredited camps offer some sort of financial assistance for children from families with limited financial means. If cost is a factor, be sure to broach the subject.

- › Prepare children for the physical challenges a camp may present. Summer camp activities may be rigorous, and campers may need to be cleared by a physician before starting. Be sure to schedule a physical for your child and

bring along any pertinent forms.

Children should also begin increasing their levels of physical activity compared to the often sedentary nature of winter, as such preparation can prevent injuries when engaging in outdoor and physical activities.

- › Shop for supplies. Camps are likely to provide a list of requirements with regard to clothing and other equipment campers will need. Make sure kids have enough shorts, T-shirts, socks, athletic shoes, swimsuits, toiletries and other camp necessities before they leave.

- › Keep children in the loop. Engage children in the planning process to help alleviate their fears and get them excited about summer camp.

Summer camp can foster lifelong memories. Parents can help kids prepare in advance for the fun that's soon to arrive.

—Metro Creative

### Did You Know?

- › Summer camps in North America were first established in the 1880s and were attended by children without their parents for overnight stays. By the 20th century, summer camps had become an international phenomenon and various organizations hosted traditional summer camps or camps geared toward religion, sports, music and other subjects and activities.

- › According to the American Camp Association, each year more than 14 million children and adults in the United States attend camp. America is home to more than 14,000 day and resident camps (8,400 are overnight camps and 5,600 are day camps).



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- › Ages: 5-12
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

Camp Grace is an amazing place where campers are sure to have a summer filled with memories to treasure forever. Camp Grace campers will experience a field trip every day of the week! Camp Grace has scheduled activities all day long to keep campers busy and active, including swimming, sports, and games. Campers will also experience daily enrichment activities in art, science, computers, cooking, and journal writing.

## Challenger STEM Learning Center & the Southeast Center for Education in the Arts

- › 855 E. Fifth St., Chattanooga, TN 37403
- › 423-425-2284
- › [perry-storey@utc.edu](mailto:perry-storey@utc.edu)
- › [utc.edu/challenger-stem-learning-center](http://utc.edu/challenger-stem-learning-center)
- › Ages: 5-14
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

Spark Academy welcomes rising kindergartners through first-graders and second- through third-graders. Discovery Academy is for rising fourth-through fifth-graders. Rising sixth-through eighth-graders can attend Innovator Academy. Cost is \$275 per week.

## Creative Discovery Museum Summer Camps

- › 321 Chestnut St., Chattanooga, TN 37402
- › 423-756-2738
- › san@cdmfun.org
- › cdmfun.org/camp
- › Ages: 4-14
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

Come join the fun at Creative Discovery Museum this summer. Each week offers a different theme and experience, but all camps include time in the museum, snacks, group projects, and a T-shirt for each child. Visit [cdmfun.org/camp](http://cdmfun.org/camp) for rates, weekly camp themes and additional information.

## Girls Inc. Fun Summer Camps

- › 4315 Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37411
- › 423-624-4757
- › tjohnson@girlsincofchatt.org
- › girlsincofchatt.org/camps
- › Ages: 6-12 and 7th- through 12th-graders
- › Boys, girls or both: Girls

Provide the girls in your life with the best hands-on, girls-only summer experience they'll ever have. Girls Inc. camps are always appealing, built around fun and imaginative themes, and, like all camps, they have recreation, swimming, field trips, and arts and crafts. Wrapped up in all that fun is the "Girls Inc. Experience," which includes cool and important things like career and life planning, character education, and acquiring new skills, knowledge and attitudes. Camps run Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. More information can be found at [girlsincofchatt.org/camps](http://girlsincofchatt.org/camps).



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Nature-Based Summer Camps at Reflection Riding Arboretum & Nature Center



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# General Interest

## GPS Summer Camp

- › 205 Island Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37405
- › 423-634-7600
- › campsclinics@gps.edu
- › GPS.edu/Summer
- › Ages: 4-14+
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

At GPS Summer Camp, a girl can be a girl! Our summer programs provide an enriching environment for campers to make cherished friendships, strengthen their minds and bodies, and discover what they love to do. We offer nearly 40 fun-filled camps, including a variety of traditional day, academic, art, and athletic camps. Be sure to look into our new offerings for this summer, such as Film Camp, Science Camp, and Beat the Heat Percussion Camp. GPS Summer Camps book up quickly, so early registration is encouraged.



Girls Inc. Fun Summer Camps

## HVCS Summer Camp

- › 6605 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421
- › 423-894-3200
- › lputman@hvcs.org
- › hvcs.org
- › Ages: 4 through rising 6th-graders
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

We offer a wide variety of themed camps incorporating action, fun, and creativity. Music, art, science, and two on-site field trips will be included each week. Campers are divided into two age groups to offer age-appropriate activities. The camps are designed to enhance summer learning in a fun, loving, Christian environment.

## McCallie Summer Camps

- › 500 Dodds Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37404
- › 423-493-5886
- › camps@mccallie.org
- › mccalliesummercamps.com
- › Ages: 5-16
- › Boys, girls or both: Boys

McCallie's summer programs include a variety of camps with emphasis on participation, cooperation, teamwork, and having fun. The camps' goals are to provide a quality summer recreational experience in a safe and wholesome environment for all children through outstanding people, facilities, and programs.

## Skyuka Hall Summer Program

- › 1200 Mountain Creek Road, Suite 300, Chattanooga, TN 37405
- › 423-877-9711
- › amoore@skyukahall.org
- › skyukahall.org/camp
- › Ages: Grades K-12
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

Skyuka Hall offers a four-week Bridging the Gap summer academic achievement program for students who need support and lack confidence in reading, writing, and math. Students will receive research-based skills and strategies necessary to improve and succeed in the classroom, as well as encouragement and motivation. Our unique approach to education is used to remediate, accelerate, and fine tune each student's skills and create an individualized plan to move each student forward. The Bridging the Academic Gap summer program is a proven difference-maker in the lives of students and families in the Greater Chattanooga area. The program will be held weekly from June 4-29.

## St. Nicholas School Summer Camp

- › 7525 Min Tom Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421
- › 423-899-1999
- › kleckenby@stns.org
- › stns.org
- › Ages: 4-12 (Day Camp) and 12-15 (Camp Leadership Program)
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

St. Nicholas summer camp challenges and nurtures imagination, encourages self-directed initiative, and develops leadership skills in children. Involvement in age-appropriate group activities and exposure to diverse athletic and educational experiences are the foundation of the program. Programs include field trips, swimming and swim lessons, art, music, soccer, basketball, cross-country, piano lessons, computer explorer programs, gardening program, math, reading and science programs, and more. The St. Nicholas Summer Camp Program is a comprehensive school-age program licensed with the Hamilton County Department of Education. Cost is \$140 per week, with a sibling discount offered. St. Nicholas is conveniently located near Hamilton Place mall. Our 24-acre campus includes an outdoor swimming pool, 5 playground areas, gymnasium, soccer fields, gardens and greenhouse, and beautiful green outdoor spaces.

## St. Peter's Camp Discovery

- › 848 Ashland Terrace Chattanooga, TN 37415
- › 423-870-1794
- › mrenegar@stpeters.org
- › saintpetersschool.net
- › Ages: 3 through rising 5th-graders
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

With a different theme each week, your child will be continuously excited, entertained, and enthusiastic about the journey they will experience during Camp Discovery at St. Peter's. The camp runs June 4-Aug. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, with morning and extended care available. Come spend summer decoding pirate maps or diving into the watery realm during Sand and Sea Week.



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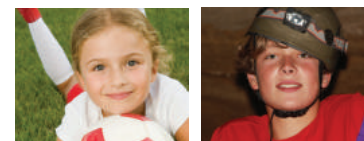
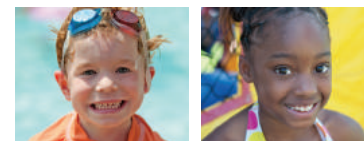


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June 4 - July 27

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# General Interest

## Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum Rail Camp

- › 4119 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421
- › 423-894-8028, ext. 1029
- › tlanier@tvrail.com
- › tvrail.com/events-exhibits/rides/railroad-summer-camp
- › Ages: 7-17
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

Camp will include experience with all aspects of railroading, including railroad terms, signals, how steam and diesel engines work, and the history of trains. There will also be a blacksmithing demonstration, field trips, and guest speakers. The junior camp is geared toward late elementary and middle school students and will include instruction on all aspects of railroading, riding trains, craft projects, and games.

Dress code: Jeans, closed-toe shoes, and a long-sleeve shirt for in the shop. (Students may wear a short-sleeve shirt during class and at lunch.) Each session is limited to 14 campers.

## YMCA Summer Day Camp

- › 301 W. Sixth St., Chattanooga, TN 37402
- › 423-266-3766
- › cstandifer@ymcachattanooga.org
- › ymcachattanooga.org
- › Ages: Rising 1st- through 5th-graders
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

YMCA Day Camps foster children's emotional, social, physical, and creative growth through a range of interactive activities, all while building relationships with counselors and staff who serve as role models every day. Camps provide a variety of activities like swimming, field trips, educational outdoor experiences, and hands-on academic projects. Different themes each week keep camp engaging, educational, and fun!



Camp ChattaZOOga





Creative Discovery Museum Summer Camp

## Youth & Family Development Summer Youth Camp

- › Local YFD centers
- › 423-643-6052
- › kbattle@chattanooga.gov
- › Chattanooga.gov/youthandfamily
- › Ages: 6-12
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

2018 Summer Youth Camps will offer hundreds of youth the opportunity to take part in sports, pool time, spray park, arts and crafts, high-adventure outdoor activities with Outdoor Chattanooga, community gardens, trips, education, reading programs, and much more! Stop by your local Chattanooga YFD Center to register for the most fun a kid can have for an entire summer.

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- › 423-821-1160
- › [education@reflectionriding.org](mailto:education@reflectionriding.org)
- › [reflectionriding.org/camps](http://reflectionriding.org/camps)
- › Ages: 5-13
- › Boys, girls or both: Girls

Sign your children up for a week of outdoor immersion they'll be sure to remember. With team-building activities like canoeing, hiking, biking, caving, water play, and games, Reflection Riding's nature-based camps promote outdoor learning, curiosity, and creativity. Camp fees range from \$150-\$260, depending on the session. Discounts available for members. After-care until 5 p.m. available for an additional fee. Don't miss out, as spaces fill quickly; register your camper online today.

## Open Air Academy

- › 301 W. Sixth St.,  
Chattanooga, TN 37402
- › 423-757-0665
- › [brush@ymcachattanooga.org](mailto:brush@ymcachattanooga.org)
- › [ymcachattanooga.org](http://ymcachattanooga.org)
- › Ages: 11-14 and 15-17
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

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## Camp ChattaZOOga

- › 301 N. Holtzclaw Ave.,  
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- › 423-697-1322, ext. 5788
- › [chattzoo.org/education/camps](http://chattzoo.org/education/camps)
- › [podom@chattzoo.org](mailto:podom@chattzoo.org)
- › Ages: Grades pre-K to 8th
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

Camp ChattaZOOga Summer Camp welcomes you to experience a fun-filled week of summer being world explorers, conservation cadets, or junior zookeepers. Each of our 7 weeks of camp are themed. Campers can learn about conservation, how athletic animals can be, different habitats around the world, and more. Camps run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 4-July 27, with July 4th week off. Each week is full of fun, activities, crafts, animal encounters, and much, much more!



Chattanooga Theatre Center Summer Academy

## Ivy Academy Summer Programming

- ▶ 8520 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379
- ▶ 423-305-7494
- ▶ acorn@ivyacademychattanooga.com
- ▶ Ivyacademychattanooga.com
- ▶ Ages: Rising 1st- through 9th-graders
- ▶ Boys, girls or both: Both

Ivy Academy is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charter middle and high school in Soddy-Daisy, Tenn. We are Tennessee's first environmental charter school and a USDE Green Ribbon School. Ivy Academy partners with many local community experts to make sure we are trailblazers in local environmental education. Our staff is dedicated to helping students connect with the outdoors, and we want to share that experience with the community.

Each camp session is Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Every session will be educationally geared toward the intended age group and will cover themes such as basic hiking and trail etiquette, observing nature, nature art, identifying local flora and fauna, mapping climate data, water conservation, ecology, earth's resources, and energy conservation. We will also have visits from local experts and park rangers and go on a field study to Big Soddy Gulf and other waterways to test water quality.

This year, we are offering four summer camps:  
 Nature Art Camp for rising 1st-through 9th-graders: June 4-8  
 Environmental Steward Camp Session I for rising 1st- through 3rd-graders: June 11-15  
 Environmental Steward Camp Session II for rising 4th- through 6th-graders: June 18-22  
 Camp Sasquatch for rising 7th-through 9th-graders: June 25-29

## Creek Week

- ▶ 900 N. Sanctuary Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421
- ▶ 423-892-1499
- ▶ info@chattaudubon.org
- ▶ ChattanoogaAudubon.org
- ▶ Ages: 4-13
- ▶ Boys, girls or both: Boys

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[ymcachattanooga.org/open-air-academy](http://ymcachattanooga.org/open-air-academy)



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 June 10th- June 16th

Language South serves young people entering 5th-10th grade. Campers experience the language and cultures of Spanish in a supportive language immersion community. Camp is held at Booker T. Washington State Park. [languagesouth.com](http://languagesouth.com)



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ymcachattanooga.org
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- › 321 Camp Juliette Low Road,  
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- › info@CJL.org
- › CJL.org
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- › Boys, girls or both: Girls

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## Camp Lookout

- › 3130 Hwy. 157, Rising Fawn, GA 30738
- › 706-820-1163
- › info@camplookout.com
- › camplookout.com
- › Ages: Grades 1-12
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

This coed residential camp for second-through 12th-graders (day camps available for first- and second-graders) is dedicated to sharing the love of Christ in the glory of God's creation through exciting outdoor and adventure oriented activities as well as Bible study and worship. Camp Lookout is accredited by the American Camp Association.

## Language South: El Pueblo Spanish Camp

- › 5801 Champion Road,  
Chattanooga, TN 37416
- › 423-771-9137
- › emilyandteo@languagesouth.com
- › languagesouth.com
- › Ages: Rising 5th- through 10th-graders
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

Immerse yourself in Spanish at El Pueblo Spanish Camp. You'll dive into Spanish learning experiences through games, songs, sports, and art. If you're a total beginner, our counselors will use images, gestures, and daily routines to make the Spanish comprehensible for you. At El Pueblo, you'll experience what it's like to really communicate in a second language in a meaningful way. Earn a \$100 early bird discount off the \$995 regular tuition by registering before March 10, and if you're interested in tuition assistance please let us know.

## Valley View Ranch Equestrian Camp

- › 606 Valley View Ranch Road,  
Menlo, GA 30731
- › 706-862-2231
- › info@valleyviewranch.com
- › valleyviewranch.com
- › Ages: 8-17
- › Boys, girls or both: Girls

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Language South welcomes kids and teens currently in grades 4 through 9 to learn Spanish through a fun overnight summer camp experience! Register by March 10th to earn a \$100 early bird discount. ¡Hasta pronto!



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- › townsendatelier.com
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- › Boys, girls or both: Both

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- › theatrecentre.com
- › Ages: Rising kindergarteners through 12th-graders
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

It's time to play, learn, and perform! Sessions for the Chattanooga Theatre Centre's Summer Academy begin June 4 and run through Aug. 3. Half-day to daylong sessions for rising K-12 students are age-appropriate and suitable for beginners as well as those with a previous introduction to theater. Sessions include acting workshops, comedy camp, a musical theater academy, and a technical theater workshop. Before- and after-care is available.

## Hunter Museum Summer Art Camp

- › 10 Bluff View, Chattanooga, TN 37403
- › 423-267-0968
- › rveal@huntermuseum.org
- › huntermuseum.org/summer-camp
- › Ages: 3-17
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

Creativity will come alive this summer with art camp at the Hunter. Taught by professional artists and instructors, our camps provide hands-on art experiences with a 1-to-5 counselor-to-camper ratio, visits to the museum galleries, and a mini-exhibit of student artwork at the conclusion of each week's camp. Camps feature a different theme and art medium, providing lessons in art fundamentals while allowing kids to connect with world-class art and express their own creativity. Full-day camps are for ages 6-17 with a weeklong half-day camp option for preschoolers ages 3-5.

## Skwalking Heads Summer Theatre and Puppet Camp Extravaganza

- › Bachman Community Center, 2815 Anderson Pike, Signal Mountain, TN 37377
- › 423-544-6534
- › skwalking@hotmail.com
- › bachmancc.org
- › Ages: 5-14 (grades K-9)
- › Boys, girls or both: Both

Skwalking Heads offers two dynamic camps that engage kids in the performing and visual art world of music theater and puppetry, directed by Colleen Laliberte and Jessica Laliberte Bowman along with guest artists. Each camp is two full weeks of imaginative and creative hands-on learning and fun.

### Summer Music Theatre Camp

June 4-15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Campers will act, sing, dance, and design and build scenery and props, then present a musical production for the public on the final evening of camp.

### Puppet Camp Extravaganza

June 18-29

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