

Summer Camp 2018 Class Descriptions

Hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church and School in Nassau Bay

Advanced Art: Myths, Legends, and other Creepy Things – You will learn about Vampires, Werewolves, Bigfoot, Medusa, Witches...and don't forget those Swampy Creatures! Draw them in various mediums and learn a little of their history. You will create a portfolio with enough in it to scare even the strong hearted! (Supply fee, \$15) (DeHaan)

Are You Ready for 6th Grade Math? – Come review your elementary math skills and get a preview of what's new for 6th grade. (Schoenberg)

Around the World – Each day will take us to a different continent. Students will play games, try foods, learn phrases in other languages, hear stories, and see major landmarks of countries from all over the world. (Humphries)

Art Camp – Come join us as we experience many types of art medium. We will be experimenting with oil pastels, chalks, watercolors, and markers. (Halford)

Art Fun – Come play and have fun in the art room. Please, wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy! We will be experimenting with oil pastels, chalks, watercolors, and markers. (Halford)

Art of Papier Mache and Clay Modeling – Papier mache' and clay have always been used by artists to practice-model pieces they plan to execute later in a different medium. But, with imagination and creativity, fabulous original pieces can be created. (\$10 fee) (L. Angel)

Astro Space Camp, the Space and Summer Adventure – Explore the wonders of the universe, find out about other planets in our solar system, and build your own solar system. (Angel)

Bead All You Can Bead – Move into the magnificent world of beading! While learning how to use tiny beads, thread, and needle to make delicate pieces of wearable art, we'll also examine the history of our oldest art form and adornment and the basics of color and design. Throughout this class, you'll discover the joy and satisfaction of making art you can wear, working through problems as they arise, and design your own jewelry. (\$15 fee) (Rooke)

Beginning Soccer – Learn and play the fundamentals of the most popular sport in the world! (Andrews)

Board Game Design Shop – Typical luck-driven "roll and move" games have long since saturated our toy stores, but a board game renaissance has recently taken hold. Euro designers have since inspired a wave of new and interesting game mechanics, bringing whole families together at the table again. We will play some popular modern board games, then design, test, and produce our own creations. (Dinardis)

Camp Invention, for all children, Kindergarten – 6th grade; Students must be signed up at Campinvention.org Spend a week with "Optibot, a small self-driving bot that senses changes in light. Exploring the technology behind transportation, children will design the ultimate futuristic vehicle that might one day be a reality!" Problem solving skills will be challenged and developed in fun and exciting ways. (Bowker)

Caring for Pets – Pets are fun, but they are serious work. Learn about the duties and responsibilities of caring for a pet. Find out how to be a good pet owner and friend. (Breux)

Castle Design – Join us as we travel to the time of lords and ladies, knights, and kings to learn all about the structures in which they lived. In this camp, we will explore the design of famous castles and then design and create our own, all while learning to work as a team, problem solve, and communicate ideas. (Buehler)

Chemistry of Cooking - In this class, we will explore the chemistry behind cooking basics. We will do science experiments as well as cooking to explain the science behind some of our favorite foods. We will learn how to make ice-cream, why guacamole turns brown, the density of some delicious candy, and SO much more! (Materials Fee: \$25) (Brinkley)

Circus - Join us under the Big Top as we create our own mini circus! We will spend the week clowning around, leaping through rings of fire, and pretending to walk the tightrope. While we are horsing around, we will learn about many of the circus animals and experience some great circus snacks. (Bowker)

Competitive Épée Fencing - A good class for those who have taken a foil or épée class already. Very few drills. Lots of fencing each other, competing using electronic scoring systems just as are used in local tournaments. (Trojanowski)

Competitive Foil Fencing - A good class for those who have taken a foil class already. Very few drills. Lots of fencing each other, competing using electronic scoring systems just as are used in local tournaments. (Trojanowski)

Chess/Rubic's Cube, from Beginner to Advanced –Learn the fundamentals (names of pieces, their value, and how they move) and basic strategy (check, checkmate, stalemate, checkmate in 1 puzzles) of the ancient game of chess. And/or learn the mathematical logic and speedy skill of solving several types of Rubic's Cube. (Githoro)

Creative Writing – Put on your writing hat. Pick up your pen. Let's study the way published authors write and try out some of their techniques. In this camp, we will write fiction and poetry and have some fun along the way. (Vetter)

Creative Writing Workshop - Indulge your desire to create new worlds, be the master of your own fictional universe. In this course, we will work on mostly short fiction, but will also include poetry and other forms of creative expression. We will use a workshop model to write, critique, revise and publish our work. The focus will be on finishing one piece by the week's end. (Baxter)

Épée Fencing - A class in the basics of the épée, the dueling weapon of the cautious, thoughtful fencer. Suitable for new and experienced fencers.

Etiquette for Kids - This class gives children the social skills to be comfortable and confident in any social situation. We will concentrate on essential social skills including basic manners, cell phone and note writing etiquette, dining out and table manners, social media, introductions and job skills. (Abel)

Etiquette for Teens - This class gives teens the social skills to be comfortable and confident in any social situation. We will concentrate on essential social skills including basic manners, cell phone and note writing etiquette, dining out and table manners, social media, introductions and job skills. In addition, the class will talk about dating etiquette, job skills, and whatever other concerns the students may have. (Abel)

Fencing, Introduction - This is a “hands on” look at the history of fencing, from the Medieval sword to Renaissance styles of fencing to the foil, épée and sabre of the modern Olympics. (Trojanowski)

Fiber Arts – Children will be introduced to beginning quilting, crochet, and weaving techniques. They will then pick which one of these techniques they would like to use to create their own piece. (Materials fee: \$20) (Matheny)

A Film Study: The Secret World of Miyuzaki – Have you ever dreamt of being *Spirited Away* to a *Castle in the Sky* or of meeting *Ponyo on a Cliff*? This class will study the imaginative films of Hayao Miyuzaki, one of the greatest animators and directors in Japan. Together we'll watch a variety of films from Miyazaki and Studio Ghibli to explore Miyuzaki's unique style, his influences, how his style has changed over time, and how companies such as Disney have modified the films for release in America. (Rooke)

First Notes Camp – Introduce your child to Music, Piano and Rhythm instruments, as they study the fundamentals of Music through games, singing, hands on projects, and constructive play time. The goal is for each child to explore music and develop a love for singing and instruments. (Rocha)

First Steps to Adulthood – Learn all the steps needed for employment and personal money management. (Breux)

Foil Fencing - A class in the fundamentals of fencing with the foil. Suitable for those with no prior experience and a good “back to basics” class for experienced fencers. (Trojanowski)

French, The Language and Culture of Love – Do you dream of a romantic trip to Paris? Let's spend a week immersed in French culture and language through activities, l'art culinaire, beaux-arts, and lots of joie de vivre! (Materials fee \$15) (L. Angel)

Fun with LEGOs – Join us for a week full of creating as we play and learn with one of the best toys on the planet! (Morris)

Going Camping! - Your Happy Camper's will spend the week learning about the great outdoors. As we sit and sing around the camp fire we will learn about the forest and the animals that inhabit it. Perhaps we will even go on a bear hunt! (Bowker)

Guitar for Beginners – An introduction to guitar (ukulele, bass). We will cover all the fundamentals of playing guitar: technique. Reading, playing single notes, and chords. (Wolfe)

Hand and Body Art, (Yoga and Reclaimed Glass Art from The ShardYard) – Two experiences in one! Students will learn to safely create works of art on canvas using nothing but paint and reclaimed glass. They will also enjoy yoga with an ERYT Certified Yoga Instructor. She will offer techniques to successfully implement health and wellness in daily life. Her curriculum includes yoga-based exercises, nutrition, and mediation. The ShardYard part of the class will help students produce colorful and texture-filled art pieces. Each day will have its own theme, yielding five completed pieces by the end of the week. Students are encouraged to bring recycled glass from home. (Materials Fee \$15)(Conley and Kriter)

Holiday Fun – Children will be presented with opportunities to make some unique and special decorations for the fall and winter holidays. We will focus on Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. If your child loves to craft, they will love this camp. (Materials fee: \$20) (Matheny)

Hooray for the USA! - Get the party started celebrating our country! We will spend the week preparing to celebrate the 4th of July, enjoying patriotic activities and crafts, and marching in a parade with the floats that we decorate! (Bowker)

Horseback Riding Lessons – Build horseback riding skills, knowledge, and responsibility. Lessons available in two 1-hour sessions: 9:00 or 10:00 a.m on Saturday mornings in Friendswood. Call to arrange an appointment and payment: 281-844-5574 (Purdum)

Introduction to Engineering – Do you like to build? Create? Innovate? Together, we will walk through the design and engineering process by inventing structures and creatively solving problems using a variety of strategies. As a matter of fact, as many strategies as your brain can come up with. So, join us and together we will engineer some fun! (Earl-Choate)

Keyboarding and Computer Savvy – This hands-on camp provides tools to help students master the basic keyboarding skills needed in their academic classes. In addition, the students will learn how to navigate through the basic Microsoft Office applications, such as PowerPoint, Excel, and Word. (Templin)

Kids Theater – Come enjoy a week of exploring the basics of Theater. We will use games and hands on activities to learn acting skills, costumes, theater makeup, and short dramas for the varying age levels. (Rocha)

Let's Put on a Show - Sing and dance your way through classic pop hits of the 1950s through the 1980s. In the five days of the class, we'll learn the words and music, some basic choreography, and a bit of music history. By Friday, it'll be "curtain's up" in front of our invited guests. (Nave)

Lights, Camera, Fashion! – Calling all fashionistas, artists, and aspiring designers! Explore the exciting world of fashion with us as we design and craft our own unique pieces to wear and take home. No experience needed☺ (Buehler)

Little Scientists – Come explore the world around us. We will investigate the elements of science, while learning and playing through creative and hands-on activities. (Morris)

Logic Games – This week of logic games will bend your mind! Discover the secret “pattern” to the actions for each game and try to figure out what it is. (V. Angel)

Magic and More: How to be a Magician – Come along and learn the secrets of the ancient art of magic from a professional magician! We will be learning tricks with cards, ropes, and more that will amaze your family and friends! We will also delve into some of the thinking behind a few of the greatest magicians in history. It's going to be an exciting time. Abracadabra! (Freeman)

Math Fact Madness – Students will play a variety of games to increase fluency of basic math facts. Many of the games can also be played at home, so students can continue the practice into the school year. (Humphries)

Math Mania – Let's do a variety of math games and problem solving activities. We will sharpen our minds! (Morris)

Online Illustrations - Are you a doodler? Do you have characters of your own creation drawn on all of your classwork and notebooks? If so, this class is for you. We will create and illustrate cartoons, animations and drawings using various online software and illustrating techniques. Take this class and watch your doodles come to life! (Brinkley)

Pirates - Ahoy Mateys! Welcome aboard, mates! We're unfurling the sails and raising the Jolly Roger as we take to the high seas in search of adventure, glory, and hidden treasure. Along the way we'll learn all about pirate myths, traditions, and secrets.

Private Piano Lessons – Lessons are tailored to meet the needs of individual students in regards to age and ability. Lessons include music notation, theory, music history, technique, piano literature of different styles, and performance practice. Multiple performance opportunities will be available. Call Mrs. Silcott to receive your specific St. Thomas lesson time: 281-333-1340 (Hunt or Rocha)

Private Voice Lessons – If your child loves to sing, let me help them develop more confidence in singing; find, strengthen and develop natural vocal range, learn proper technique for breathing, develop vibrato, make a smooth transition from chest to head voice, develop tonal quality, and learn how to read music. Each lesson is 30 minutes; Call to receive your specific St. Thomas lesson time: 281-333-1340 (Rocha)

Research for Student Projects - Students are often assigned "research" projects, but what research methods do they really know? In this short course, we will explore ways of investigating topics in an authentic, first-hand approach that includes interviewing, experiments, photography, reading primary sources, and more. We will practice ways of synthesizing resources and creating a body of research to support an original thesis. GT Students, get ready for TPSP! (Baxter)

Sabre Fencing - A class in the fundamentals of fencing with the light-weight sabre, a kind of supercharged "Pirates of the Caribbean." Suitable for the experienced fencer and those with no previous experience. (Trojanowski)

Science is Fun! - Calling all science guys! In this class, we will have some real science fun! We will learn how chemical reactions work through cool, hands-on experiments, like making slime and elephant toothpaste. We will also learn about engineering principles by designing and building structures. Take this class and get hooked on science! (Fee \$10: (Brinkley)

School Break Camp– is an engaging camp for 3-year through 5th grade. Each camp day offers science experiments, magic, games, (inside and out), crafts, puzzles, and much more. (Haddican)

Sherlock Holmes, The Game is Afoot - The world's most depicted detective, Sherlock Holmes, solved mysteries using deductive reasoning built on meticulous observations and diligent footwork. Learn the more-than-elementary ways of the detective in this course where we will read, view, and discuss Sherlock Holmes, and practice some of the methods that made him the greatest detective in the history of literature. (Baxter)

Skating Club & Glass Art – Two classes in one sessions: Bring your skates and safety gear, and learn to skate or sharpen your skills. And, learn to safely create works of art on canvas using nothing but paint and reclaimed glass. (Materials Fee: \$15) (S. Purdum/ Kriter)

Soccer Play – So much fun! - Introduction to the skills needed to play soccer. (Andrews)

Soccer Skills – Come learn, practice the fundamentals, and build your skills in the most popular sport in the world! (Andrews)

Space - 5-4-3-2-1 blast off to an out of this world experience! Campers will learn about the solar system through hands-on activities involving the planets, stars, and moon. While floating through the cosmos, our little astronauts will perform experiments, taste space food, and learn how to live in outer space. (Bowker)

Spanish Fun – With a focus on using Centers, phonics, flashcards, games, food, music, danced, and songs, students will have the opportunity to experience the immersion program, plus a great introduction to the culture and to the Spanish language. Spanish is FUN, so...give it a try!!! (Bischoff)

Summer Reading – Join other kids and do your Summer Required Reading in a relaxed, fun, and encouraging class. Each student will bring his or her own reading materials, and spend class time reading and learning how to maximize skills while completing summer reading. (Rocha)

Superheroes and Mad Science – Dress up your favorite superhero and embark on a learning adventure about science through hands-on science activities. (Angel)

Super Heroes Unite – Boys and Girls...come and play and learn with many exciting activities and lots of imagination as we all unite to be super heroes. (Morris)

Tabletop Roleplaying – Redefine gaming with a tabletop roleplaying game experience. Enter a world like no other, as you provide a unique character, who reacts to the setting, plot, and theme provided by the professional game masters. For anyone, age 8 – Adult – Child, pre-teen, youth, and adult games are offered. There are scholarships available through a grant provided by the Diocese of Texas to expand the RPG program at St. Thomas the Apostle. Scholarships are limited, so apply early. (Orsak, Leedy, or Griffis)

Under the Sea – Explore the ocean and its animals with fun-filled activities. Make a seashell picture frame, a sea horse of your design, and a change of clothes, because we will surely play in the water! (V. Angel)

Warm-up to Algebra I – Built to target concepts from previous math courses, this class will aid students in understanding the foundational Algebra topics, such as integer operations, equations, fractions, problem solving, and linear equations. Students will polish skills necessary in preparation for their entry into Algebra I. (Kinsey)

Warm-up to Geometry – Geometry is often considered the “oddball” when it comes to high school math. As students leave Algebra I and enter geometry, mathematical concepts from intermediate school resurface. This course will help students entering geometry to refresh foundational skills that will be necessary for the upcoming year. (Kinsey)

Warm-up to pre-Algebra (Algebra Prep) – This class is geared toward students who’d like a leg up on getting ready for pre-AP 7th or pre-AP 8th grade pre-Algebra I class. We will go over the basics of algebra, but never fear – We won’t just be doing boring worksheets! We will do cool math projects and hands-on activities to get a better understanding of those elusive algebra concepts! (Brinkley)

Warm-up for Algebra II -Review Algebra I basic skills and introduce concepts necessary for success in Algebra II. (Wolfe)

Welcome to Dinosaur Park – This camp will give children the opportunity to learn about dinosaurs and to share with you at the dinner table all about their paleo adventures: dino sand dig, making their own dinosaur mask, creating dino eggs and dino fossils. (V. Angel)

We’re in a Summer Camp! – Enjoy the Elephant and Piggie series? Can’t get enough of that troublesome Pigeon who just can’t take no for an answer? Now’s the chance to delve into the exciting world of Mo Willems! Each day we will explore one of the Mo Willem’s popular books and create crafts, enjoy dramatic play, and participate in early writing activities related to the book we’ve read. Don’t miss the opportunity to engage with the texts of one of the most beloved children’s authors of our time. (Buehler)

What’s Cooking? – wants you to join us for a series of amazing gourmet brunches. We prepare; we cook; we plate; and then, we EAT. Can’t wait to see our past cooking companions again and meet some new chefs! (Supply fee, \$25) (Bischoff/DeHaan)