

STARS OF SUMMER

VIRTUAL LEARNING
CAMP
2021

Where creativity and learning align.

JULY TO **AUG**
19 **12**

Open to all HCPS students
entering Grades 1-9



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Welcome to Stars of Summer! Stars of Summer is an online learning program designed for HCPS students who were enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade during the 2020 - 2021 academic year. This program provides students the opportunity to experience camp-like workshops in all content areas. Each camp is designed to be fun, engaging, and interactive! Live instruction is provided by HCPS teachers.

Stars of Summer will run in separate, one-week blocks between July 19 and August 12, Monday through Thursday.

Week One: July 19 through July 22

Week Two: July 26 through July 29

Week Three: August 2 through August 5

Week Four: August 9 through August 12

Students are invited to register for up to a total of three workshops. Three workshops may be chosen within one week or they may be spread out over the four-week program. Workshops should be chosen based on the grade level a student will enter during the 2021 - 2022 school year.

This catalog is organized on a week-to-week basis and by grade level. Please pay special attention to workshop descriptions which provide information related to session length and timeframe. The table below may be used to help plan your Stars of Summer schedule. Space is provided to identify alternative choices in case first choices become unavailable.

Workshop Choices	Week	Workshop Times
Alternative		
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Registration for Stars of Summer will open on May 10 and will close on May 24. Registration will take place at <https://registration.hcps.org/>.

Should you have any questions about the Stars of Summer program, please contact program administrators at starsofsummer@hcps.org.

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• Crafty Life Skills	X	X	X	X
• Don't Worry, Be Happy	X	X		X
• Healthy Vibes - Mental Health and Fitness	X	X	X	X
• Step It Up		X	X	

GRADES 1-2

	Week 1 <i>July 19-22</i>	Week 2 <i>July 26-29</i>	Week 3 <i>August 2-5</i>	Week 4 <i>August 9-12</i>
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• Delightful Decoding	X	X	X	X
• Elementary (Primary) Camp Intervention - National Inventors Hall of Fame	X	X	X	X
• Phonemic Awareness Folly!	X	X	X	X
• Reading and Writing Under the Stars	X	X	X	X
• Sensational Stories	X	X	X	X

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• Creative Writing Camp		X	X	X
• Escape Room Mania		X	X	X
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• Fusion of Art and Science	X			
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	Week 1 <i>July 19-22</i>	Week 2 <i>July 26-29</i>	Week 3 <i>August 2-5</i>	Week 4 <i>August 9-12</i>
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• Chrome Compositions	X	X	X	X
• Culture Club Through Activities	X	X		
• Culture Club Through Literature	X	X		
• Elementary (Intermediate) Camp Intervention - National Inventors Hall of Fame	X	X	X	X
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• Environmental Adventures at Harford Glen	X			
• Fun Photography Projects	X	X	X	X
• Healthy Hangouts		X		
• Improv-The Art of Spontaneous Storytelling	X		X	
• Keep It Crafty	X	X		
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• Transition to Middle School	X		X	
• Villians and Heroes of History	X	X		
• Want to Chat about Star Wars, D. C., Marvel, and Other Fun Stuff? This is the Place to Be!!	X	X	X	X
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Taught by Chris McDonough
*Health/Physical Education Teacher,
Bel Air High School and Alternative Education
Program*

GRADES 1-2

JULY 19-22

Delightful Decoding

Does your child want to maintain or enhance their ability to read independently and fluently? Then, this is the course for them. We will review the decoding strategies as well as dip into skills that enable readers to read harder words, such as magic e and vowel pairs, digraphs, and bossy r. We will also practice sight words as part of fluency instruction.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Taught by Jennifer Brosh
Kindergarten Teacher, Forest Lakes Elementary School

Elementary (Primary) Camp Invention - National Inventors Hall of Fame

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Kindergarten Teacher, Forest Lakes Elementary School

Sarah Baker
Grade 4 Teacher, Roye-Williams Elementary School

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Phonemic Awareness Folly!

Does your child need extra time and experience with pre-reading skills? We will practice letters and sounds, use letters and sounds to read CVC words, and practice simple sight words, rhyming, blending, segmenting, and determining sound's position in words (beginning, middle, and end). We will do this in a playful, meaningful way!

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Jennifer Brosh
Kindergarten Teacher, Forest Lakes Elementary School

Reading and Writing Under the Stars

In this workshop, students will participate in a variety of hands-on activities and games, which focus on first grade reading, writing, and math skills. If you are looking for additional practice and skill building, this interactive workshop is for you!

This workshop is only intended for students entering second grade.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Taught by Jessica Paonessa
Grade 1 Teacher, William S. James Elementary School

AUGUST 2-5

Sensational Stories

Join us to read books by your favorite authors and illustrators! Learn about your favorite authors, their style, and where they get their ideas/inspirations for books. Be inspired by their works to create your own writing/illustrations.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Taught by Jennifer Brosh
Kindergarten Teacher, Forest Lakes Elementary School

AUGUST 9-12

GRADES 1-2 and 3-5

Backyard Bird Buddies

Who are the feathered friends living in your backyard? Join our Backyard Bird Buddies and learn fun and interesting facts about the birds and their habits in your neighborhood. Students will read about a variety of local birds and engage in STEM activities, art projects and a variety of other fun and engaging activities with friends while learning about the feathered friends right in their own backyard!

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Kelly Hennick
Grade 4 Teacher, Red Pump Elementary School

Fairy Tale Engineering

Your favorite fairy tale characters need your help! Join this camp for an opportunity to unite your problem-solving skills and your eye for creativity. Help Cinderella by making a fast and efficient carriage for her out of household items. Help make a new home for the 3 Little Pigs. Your supplies will be limited, you will have challenging goals to meet, and you'll be competing against your peers! Promote your critical thinking and reasoning skills through these challenges.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Megan Pavlitsa
Math Teacher, Fallston Middle School

Fusion of Art and Science

Have you ever wanted to paint with dirt? Have you ever wondered what colors make up a black marker? Have you ever noticed rainbows dancing on your floor? In this fusion of art and science, you will do all of the above and much, much more! Explore the sciences and use science to create works of art, like flowers, sun catchers, wind painting, and a painting masterpiece!

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Rebecca Scarlato
Science Teacher, Joppatowne High School

Diane Sumutka
*Instructional Coach,
Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Office*

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Adventures in Coding

Do you like music, dancing, and coding? Come learn how to code a dance party using Scratch. We will learn how to create a sprite (dancer), build the backdrop, and add music to your code. Wow your friends and family as they watch your code come to life!

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Meghan Bennett Marx
*Library Media Specialist,
Magnolia and Church Creek Elementary Schools*

Chrome Compositions

Create original and well-known tunes using the tools in chrome music lab. Students will develop their musical composition skills, listening skills, and basic music theory used in popular songs!

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Taught by Sara Ulrich
Music Teacher, Forest Lakes Elementary School

Culture Club Through Activities

Come travel to different continents through a variety of activities related to various cultures - including arts and crafts. Here you will learn about the country of your choice and create a presentation using technology.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Sarah Fischer
Social Studies Teacher, Aberdeen Middle School

Culture Club Through Literature

Come travel to various continents and learn about life in other cultures through literature.

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Taught by Laura Bulger
*Gifted/Talented Teacher,
North Bend Elementary School*

Sarah Baker
Grade 4 Teacher, Roye-Williams Elementary School

Math - No Problem!

Do math word problems intimidate you? No problem! We will develop and practice strategies that will help us become better at solving these wordy problems. Some of the strategies we'll explore include: where and how to start, pattern recognition, working backwards, and develop our ability to persevere.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Nicole Garner
Math Teacher, Edgewood Middle School

GRADES 3-5 and 6-9

Baseball Basics

Do you want to develop skills that will help you become a better player, or do you want to just get out of the house and do something fun? Baseball Basics is designed to provide skill-based instruction for athletes who want to become better baseball players or for those who just want to have fun. Throughout the camp, you will be exposed to the following fundamentals of baseball: Infield, Hitting, Pitching, and Outfield. Each day, you will view a different baseball video and then practice the skill presented on your own. The daily drills will be recorded and submitted for a daily critique with feedback given to help improve your skill level.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Taught by Jason King
*Social Studies Teacher and Baseball Coach,
Joppatowne High School*

Tim Lindecamp
*Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director,
Aberdeen High School*

Singing 101

Learn the basic skills necessary to sing well in a healthy and comfortable way! Students will learn vocal warm ups, exercises, and songs, as well as bringing their own musical interests to share and perform as a group or individually.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Sarah Ulrich
Music Teacher, Forest Lakes Elementary School

Mystery Investigation Squad

Have you ever wanted to learn more about aliens? Bigfoot? Ghosts? The Bermuda Triangle? If so, then come join our Investigation Squad! We'll develop our research skills as we work to uncover the truth about some of the world's greatest unsolved mysteries, and then practice sharing what we learned with our squad. The truth is out there and we're going to find it!

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Grades 3-5)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Grades 6-9)

Taught by Pete Hicks
*Library Media Specialist,
North Bend Elementary School*

STEM - XPLORATION

(3 week session)

This THREE-Week camp is designed to introduce you to STEM through exploration of the past and the future. In Weeks 1 and 2, we will take a trip to ancient Egypt to explore the Great Pyramids. During this time, you will create a fortune teller, a marble maze to simulate passages, and a pyramid. The camp will conclude during Week 3 with the challenge of creating the next NASA rover for Mars.

This course will run for three weeks.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Taught by Scott Hubbard
Tech Education Teacher, Aberdeen High School

GRADES 3-5 and 6-9, CONTINUED

Weather or Not 101

Learn how to forecast weather in your backyard with a National Weather Service storm spotter! Topics covered will include fundamentals of forecasting, severe weather, and weather safety.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (*Grades 3-5*)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (*Grades 6-9*)

Taught by Matthew Torres
Science Teacher, Aberdeen High School

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ArcGIS for Beginners

This experience is for students who are looking to prepare themselves for the next step whether that be college or a career. Gain experience using spatial tools and methods while learning concepts of GIS and spatial data science. Get access to the most current geospatial knowledge while building skills in areas such as data engineering, visualization, 3D analytics, business intelligence, and AI.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Taught by Will Nash
Social Studies Teacher, Alternative Education Program

At your Age, could you have been and American Civil War Soldier from 1861-1865?

Have you ever wondered if you would have been able to live during a different time period in our History? Could you adapt to the way the society functioned? Would you have been able to provide for yourself and your family? If you have wondered about circumstances like these, come join us for a 4-day exploration of the American Civil War Era. We will cover American Civil War topics like medicine - weapons - equipment - supplies - entertainment - civilian life - soldier life - roles of women - roles of children - geography - strategies - key battles & key personalities. I hope that you grab your canteen, mess kit, kepi and that "new-fangled" computer and muster in for our Great American Civil War Adventure!! Huzzah, Huzzah, Huzzah!!!

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Robert Rinehart
Social Studies Teacher, Southampton Middle School

Been There - Done That!!

Do you have great adventures, stories and hobbies to share? Do you like to share your great adventures, stories and hobbies with other people? Do you like to take pictures? If so, join us for "Been There - Done That!!" Students will construct PowerPoint presentations using appropriate pictures / images of one's personal adventures. Campers can also present hobbies or collections of pictures / images they have accumulated. Every camper will have the opportunity to share at least one adventure / hobby. If you are looking for a chance to meet new people, go on some PowerPoint adventures and learn some new technology - join us for "Been There - Done That!!"

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Robert Rinehart
Social Studies Teacher, Southampton Middle School

Cool Readz

We will explore culturally diverse and relevant novels from Project Lit. We will create a bullet journal to use during the school year to record personal responses to the novels. It's an amazing system that keeps a record of everything you could ever want to toss at it. It can be your task manager, sketchbook, journal, idea catcher, and much more! Think about what kind of lists will help you boost productivity, improve mental clarity, or achieve a reading goal while being a part of the "grassroots literacy movement." (ProjectLit)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Taught by Elizabeth Newby
English Teacher, Havre de Grace Middle School

Dancing Around the World with Mrs. Smith

Bring your passport and dancing shoes and join us on a trip around the globe! We will learn some fun phrases from each region, hit up some great tourist spots, play some games native to the region and even perform their dances! If you love people, dancing, learning new languages, traveling and history then this class is perfect for you!

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Taught by Crystal Smith
Music Teacher, Bel Air Middle School

Environmental Adventures at Harford Glen

This adventure is open to students entering sixth grade and is an in-person, on-site experience. The four-day Environmental Adventures workshop will give students a chance to explore Harford Glen with Outdoor Educators Melanie Kane and Amanda Subolefsky. You will go birding, dig through macroinvertebrates in the creek, explore the trails, perfect your compost skills, document your thoughts through nature journaling, complete bluebird box maintenance and more!

This is a super active, in person experience which will take place outdoors in most weather conditions. Students will need to dress for the weather, bring plenty of water and a mid-morning snack.

This course is for rising sixth graders only.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Melanie Kane and Amanda Subolefsky
*Outdoor Educators,
Harford Glen Environmental Center*

Fun Photography Projects

Stuck at home? Join in the fun while learning to turn your favorite cellphone/tablet photos into stunning postcards, labels, and other fun products to share with the world. Make four professional quality projects in four days online that are shareable and even printable. Projects will be shared daily in an online Summer Stars Gallery as they are completed. No prior photography experience required. Students must have access to a digital device for taking photographs and must be able to upload them to their computer for editing and posting.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Linda Mitchell
Math Teacher, Harford Technical High School

Improv-the Art of Spontaneous Storytelling

Learn to collaborate, listen, respond, and story tell through the use of improvisational skills. This workshop will review the principles of what it takes to use improv in life and in a scene. We will practice each of these principles through improv activities as a group. Unlock your creativity and get really good at comebacks by learning skills in improv.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Taught by Caitlyn Soltow
English/Drama Teacher, Aberdeen High School

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Keep it Crafty

Come explore the fun world of crafts. Create friendship bracelets, tie dye t-shirts and learn to knit. These are a few of the activities you will get to experience in this crafty creations class.

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Taught by Laura Prevas
Art Teacher, Harford Technical High School

Love Listening to and Telling Stories? This is the Place for You!

Do you ever have stories that are scary, fantastic, science fiction, or full of action floating around in your head? Do you have ideas for characters that have special abilities or superpowers? Join us to write and share your stories! Some you can write and then share, and some we will actually all work on together to combine our creativity into one giant adventure! If you want, you will be able to illustrate your stories too!

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Greg Bane
Social Studies Teacher, Fallston Middle School

Middle School Camp Invention - National Inventors Hall of Fame

Let your creativity soar with four exciting activity kits full of robots to design, program, and operate; experiment with an electronic heliball and airplane design to discover the principles of flight; and learn how to develop a business plan for your innovations! This camp will include online collaboration with a teacher and time to invent on your own. Note that this workshop is a repeat of last year's Camp Invention offering.

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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Painting Picassos

Don't know how to paint or want to become a better painter? In this workshop the instructor will guide you step by step to experience a magical transformation from a blank canvas to your finished masterpiece. Topics include brushes and equipment, perspective, mixing colors, lighting, shadow, reflections, texture and techniques for achieving a desired effect. Have fun while creating your own masterpiece.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Scary Story Audio Book Club

Sure, summer is here, but there is no weather too nice for scary stories! For an hour each day, pop those headphones on, kick back, and listen to a scary story read to you by Mr. Bane. Sound effects included! At the end of each session, you will be able to participate in a discussion about the story. So, come join us and get a jump on Halloween!

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Taught by Greg Bane
Social Studies Teacher, Fallston Middle School

Shakespeare- It's Not That Scary

Does Shakespeare seem too overwhelming and make you want to pull your hair out? Well, fret not! This workshop will walk you through the life of Shakespeare and where he draws inspiration from for some of his most iconic characters. You will also get the opportunity to pretend to be one of these characters in order to better understand their mindset (no reading of the text necessary).

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Taught by Caitlyn Soltow
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GRADES 6-9, CONTINUED

So You Wanna Be a DJ!

Who gets the party started, The DJ! Who decides what music is played, The DJ! At the end of the night, who gets paid, The DJ! In this workshop you will learn all about the equipment needed to DJ, how to choose and mix music, and how to start a DJ business.

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Eric Mosely
Grade 5 Teacher, Deerfield Elementary School

Transition to Middle School

Come join us to learn everything you need to know to transition to middle school like a BOSS! Learn all the secrets from school counselors who have helped 6th graders have their best year yet!!!!

This course is for rising sixth graders only.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Taught by Christy Renzulli
Counselor, Norrisville Elementary School and North Harford Middle School

Susan Smith
Counselor, North Harford Middle School

Villains and Heroes of History

Barriers! Who are the Villains? Who are the Heroes? In history there are people who stand out in our minds for their strength, leadership, military status or political position. In this camp, you will have a chance to explore topics and certain historical figures from a specific time frame to determine who and why some are regarded as Heroes or Villains.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Taught by Drusilla Herbert
Social Studies Teacher, Bel Air Middle School

Carolyn Van Roden
Social Studies Teacher, Southampton Middle School

Want to Chat about Star Wars, D.C., Marvel, and Other Fun Stuff? This is the Place to Be!!

We'll be talking about OG Star Wars, Mandalorian, The Marvel Cinematic Universe, The Extended D.C. Universe, comics, video games, and much more! We'll also be watching videos, playing Kahoots, creating stories, videos and artwork, and engaging in some interesting and energetic debates. C'mon and get your geek on!

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HIP HOP DANCE? Interested? Come learn the basic concepts and principles of hip-hop dance through discussions, videos, and basic rhythmic activities. You will learn hip hop through "real world" examples to deeply understand how to embrace dance as a form of expression. Come have fun with other Hip Hop dancers.

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GRADES 1-2 and 3-5

JULY 19-22

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8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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Taught by Jill Hershey
Grade 1 Teacher, Ring Factory Elementary School

JULY 26-29

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Math Teacher, Fallston Middle School

AUGUST 2-5

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9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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Taught by Olivia Chapman
Kindergarten Teacher, Riverside Elementary School

AUGUST 9-12

GRADES 3-5

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9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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Music Teacher, Forest Lakes Elementary School

Culture Club Through Activities

Come travel to different continents through a variety of activities related to various cultures - including arts and crafts. Here you will learn about the country of your choice and create a presentation using technology.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Sarah Fischer
Social Studies Teacher, Aberdeen Middle School

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GRADES 3-5 and 6-9

Mystery Investigation Squad

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Taught by Linda Mitchell
Math Teacher, Harford Technical High School

Healthy Hangouts

Do you want to meet new people who are a similar age to you in a safe environment? If so, this is the place for you! During this session you will get to connect with middle school students from all over Harford County. During this workshop, interactive games will be played.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Susan Smith
Counselor, North Harford Middle School

Keep it Crafty

Come explore the fun world of crafts. Create friendship bracelets, tie dye t-shirts and learn to knit. These are a few of the activities you will get to experience in this crafty creations class.

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Taught by Laura Prevas
Art Teacher, Harford Technical High School

Love Listening to and Telling Stories? This is the Place for You!

Do you ever have stories that are scary, fantastic, science fiction, or full of action floating around in your head? Do you have ideas for characters that have special abilities or superpowers? Join us to write and share your stories! Some you can write and then share, and some we will actually all work on together to combine our creativity into one giant adventure! If you want, you will be able to illustrate your stories too!

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Taught by Greg Bane
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Memorization Techniques

This workshop will review various techniques which can be used to aid in memorization of any material. You will be given the opportunity to practice these memorization techniques with a text and have it memorized by the end of the workshop. Along the way, you will uncover the kind of learner you are and you will be able to use these practices for any class moving forward.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Taught by Caitlyn Soltow
English/Drama Teacher, Aberdeen High School

Middle School Camp Invention - National Inventors Hall of Fame

Let your creativity soar with four exciting activity kits full of robots to design, program, and operate; experiment with an electronic heliball and airplane design to discover the principles of flight; and learn how to develop a business plan for your innovations! This camp will include online collaboration with a teacher and time to invent on your own. Note that this workshop is a repeat of last year's Camp Invention offering.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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Sarah Baker
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Painting Picassos

Don't know how to paint or want to become a better painter? In this workshop the instructor will guide you step by step to experience a magical transformation from a blank canvas to your finished masterpiece. Topics include brushes and equipment, perspective, mixing colors, lighting, shadow, reflections, texture and techniques for achieving a desired effect. Have fun while creating your own masterpiece.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Laura Prevas
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Scary Story Audio Book Club

Sure, summer is here, but there is no weather too nice for scary stories! For an hour each day, pop those headphones on, kick back, and listen to a scary story read to you by Mr. Bane. Sound effects included! At the end of each session, you will be able to participate in a discussion about the story. So, come join us and get a jump on Halloween!

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Greg Bane
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So You Wanna Be a DJ!

Who gets the party started, The DJ! Who decides what music is played, The DJ! At the end of the night, who gets paid, The DJ! In this workshop you will learn all about the equipment needed to DJ, how to choose and mix music, and how to start a DJ business.

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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Taught by Eric Mosely
Grade 5 Teacher, Deerfield Elementary School

Villains and Heroes of History

Barriers! Who are the Villains? Who are the Heroes? In history there are people who stand out in our minds for their strength, leadership, military status or political position. In this camp, you will have a chance to explore topics and certain historical figures from a specific time frame to determine who and why some are regarded as Heroes or Villains.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Taught by Drusilla Herbert
Social Studies Teacher, Bel Air Middle School

Carolyn Van Roden
Social Studies Teacher, Southampton Middle School

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GRADES 6-9, CONTINUED

Want to Chat about Star Wars, D.C., Marvel, and Other Fun Stuff? This is the Place to Be!!

We'll be talking about OG Star Wars, Mandalorian, The Marvel Cinematic Universe, The Extended D.C. Universe, comics, video games, and much more! We'll also be watching videos, playing Kahoots, creating stories, videos and artwork, and engaging in some interesting and energetic debates. C'mon and get your geek on!

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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Social Studies Teacher, Fallston Middle School

Writing for Change: Righting the Wrongs

If you enjoy all types of writing (ex. poetry, letters, fiction and nonfiction) AND standing up for what is right, then this is the workshop for you! Explore major social topics such as racism, LGBTQ+ and women's rights, and much more. Have you ever thought to yourself, "I wish I could do something about these things?" Now, you can! Join us as we write to right the wrongs in our communities.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Suzanne Kaiser
English Teacher, Aberdeen High School

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GRADES 1-2, 3-5, and 6-9

Adventures in Improv Acting

Using a variety of acting techniques, improv games, and fun scenarios, we will travel to places near and far to create getaway scenes. If you enjoy developing fun characters and stories, being creative and fun, or simply love to entertain others, this course is for you. No previous acting experience is needed. Come join the journey this summer and tap into your acting skills, collaborate with others, and have fun on summer vacation.

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Taught by Dawn Sinclair
English Teacher, Alternative Education Program

Crafty Life Skills

Learn how to create crafts from everyday objects. Crafting is not just fun, but a life skill. We will learn how to use crafting tools in order to strengthen life skills. This includes sewing, gluing, cutting with scissors, taping, and other skills. Plus you can use your creativity to make all crafts personal!

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Taught by Mikaela Ewing
English/Journalism Teacher, Aberdeen High School

Healthy Vibes - Mental Health and Fitness

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Social Studies Teacher, Alternative Education Program

At your Age, could you have been and American Civil War Soldier from 1861-1865?

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9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Robert Rinehart
Social Studies Teacher, Southampton Middle School

Been There - Done That!!

Do you have great adventures, stories and hobbies to share? Do you like to share your great adventures, stories and hobbies with other people? Do you like to take pictures? If so, join us for "Been There - Done That!!" Students will construct PowerPoint presentations using appropriate pictures / images of one's personal adventures. Campers can also present hobbies or collections of pictures / images they have accumulated. Every camper will have the opportunity to share at least one adventure / hobby. If you are looking for a chance to meet new people, go on some PowerPoint adventures and learn some new technology - join us for "Been There - Done That!!"

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Improv-the Art of Spontaneous Storytelling

Learn to collaborate, listen, respond, and story tell through the use of improvisational skills. This workshop will review the principles of what it takes to use improv in life and in a scene. We will practice each of these principles through improv activities as a group. Unlock your creativity and get really good at comebacks by learning skills in improv.

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Shakespeare- It's Not That Scary

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This course is for rising sixth graders only.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Taught by Christy Renzulli
*Counselor, Norrisville Elementary School and
North Harford Middle School*

Susan Smith
Counselor, North Harford Middle School

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Writing for Change: Righting the Wrongs

If you enjoy all types of writing (ex. poetry, letters, fiction and nonfiction) AND standing up for what is right, then this is the workshop for you! Explore major social topics such as racism, LGBTQ+ and women's rights, and much more. Have you ever thought to yourself, "I wish I could do something about these things?" Now, you can! Join us as we write to right the wrongs in our communities.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Suzanne Kaiser
English Teacher, Aberdeen High School

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GRADES 1-2, 3-5, and 6-9

Adventures in Improv Acting

Using a variety of acting techniques, improv games, and fun scenarios, we will travel to places near and far to create getaway scenes. If you enjoy developing fun characters and stories, being creative and fun, or simply love to entertain others, this course is for you. No previous acting experience is needed. Come join the journey this summer and tap into your acting skills, collaborate with others, and have fun on summer vacation.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. (Grades 1-2)

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Grades 3-5)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Grades 6-9)

Taught by Dawn Sinclair
English Teacher, Alternative Education Program

Crafty Life Skills

Learn how to create crafts from everyday objects. Crafting is not just fun, but a life skill. We will learn how to use crafting tools in order to strengthen life skills. This includes sewing, gluing, cutting with scissors, taping, and other skills. Plus you can use your creativity to make all crafts personal!

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Grades 1-5)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Grades 6-9)

Taught by Mikaela Ewing
English/Journalism Teacher, Aberdeen High School

Don't Worry, Be Happy

In this workshop we will learn different ways to solve problems and manage time and stress. We will also learn how to apply those strategies to schoolwork and life. We will practice using strategies such as listening to music, movement, talking, and even games.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Grades 1-2)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Grades 3-5)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Grades 6-9)

Taught by Rachel Otremba
Special Educator, John Archer School

Healthy Vibes - Mental Health and Fitness

Come join this workshop to learn new and different ways to manage stress and to raise awareness about mental health. Together we will promote help seeking behaviors and emotional well-being practices through a variety of fun activities!

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Grades 1-2)

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Taught by Chris McDonough
*Health/Physical Education Teacher,
Bel Air High School and Alternative Education
Program*

A Chair for My Mother - Book Study

Join me as I share one of my favorite children's books, *A Chair for My Mother*, by Vera B. Williams. We will learn math and social studies through this book. We will work on counting money, learn the importance of saving vs. spending money and will brainstorm ways to earn money. Discussion will include how communities come together and how people show kindness in times of need. We will also touch on fire safety and at the end of the week, you will decorate your own "jar" in which to save money.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Staci Magee
*Grade 2 Teacher,
Homestead/Wakefield Elementary School*

Delightful Decoding

Does your child want to maintain or enhance their ability to read independently and fluently? Then, this is the course for them. We will review the decoding strategies as well as dip into skills that enable readers to read harder words, such as magic e and vowel pairs, digraphs, and bossy r. We will also practice sight words as part of fluency instruction.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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Phonemic Awareness Folly!

Does your child need extra time and experience with pre-reading skills? We will practice letters and sounds, use letters and sounds to read CVC words, and practice simple sight words, rhyming, blending, segmenting, and determining sound's position in words (beginning, middle, and end). We will do this in a playful, meaningful way!

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Taught by Jennifer Brosh
Kindergarten Teacher, Forest Lakes Elementary School

Reading and Writing Under the Stars

In this workshop, students will participate in a variety of hands-on activities and games, which focus on first grade reading, writing, and math skills. If you are looking for additional practice and skill building, this interactive workshop is for you!

This workshop is only intended for students entering second grade.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Taught by Jessica Paonessa
Grade 1 Teacher, William S. James Elementary School

Sensational Stories

Join us to read books by your favorite authors and illustrators! Learn about your favorite authors, their style, and where they get their ideas/inspirations for books. Be inspired by their works to create your own writing/illustrations.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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GRADES 1-2 and 3-5

JULY 19-22

Backyard Bird Buddies

Who are the feathered friends living in your backyard? Join our Backyard Bird Buddies and learn fun and interesting facts about the birds and their habits in your neighborhood. Students will read about a variety of local birds and engage in STEM activities, art projects and a variety of other fun and engaging activities with friends while learning about the feathered friends right in their own backyard!

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Kelly Hennick
Grade 4 Teacher, Red Pump Elementary School

Creative Writing Camp

Join me as we study model writers and utilize our best writing practices as we write to inform, write to persuade, and write to entertain our readers. We will work through the writing process of brainstorming, planning, drafting, editing, and revising to create exciting writing products such as shape poems, autobiographies, chapter books and reviews of our favorite books, movies, restaurants or toys. We will also share and celebrate the pieces we are most proud of in a Publishing Party!

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Jill Hershey
Grade 1 Teacher, Ring Factory Elementary School

JULY 26-29

Escape Room Mania

Can you escape the room? Test your problem-solving skills on an awesome adventure!

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. (Grades 1-2)

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11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Grades 3-5)

Taught by Hannah Sample
Grade 2 Teacher, Joppatowne Elementary School

Fairy Tale Engineering

Your favorite fairy tale characters need your help! Join this camp for an opportunity to unite your problem-solving skills and your eye for creativity. Help Cinderella by making a fast and efficient carriage for her out of household items. Help make a new home for the 3 Little Pigs. Your supplies will be limited, you will have challenging goals to meet, and you'll be competing against your peers! Promote your critical thinking and reasoning skills through these challenges.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Megan Pavlitsa
Math Teacher, Fallston Middle School

AUGUST 2-5

Kids in the Kitchen

You're never too young to begin learning how to cook! Join Kids in the Kitchen this summer to begin your journey as a kid-chef. Kids in the Kitchen is a class designed to help kids like you make tasty and delicious foods all by yourself! You will also learn how to read a recipe, measure your ingredients, and learn the science behind our food. Kids in the Kitchen is a place for you to unleash your skills and get creative! We can't wait to start cooking up something yummy with you!

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Taught by Olivia Chapman
Kindergarten Teacher, Riverside Elementary School

Retro Generation Games

Let's get together and play some games from the 1900's while making some new friends! In this workshop you will learn about old-fashioned games while developing social, teamwork, and fair-mindedness skills. Come have some fun!

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Grades 1-2)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Grades 3-5)

Taught by Rachel Otremba
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AUGUST 9-12

Adventures in Coding

Do you like music, dancing, and coding? Come learn how to code a dance party using Scratch. We will learn how to create a sprite (dancer), build the backdrop, and add music to your code. Wow your friends and family as they watch your code come to life!

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Taught by Meghan Bennett Marx
*Library Media Specialist,
Magnolia and Church Creek Elementary Schools*

Chrome Compositions

Create original and well-known tunes using the tools in chrome music lab. Students will develop their musical composition skills, listening skills, and basic music theory used in popular songs!

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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"Whodunit?" Writing a Mystery Story

In this workshop you will learn about the elements of a mystery story and you will work to write your own "Whodunit" story during the week.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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Weather or Not 101

Learn how to forecast weather in your backyard with a National Weather Service storm spotter! Topics covered will include fundamentals of forecasting, severe weather, and weather safety.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Matthew Torres
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GRADES 3-5 and 6-9

JULY 19-22

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AUGUST 2-5

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Adventures in Digital Animation

Have you ever watched a cartoon and wondered... how did they do that!? Well, this camp will give you a little glimpse into the magic of movie making and you will learn how to create your own digital animations right on the computer!

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

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Baseball Basics

Do you want to develop skills that will help you become a better player, or do you want to just get out of the house and do something fun? Baseball Basics is designed to provide skill-based instruction for athletes who want to become better baseball players or for those who just want to have fun. Throughout the camp, you will be exposed to the following fundamentals of baseball: Infield, Hitting, Pitching, and Outfield. Each day, you will view a different baseball video and then practice the skill presented on your own. The daily drills will be recorded and submitted for a daily critique with feedback given to help improve your skill level.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Taught by Jason King
*Social Studies Teacher and Baseball Coach,
Joppatowne High School*

Tim Lindecamp
*Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director,
Aberdeen High School*

Creative Crafts

Tap into your inner creativity to create awesome summer crafts. Have you ever painted using a straw? What about made an actual bird feeder? These are just a few of the crafts we will be creating. Mosaics, rainbow candy tubes, paper garland etc. etc. etc. The ideas are endless.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Grades 3-5)
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Taught by Elizabeth Newby
English Teacher, Havre de Grace Middle School

Mystery Investigation Squad

Have you ever wanted to learn more about aliens? Bigfoot? Ghosts? The Bermuda Triangle? If so, then come join our Investigation Squad! We'll develop our research skills as we work to uncover the truth about some of the world's greatest unsolved mysteries, and then practice sharing what we learned with our squad. The truth is out there and we're going to find it!

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Taught by Pete Hicks
*Library Media Specialist,
North Bend Elementary School*

Singing 101

Learn the basic skills necessary to sing well in a healthy and comfortable way! Students will learn vocal warm ups, exercises, and songs, as well as brining their own musical interests to share and perform as a group or individually.

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ArcGIS for Beginners

This experience is for students who are looking to prepare themselves for the next step whether that be college or a career. Gain experience using spatial tools and methods while learning concepts of GIS and spatial data science. Get access to the most current geospatial knowledge while building skills in areas such as data engineering, visualization, 3D analytics, business intelligence, and AI.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Taught by Will Nash
Social Studies Teacher, Alternative Education Program

At your Age, could you have been and American Civil War Soldier from 1861-1865?

Have you ever wondered if you would have been able to live during a different time period in our History? Could you adapt to the way the society functioned? Would you have been able to provide for yourself and your family? If you have wondered about circumstances like these, come join us for a 4-day exploration of the American Civil War Era. We will cover American Civil War topics like medicine - weapons - equipment - supplies - entertainment - civilian life - soldier life - roles of women - roles of children - geography - strategies - key battles & key personalities. I hope that you grab your canteen, mess kit, kepi and that "new-fangled" computer and muster in for our Great American Civil War Adventure!! Huzzah, Huzzah, Huzzah!!!

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taught by Robert Rinehart
Social Studies Teacher, Southampton Middle School

Been There - Done That!!

Do you have great adventures, stories and hobbies to share? Do you like to share your great adventures, stories and hobbies with other people? Do you like to take pictures? If so, join us for "Been There - Done That!!" Students will construct PowerPoint presentations using appropriate pictures / images of one's personal adventures. Campers can also present hobbies or collections of pictures / images they have accumulated. Every camper will have the opportunity to share at least one adventure / hobby. If you are looking for a chance to meet new people, go on some PowerPoint adventures and learn some new technology - join us for "Been There - Done That!!"

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Dancing Around the World with Mrs. Smith

Bring your passport and dancing shoes and join us on a trip around the globe! We will learn some fun phrases from each region, hit up some great tourist spots, play some games native to the region and even perform their dances! If you love people, dancing, learning new languages, traveling and history then this class is perfect for you!

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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Music Teacher, Bel Air Middle School

Fun Photography Projects

Stuck at home? Join in the fun while learning to turn your favorite cellphone/tablet photos into stunning postcards, labels, and other fun products to share with the world. Make four professional quality projects in four days online that are shareable and even printable. Projects will be shared daily in an online Summer Stars Gallery as they are completed. No prior photography experience required. Students must have access to a digital device for taking photographs and must be able to upload them to their computer for editing and posting.

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