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 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.

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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. https://www.americannmuralproject.org/summer

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; http://www.artspotinfo.com

Athena’s Academy
Athena’s offers stimulating, interactive online classes. Athena’s courses foster enjoyable learning experiences for gifted and talented students, including 2e, and will keep your child interested and engaged. Our courses include two course components: Live webinars and Virtual classroom activities. https://athenasacademy.com/courses/

Auerfarm
Half- and full-day farm-related programs for pre-K through 6th; June and August; Bloomfield, CT (860) 242-7144; www.auerfarm.org

The Boston Leadership Institute
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. Boston area day and residential. For more information: http://www.bostonleadershipinstitute.com/index.html, 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.buckshow.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

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

Center for Creative Youth at Wesleyan University
4-week residential arts program for grades 10—12 in creative writing, dance, theater, musical theater, visual arts, music and filmmaking; Middletown, CT; (860) 757-6391; http://www.crcw.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

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 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.

Community School of the Arts
The Community School of the Arts (CSA) has history of providing community based programs sponsored by the University of Connecticut (UCONN) for over 35 years. In 2014 the University partnered with Mansfield Parks and Recreation in order to building Race Cars to Spy Technology! 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 Fairfield University, and the University of Connecticut; www.cwpfairfield.org, and www.cwp.uconn.edu/

Davidson THINK Summer Institute: Gifted students interested in a challenging academic summer program should consider attending the Davidson THINK 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/

Duke TIP
All Duke TIP programs are designed specifically for gifted students. Grades 4-11. https://tip.duke.edu/programs

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

Environmental Learning Center of CT
Our Mission is to: “Inspire the appreciation and enjoyment of nature, through education and conservation, fostering a healthy environment and an improved quality of life”. Bristol, CT; elcct.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.manchester.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, Southington, MA; grades 8, 9 at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA; grades 10—12 at Yale University, New Haven, CT; (800) 767-7400; www.explo.org

Florence Griswold Museum
Sm’Art Colony Camp, Online. Old Lyme, CT, (860) 434-5542 x111; http://florencegriswoldmuseum.org/
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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/purdue/about/youthPrograms.php](https://www.purdue.edu/purdue/about/youthPrograms.php)

The Grayson School
All students ages 5-17 are welcomed to an immersive, hands-on adventure online this summer brought to you by Grayson teachers. Safely from home, students can explore their passions, discover new areas of interest, and meet new friends. [https://thegraysonschool.org/2020-summer-online-program/](https://thegraysonschool.org/2020-summer-online-program/)

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 The University of Edinburgh. (203) 612-9470; [www.greatbookssummer.com](http://www.greatbookssummer.com)

Hartt School Summer Program, University of Hartford
Multiple programs for middle and high school in music, theater, dance; Hartford, CT; (860) 768-4451; [https://www.hartford.edu/hartt-community-division/classes-lessons/music/summer-study/default.aspx](https://www.hartford.edu/hartt-community-division/classes-lessons/music/summer-study/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/)

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; [https://www.idttech.com/](https://www.idttech.com/)

Independent Day Summer School:
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://independentsdayschool.org/](http://independentsdayschool.org/)

IXL
Personalized Learning - [https://ca.ixl.com/](https://ca.ixl.com/)

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY)
CTY’s gifted and talented summer programs offer bright students the opportunity to engage in challenging academic work in the company of peers who share their exceptional abilities and love of learning. While the focus is on rigorous academics and learning, the social experience that results from bringing these students together is an integral part of the program. [https://cty.jhu.edu/summer/](https://cty.jhu.edu/summer/)

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](http://litchfieldjazzfest.com/jazz-camp)

Maker's Summer Camp
Family Maker Camp encourages making and hands-on learning at home. Making is fun and engaging for kids as well as adults. [https://makercamp.com/](https://makercamp.com/)

Maritime Aquatic Camp 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: [education@maritimeeducation.org](mailto:education@maritimeeducation.org)

Maine Arts Camp

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
Mystic Aquarium is an ocean science day camp. Project O also offers day marine science day camp. Mystic, CT. (860) 572-5955; [www.mysticaquarium.org](http://www.mysticaquarium.org)

Mystic Seaport
1-week day programs for ages 3–16; Mystic, CT; (860) 572-5323; [www.mysticseaport.org](http://www.mysticseaport.org)

Outschool
Interactive camps taught by expert instructors. Each camp consists of five sessions, starting on Monday and ending on Friday. [https://www.outschool.com/online-camps?order=upcoming&startAfter=ThisWeek&delivery=Camp&age=11%2c3%2c6%2c7%2c8%2c9%2c10%2c11%2c12%2c13%2c14%2c15%2c16%2c17%2c18&curriculum=](https://www.outschool.com/online-camps?order=upcoming&startAfter=ThisWeek&delivery=Camp&age=11%2c3%2c6%2c7%2c8%2c9%2c10%2c11%2c12%2c13%2c14%2c15%2c16%2c17%2c18&curriculum=)

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 [https://www.oxfordacademy.net/beyond-academics/](https://www.oxfordacademy.net/beyond-academics/)

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)

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, [https://www.lauraltonhall.org/about-lt/sports-enrichment-for-kids](https://www.lauraltonhall.org/about-lt/sports-enrichment-for-kids)

Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG)
The Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG), a non-profit academic program for gifted, academically talented, and creative students, ages 5 to 17, offers summer day, commuter, and residential programs. The 3-week programs combine academics with social, cultural, and recreational opportunities for a truly engaging summer, enriching minds where creativity thrives. Choose from prestigious campuses including Yale, Princeton, Emory, and Fairfield University, among others. Learn more at [GiftedStudy.org](http://GiftedStudy.org).

SummerTech
Designed for ages 10 to 17. Virtual camp done right with a focus on social interaction and academic results. [https://www.summertech.net/](https://www.summertech.net/)

Talcott Mountain Science Center
1-week day science camps for ages 4+; wide variety of programs; 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/](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](http://thevhs.org)

Varsity Tutors Summer Camp
Interactive camps taught by expert instructors. Each camp consists of five sessions, starting on Monday and ending on Friday. 3-12, Free. [https://www.varsitytutors.com/virtual-summer-camps?ref=vscc_p?network=g&matchType=e&keyword=varsity%20tutors%20summer%20camp&creative=435676932171&device=c&devicemodel=laplementation=&campaignid=9899953977&adgroupid=104304357074&loc_physical_ms=9003344&loc_interest_ms=&accountid=112-362-9393)&gclid=Cj0KCQjwlN32BRCCARIsADZA4Jt8pnXt2BWVUR1YkeGm1OFrzw3ydemandMFl9bH9RoVE2obv20xrmmbgaaHsdALw_wcB](https://www.varsitytutors.com/virtual-summer-camps?ref=vscc_p?network=g&matchType=e&keyword=varsity%20tutors%20summer%20camp&creative=435676932171&device=c&devicemodel=laplementation=&campaignid=9899953977&adgroupid=104304357074&loc_physical_ms=9003344&loc_interest_ms=&accountid=112-362-9393)&gclid=Cj0KCQjwlN32BRCCARIsADZA4Jt8pnXt2BWVUR1YkeGm1OFrzw3ydemandMFl9bH9RoVE2obv20xrmmbgaaHsdALw_wcB)

U.S. Grant Summer Program
Six-week day program for middle school students from the New Haven area at Yale University. (203) 624-5623; [http://ohnsa.yale.edu/programs/ulysses-s-grant-foundation](http://ohnsa.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 info@webbdiscoveryzone.com, (203)556-9737. [www.webbmountaindiscoveryzone.com](http://www.webbmountaindiscoveryzone.com)
Westfield Academy of Debate, Model UN & Leadership

Westfield Academy will offer (2) one-week sessions of online summer camp during the weeks of June 22nd and June 29th. We welcome campers ages 8-18, from beginner to experienced competitors, to enroll in Debate or Model United Nations camp each week, or to apply to our Advanced Debate programs. [https://www.westfieldacademy.net/summer-camp-2020](https://www.westfieldacademy.net/summer-camp-2020)

Wide Open Schools
[https://wideopenschool.org/programs/family/PreK-5/](https://wideopenschool.org/programs/family/PreK-5/)

Wonderopolis
Free online summer-learning destination for interactive STEM and literacy-building topics boosted by Maker experiments. [https://camp.wonderopolis.org/](https://camp.wonderopolis.org/)

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