



# Summer Programs

*Summer is a great time for vacation and fun... but it's also a great time for children to explore areas of learning different than those they are exposed to during*

*the school year. The following programs are just a sample of the day and overnight enrichment programs throughout the state and region. For a more comprehensive list of programs in other states, please visit the NAGC website [www.nagc.org/resourcedirectory.aspx](http://www.nagc.org/resourcedirectory.aspx) and search for "summer program." If you are interested in any program, be sure not to wait too long before checking it out. Some programs have application deadlines and/or may fill up before the start of summer.*

## Summer Programs

### American Mural Project

Summer@AMP is a summer enrichment program brought to you by the American Mural Project (AMP) for children ages 7-13 to create, collaborate, communicate, be curious and have fun! Five different week-long programs with half-day or full-day options, located at AMP's Art House in Winsted.  
<http://americanmuralproject.org/summer-enrichment.php>

### The Art Spot

Half- and full-day programs for ages 4–16 in theater, fine arts, crafts, cartooning and more; Danbury/Brookfield, CT; (203) 791-8244;  
[www.artspotinfo.com](http://www.artspotinfo.com)

### Auerfarm

Half- and full-day farm-related programs for pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup>; June and August; Bloomfield, CT (860) 242-7144; [www.auerfarm.org](http://www.auerfarm.org)

### The Boston Leadership Institute

Three-week, hands-on summer research programs for gifted middle and high school students in fields such as Synthetic Biology, Neuroscience, Contagious Disease, Green Chemistry, and Drug Discovery. Programs are led by teachers who hold advanced degrees, who work or teach at world-class institutions such as Harvard and MIT, or who have won major teaching awards. Boston area day and residential. For more information: [www.bostonleadershipinstitute.com](http://www.bostonleadershipinstitute.com), or email <mailto:minfo@bostonleadershipinstitute.com>, or call (781) 431-2514 or (781) 514-0253

### Buck's Rock Performing & Creative Arts Camp

2- to 8-week programs for ages 9–16 in music, theater, glass, computers, leather; New Milford, CT; (860) 354-5030; [www.bucksrockcamp.com](http://www.bucksrockcamp.com)

### Camp Emerson

6-week, 4-week, and 2-week sessions; overnight camp for ages 8–15; combines traditional camp activities w/ science, technology and art activities; Hinsdale, MA; (800) 782-3395; [www.campemerson.com](http://www.campemerson.com)

### Camp Invention

1-week day camp for grades 1–6; fosters creativity, teamwork, inventive thinking/skills and science literacy; locations throughout CT and MA; (800) 968-4332; [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org)

### Center for Creative Youth at Wesleyan University

4-week residential arts program for grades 10–12 in creative writing, dance, theater, musical theater, photography, visual arts, music and filmmaking; Middletown, CT; (860) 757-6391; <http://www.crec.org/ccy/>

### The Children's Museum

1-week half- and full-day science programs (e.g., robots, rockets) for grades 1–6; West Hartford, CT; (860) 231-2824; [www.thechildrensmuseumct.org](http://www.thechildrensmuseumct.org)

### C-Hit Summer Journalism program for High School students

Hosted by C-HIT (Connecticut Health Investigative Team) in collaboration with the Journalism Departments at Quinnipiac University, University of Connecticut and the Journalism Initiative at Yale University. Contact Lynne at [delucia@c-hit.org](mailto:delucia@c-hit.org) or 203-215-6373.

### Challenge Camp

Challenge Camp is a unique program for bright, curious children. The Challenge Camp advantage is that you and your child customize a program of selections based on your child's interests and the students follow their course selections for an entire session. As many of our courses are project based, you will see your child's knowledge and interest grow throughout the session. Challenge Camp offers morning, afternoon, or full day sessions. Visit <http://challengecamps.com/> to learn more.

### Connecticut Experiential Learning Center

Creative Math and Science Camp, and Folks and Field Trips Summer Camp for kids ages 10-14. Contact [mangdm@ctexperiential.org](mailto:mangdm@ctexperiential.org), 203-433-4658.  
<http://ctexperiential.org>.

### Connecticut River Museum

6 weeks of summer day camps for ages 6 - 12 in July & August. Each week has a different theme including archaeology, Native Americans, colonial life, environmental science and maritime history. Contact: 860.767.8269 x113,  
[ctrivermuseum.org](http://ctrivermuseum.org)

### The Connecticut Science Center | Hartford, CT

Join us for our Summer Vacation Camps! We have 5 weeks of topics from Robots to building Race Cars to Spy Technology! Camps are for children in grades 1–6. For more information and all program topics, call our Vacation Camp Hotline (860) 520-2177 or visit <http://CTScienceCenter.org/camps>

### Connecticut Writing Project

Sessions for young writers at three locations: Fairfield University, Central Connecticut State University, and the University of Connecticut;  
[www.cwpfairfield.org](http://www.cwpfairfield.org), and [www.cwp.uconn.edu/](http://www.cwp.uconn.edu/).

**Davidson THINK Summer Institute:** Gifted students interested in a challenging academic summer program should consider attending the Davidson THINK Summer Institute on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno. This intense three-week residential summer program offers exceptionally gifted 13- to 16-year-old students the opportunity to earn college credits that may be transferable. For more information: <http://www.davidsongifted.org/think/>

### Eli Whitney Museum

Week long day camp for ages 5 and up, June through August. Camps are week-long themed programs inspired by technology, woodworking, design and literature. Sculpture, aeromodeling, boat building, jewelry making, sewing, weaving offered for older students (11 +). Hamden, CT (203) 777-1833;  
[www.eliwhitney.org](http://www.eliwhitney.org)

### Excursions in Learning Youth Programs

Excursions in Learning is an educational enrichment program for youth at Manchester Community College. We currently have programming in the spring, summer and fall semesters for inquisitive and creative minds in grades K-8. Our longest running program is the Summer Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth in August. Catalog is usually available in mid-March.  
<https://www.manchestercc.edu/continuing-education/excursions-in-learning/>

### Explorations Summer Programs

2- and 3-week programs for grades 4–12 (grades 4–7 at St. Mark's School, Southborough, MA; grades 8, 9 at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA; grades 10–12 at Yale University, New Haven, CT; (781) 762-7400; [www.explo.org](http://www.explo.org)

### Florence Griswold Museum

1- week full day arts camp for grades 1–6; Old Lyme, CT; (860) 434-5542 (x11);  
<http://florencegriswoldmuseum.org/>

### Gifted Education Resource Institute (GERI) Summer Programs – Purdue University

Residential camps designed to stimulate the imagination and expand abilities for gifted, creative and talented students. Students who have completed grades 5 through 12 live in campus residence halls, take challenging courses, and participate in engaging recreational activities. <https://www.purdue.edu/>

### Great Books Summer Program

Great Books is an academic enrichment program for readers and thinkers entering grades 6–12. A curriculum of critical texts, world-class faculty, and the teaching style of Shared Inquiry help lead students to their own best thinking. Programs offered at Amherst College, Stanford University, University of Oxford and Trinity College, Dublin. 1-866-480-7323; [www.greatbooksummer.com](http://www.greatbooksummer.com).

### Hartt School Summer Program, University of Hartford

Multiple programs for middle and high school in music, theater, dance; Hartford, CT; (860) 768-4451; <http://www.hartford.edu/hcd/default.aspx>

### The Hotchkiss School Summer Portals

3-week overnight programs in chamber music (string players, pianists and vocalists), and environmental studies for ages 12–15; Lakeville, CT; (860) 435-2591; [www.hotchkiss.org/summer/](http://www.hotchkiss.org/summer/)

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## iD Tech Camps

1-week day and overnight computer technology programs for ages 7+; at Wesleyan University and Yale University, and other locations nationwide; (888) 709-8324; [www.internaldrive.com](http://www.internaldrive.com)

## Independent Day School Summer Camp

1-week half- and full-day programs for ages 3–12 in nature, art, theater, sports, leisure, science and technology; leadership training camp for ages 13–15; Middlefield, CT; (860) 347-7235; <http://independentdayschool.org/>

## Indian Rock Summer Camp

Extensive enrichment programming for children ages 4-17, including farm and environmental programming, canoeing/kayaking/fishing, archery, outdoor adventures, a STAR LAB planetarium, rocketry, and much more. Bristol, CT. Website and summer camp program guide is available here at [elcct.org](http://elcct.org).

## Litchfield Performing Arts Jazz Camp

1- to 5 -week day and overnight programs for instrumentalists and vocalists ages 13+ at Canterbury School, New Milford, CT; <http://litchfieldjazzfest.com/jazz-camp>

## Lyme Academy of Fine Arts

1-week half and full-day Pre-College Academy programs in fine arts (choice of painting, print-making, or sculpture) for ages 13–18; Old Lyme, CT; (860) 434-5232; [www.lymeacademy.edu](http://www.lymeacademy.edu)

## Maritime Aquarium At Norwalk

1-week day camp for ages 6–15 in science and visual arts; Norwalk, CT (203) 852-0700; [www.maritimeaquarium.org](http://www.maritimeaquarium.org)

## Maritime Education Network

1-week full-day maritime programs for grades 1–9; Old Saybrook, CT; (860) 388-4180; email: <http://maritimeeducation.org/>

## Maine Arts Camp

Maine Arts Camp is an overnight camp at Unity College. Geared for bright and creative kids, ages 9-16 who might thrive in a noncompetitive, nurturing environment. Visit [www.maineartscamp.com](http://www.maineartscamp.com), or email [Maineartscampsummer@gmail.com](mailto:Maineartscampsummer@gmail.com) Winter office: 561-865-4330 Cell: 772-486-4914Hi

## Miss Porter's School

1-, 2-, or 3-week overnight programs for girls in grades 7–10; leadership, chinese, mock trial, or sports; Farmington, CT; (860) 409-3692; [www.missporters.org](http://www.missporters.org)

## Mystic Aquarium

1-week day & overnight programs for ages 3–16; Mystic, CT; (860) 572-5955; [www.mysticaquarium.org](http://www.mysticaquarium.org)

## Mystic Seaport

1-week day programs for ages 4–15; sailing instruction ages 10–18; 5- to 10-day sailing trips for ages 15–18; Mystic, CT; (860) 572-5323; [www.mysticseaport.org](http://www.mysticseaport.org)

## Oxford Academy Summer Session

The Oxford Academy in Westbrook CT offers a 5 week summer academic program of one-to-one individualized instruction for boys ages 13–20. Oxford's individualized curriculum accommodates a wide range of needs and learning profiles, from remedial to enrichment, the underachiever to the highly motivated. The Oxford Academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Learn more at <http://www.oxfordacademy.net/summer-session>

## Project Oceanology

Six sessions serving students entering 5th grade through 6th grade are offered for Ocean Explorer Academy, a one-week marine science day camp. Project O also offers two Ocean Explorer Academy sessions for students entering 4th grade. Ocean Camp, a six-day marine science overnight camp, serves students entering grade 6 through grade 12. Camps offer exploration of marine environments and ecosystems on our boats, on the shore and in our labs. Groton, CT; (860) 445-9007; [www.oceanology.org](http://www.oceanology.org)

## Renzulli Creativity Programs

The Renzulli Creativity Programs teach participants advanced learning skills and how to apply them in creative and investigative ways. Application is the hallmark of designers, inventors, entrepreneurs, and innovators in all walks of life; and this program is designed to promote enthusiasm, a passion for learning, and high levels of engagement in students' selected areas of interest. For students in grades 6,7 and 8. Program locations at Yale, UCLA and Georgetown University. For more information: <http://lpilearning.org/renzulli-creativity-program/>

## Sport & Enrichment for Kids! | A Summer @ Lauralton Program

Half day programs in Art, Cooking, Writing, Science and Technology are available for kids ages 6-14 in week-long sessions at Lauralton Hall, Milford. 203-877-2786, Email [summer@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:summer@lauraltonhall.org), or view the programs at <http://seforkids.com/>

## Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG)

Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG) runs multi-week summer academic programs for gifted, creative, and academically talented students ages 5-17 on prestigious school and college campuses. The programs combine academics with social, cultural, and recreational activities for a truly engaging experience. For more information on programs at Yale University and Fairfield University, visit [GiftedStudy.org](http://GiftedStudy.org).

## Talcott Mountain Science Center

1-week day science camps for ages 4+; wide variety of programs including 3- to 5-day overnight trips; Avon, CT; (860) 677-8571; [www.tmsc.org](http://www.tmsc.org)

## Talent Development Institute (TDI)

Academic and Creative Summer Camp for gifted kids in Vermont. For children entering grades 4-9. <https://tdivermont.org/tdi-summer-camp/>

## The Virtual High School

From Credit Recovery to Enrichment programs our online courses allow for greater flexibility in your summer plans; <http://thevhs.org/>

## University of Connecticut Community School for the Arts

Day programs for ages 6–18 in music, performing and visual arts; Storrs, CT; (860)486-1073; <http://csa.uconn.edu/>

## University of Connecticut Kids Are Scientists & Engineers Too (KASET) ON HIATUS

1-week day science programs for grades 5–10; Storrs, CT; (860) 486-8115; [www.kaset.uconn.edu](http://www.kaset.uconn.edu)

## University of Connecticut Mentor Connection ON HIATUS

3-week overnight program for students entering grades 11 and 12; hands-on research opportunities with UCONN faculty in the sciences, engineering, technology, humanities, education, and the arts; Storrs, CT; (860) 486-0283; <http://mentor.education.uconn.edu/>

## U.S. Grant Summer Program

Six-week day program for middle school students from the New Haven area at Yale University. (203) 624-6523; <http://onhsa.yale.edu/programs/ulysses-s-grant-foundation>

## Webb Mountain Discovery Zone Summer Programs

1-week programs for children preschool through 4th grade. Summer programs include archaeology, entomology and microbiology in addition to nature walks, stories, crafts, live animals and more. Contact [DiscoveryZone@earthlink.net](mailto:DiscoveryZone@earthlink.net), (203)556-9737. [www.webbmountaindiscoveryzone.com](http://www.webbmountaindiscoveryzone.com)

## Westfield Academy of Debate, Model UN & Leadership

Campers aged 10-18. All levels welcome, no prior experience necessary. Distinguished daily guest speakers. 3 one-week sessions beginning June 15th, 22nd, & 29th. Don't miss out - Learn more and register today at <http://www.westfieldacademy.net/summer-camp-home>

## YPI

YPI Summer Camp for the Arts. Writing, Visual & Performing Arts. Residential program for campers grades 6-12. Suffield Academy Suffield CT. August 3 – 17. For more information: [www.ypicamp.org](http://www.ypicamp.org), 860-918-3155