Summer CAMPS & ACTIVITIES



Let's get ready for a summer of play! The Ann Arbor Observer is here to help you find the camp perfectly suited for your camper, with overnight, full-, and half-day camps in Washtenaw County and surrounding communities. Explore the solar system with a NASA-inspired camp, learn more about engineering with STEM-sational offerings, or take a dip in a pool or lake, and enjoy what makes Michigan so special in the summertime. Secure your spot early!



Looking for the best, most comprehensive, up-to-date "Family and Kids" activities and events information? Find a treasure trove of places to go and things to do.

In print & online!

AnnArborObserver AnnArborObserver.com

Check it out!





2459 W. Stadium Ann Arbor, MI 734.929.5877

This summer, bring some Magic and Adventure to your kids' week!

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS . June 16 – 20 . July 7 – 11 July 21 – 25 August 4 – 8 August 18 – 22

Experience new adventures in this classic Tabletop Roleplaying Game

> June 23 – 27 July 14 – 18 July 28 – August 1 August 11 – 15

GATHERING

Complete challenges to earn new cards for your deck!

For more information and to register, please visit us at www.sylvanfactory.com



Ann Arbor Capoeira

All are invited to *Arts of Brazil Summer Camp*, where adventure awaits at every turn! **Ann Arbor Capoeira** believes that summer is the perfect time for kids to unleash their creativity, build lifelong friendships, and grow through exciting challenges and activities. Campers will learn the basics of Capoeira including movements such as kicks, dodges, handstands, cartwheels, acrobatics, and more. They will also learn about Brazilian cultural music — basic rhythmic patterns used in Capoeira, Samba, drumming, other instrument playing, and songs in Portuguese. Camps run June 16–August 22 for campers ages 6–12, and are located at the Brazilian Michigan Cultural Center.

111 S. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, MI 48198 (734) 985–1352 • annarborcapoeira.com

Ann Arbor Rec & Ed Summer Camps

The possibilities are endless with **Rec & Ed** summer camps! Youth ages 2–14 are invited to a summer filled with fun, friendships, learning, and exploration. Camp themes include art, science, STEM, music, dance, chess, nature, drama, sports, and more. The ever popular *Safety Town* is back for rising Y5, kindergarten, and first graders. Summer camps run weekly from June 16–August 22, with half-day and full-day options available. *Early Childhood Camps* offer half-day drop-off camps for ages 3–5½. Summer camps will be held at various AAPS school locations.

1515 S. Seventh St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 994–2300 • aarecedonline.com

Ann Arbor YMCA Day Camps

The **Ann Arbor YMCA** offers eleven weeks of full-day camps for campers ages 5–17 located in Ann Arbor, Pinckney, and Ypsilanti. *Camp Birkett Outdoor Center*, located in Pinckney, provides a traditional camp experience (transportation to and from Ann Arbor is available) and is the perfect place for your camper to explore the summer outdoors. *Camp Greenhills*, located at Greenhills School, provides a variety of specialty camps for your camper to explore their interests and talents. *Camp New Heights*, located in Ypsilanti, provides theme-related activities, arts and crafts, science experiments, team building, silent reading time, enrichment activities, and more. At *Camp Treetown*, located at the Ann Arbor Y, campers choose from a variety of sports and traditional camps, as well as servicelearning opportunities and more for teens. Financial assistance is available.

Camp Office: 400 W. Washington St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 661–8039 • annarborymca.org

Camp Birkett Outdoor Center: 9141 Dexter-Townhall Rd., Pinckney, MI 48169

Camp Greenhills: 850 Greenhills Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 Camp New Heights: 111 S. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197 Camp Treetown: 400 W. Washington St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103



Where Curiosity Meets Creativity!



An unforgettable summer of learning and fun!

Experience a summer of adventure, creativity, and discovery at Emerson! With diverse camps in outdoor exploration, arts, STEM, sports, and more, there's something for everyone. Our expert instructors create a supportive environment where campers thrive. Spark curiosity, build skills, and keep the love of learning alive all summer!

Summer at Emerson is open to all students, regardless of their school. We offer seven weeks of half-day and full-day camps for children who have completed grades K-8 during the 2024-2025 school year. We are located in Ann Arbor at 5425 Scio Church Road, between Wagner and Zeeb. To learn more and view our full list of camps, visit **emerson-school.org/summer** or scan the QR code.



To learn more and get registered for Summer at Emerson camps, visit www.emerson-school.org/summer





FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT® FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

FIND YOUR SUMMER FUN. FIND YOUR Y.

>> REGISTER FOR DAY CAMP TODAY!

Ann Arbor YMCA | 400 W. Washington St. | www.annarborymca.org | (734) 996-9622





Summer CAMPS & ACTIVITIES

Champion Gymnastics

Champion Gymnastics offers a variety of weeklong summer camps with full- or half-day options for kids age 5 and up. Camps run June 23–August 22, with a separate half-day preschool camp available in the morning for 3- and 4-year-olds. All campers will experience a variety of challenges and creative physical activities in a well-supervised and safe environment. Not only does Champion offer a full competitive team program, but check out *Ninja Champs*, much like *American Ninja Warrior*, beginning recreational, advanced girls' classes, as well as tumbling classes for cheerleaders, dancers, and those looking to obtain flips for martial arts. Looking for a more laid-back option with free play? Be sure to look into open gym programs where your child can run, jump, climb, and play.

2362 Bishop Cir. E., Dexter, MI 48130 (734) 222–1810 • champgymaa.com

Dancer's Edge

Full of fun and exciting themes, **Dancer's Edge** summer camps are designed for young students who want to experience new themes each week. Choose from a variety of summer day camps offered June 16–August 29. From *Princess Camp, Candy Chemistry* (with edible science experiments!), *Art for All, Theater*, and *Carnival Camp*, you can handpick your favorite themes and design a schedule that works for your family. Join Dancer's Edge for just one session, or all summer for the full experience. Fulland half-day camps are available.

3115 Broad St., Dexter, MI 48130 (734) 424–2626 • dextersdancersedge.com

Emerson School

Summer adventure awaits! **Summer at Emerson** welcomes students from all schools who have completed grades K–8 during the 2024–2025 school year. Families can choose from seven individual weeks of half- and full-day camps, with flexible scheduling to work around summer plans. Camps run June 16–August 8 from 9 a.m.–noon and 1–4 p.m., with the option to combine sessions for a full-day experience (no camp the week of June 30–July 4; week of August 11–15 available for Emerson students only). Emerson's experienced staff leads diverse and engaging programs, encouraging growth, exploration, discovery, creativity, and play through a variety of activities. Campers are encouraged to challenge themselves with programs designed to help develop their skills and discover new interests, while having fun in a safe and supportive environment. Each week offers a new opportunity for adventure, friendship, and learning!

5425 Scio Church Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 665–5662 • emerson-school.org/summer

Encore Musical Theatre Company

Weekly summer camps at The Encore - now open for registration! Join Encore for an exciting, hands-on musical theater experience. Led by a team of industry professionals, campers will build confidence, creativity, and performance skills—all culminating in a Friday showcase on the Encore's stage. Each camp session runs one week, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Encore Musical Theatre (\$375 per session). Camps include: PROLOGUE (grades K-2) June 23-27: A fun-filled introduction to theater through songs, dances, games, and creative activities; ACT 1 (grades 3-6) June 16-20, July 7-11, August 11-15: Learn musical theater fundamentals through large and small group numbers; ACT 2 (grades 6–9) July 28-August 1: A deeper dive into theater techniques with solo and group performance opportunities; FINALE (grades 9-12) July 14-18: Advanced training, culminating in solo and group performances; and MAKE A MUSICAL (grades 4-10) July 21-25, August 4–8: Collaborate to write, choreograph, and perform an original one-act musical. Register now-spots fill fast!

7714 Ann Arbor St., Dexter, MI 48130

(734) 268–6200 • the encore the atre.org/summer-camp

First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor

Rising second graders through ninth graders are welcome to join **First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor's** *Music and Fine Arts Summer Camp!* Campers will learn choreography, singing, set design, and props. Camp runs July 28–August 1, and parents will have a chance to see the performance Sunday, August 3. Registration is now open.

1432 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (734) 662–4466 • firstpresbyterian.org

Foundations Preschool

Choose *Days of Discovery* at **Foundations Preschool** for your child's summer adventure and give them an unforgettable experience! Their budget-friendly camp is S.T.E.A.M.-themed and designed to support academic, physical, and social growth, ensuring campers are not only having fun, but also preparing for a successful school year ahead. Campers will enjoy large outdoor spaces, gardens, water play, field trips, and on-site special events. Regular hours are 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Extended hours (up to 5:30 p.m.) are available. DHHS accepted.

3770 Packard St., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 (734) 677–8130 • foundations-preschool.org



Half Day and Full Day Options

KID'S SUMMER CAMP 2025

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER FILLED WITH FUN, LEARNING, AND EXPLORATION!



























Camp Highlights:

- Art
 - A2Sports
 - Early Childhood
- Enrichment
- Music & Theatre
- Safety Town
- Science & Technology Sports
- Tennis





734.994.2300 1515 S. 7th St. Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Registration Link aarecedonline.com



At The Encore's inclusive summer camps, young performers gain more than just theatre skills—they develop essential life skills that will serve them far beyond the stage:

- Communication & Active Listening Creativity & Problem-Solving
- Teamwork & Collaboration Presence & Mindfulness
- Confidence Building
- Digital Detox & Focus

Join us for a summer of growth, learning, and unforgettable fun!

 REGISTER
 THEENCORETHEATRE.ORG/SUMMER-CAMP

 TODAY!
 7714 ANN ARBOR ST. | DEXTER | 734.268.6200



Sretchen's house

Full-day Summer Camp

Nature-inspired outdoor curriculum

Highly trained staff

HighScope Curriculum

Allergy aware programs

Infants • Toddlers Preschool • School-Age

After-School Care

Convenient locations

(734) 761.2576 www.gretchenshouse.com





tchenshouse.com
Summer Fun!!

Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children

Summer CAMPS & ACTIVITIES

Gretchen's House

For over 40 years, **Gretchen's House SCamp** has provided 5–11-year-olds with opportunities to explore a variety of interests and activities, at their home base and in the local community. It's the summer experience kids remember forever, and adults wish they could do all over again! Children enjoy choosing from a variety of activities by themselves or in small groups. Sports, arts and crafts, drama, and music—there is ample opportunity to explore woodworking, gardening, and cooking, or to just lie in a hammock and read a favorite book. Registration is now open!

(734) 761-2576 • gretchenshouse.com

Jr. Wolverine Wrestling Club

Jr. Wolverine Wrestling Club summer camp is designed to create a positive experience for young kids, while also promoting sportsmanship, leadership, and character development. And, of course, fostering a passion for the sport of wrestling. At the end of these four days, you will see a positive change in your child's maturity and work ethic. This camp will include instruction, tumbling, conditioning, competition, and fun! Camp runs June 23–26. All middle school wrestlers are welcome! Email Coach Mason for more information: jmason@cac.net.

Skyline High School Wrestling Room, 2552 N. Maple Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

(wrestling room entrance is off the 2nd floor indoor track) (734) 216–6459 • jrwolverinewrestlingclub.com

Mathnasium of Ann Arbor

Avoid the math learning loss that typically occurs over summer break by attending summer sessions at **Mathnasium of Ann Arbor**. Your child can start the new school year with confidence, while having fun this summer! Top-rated K–12 math tutors will teach the way your child learns, and make assessmentbased personalized learning plans. 94% of parents report an improvement in their child's math skills and understanding with Mathnasium. Sessions are vacation-friendly, and offer live face-to-face instruction with both in-center and online options.

2310 E. Stadium Blvd., ste. A2, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (734) 725–2588 • mathnasium.com/annarbor

Michigan Premier Soccer Academy-ANN ARBOR CRUSH

Michigan Premier Soccer Academy-ANN ARBOR CRUSH

camps challenge players to improve and learn soccer skills, positive life habits, and sportsmanship, all while having fun! New multisport day camps available in northeast Ann Arbor. Summer Kicks evening soccer camps for ages 7–19 holds skill building clinics. Future Stars camps for ages 4-6 focus on basic soccer skills, and are led by early childhood educators and coaches. Mighty Strikers Camp is designed for ages 6-8 and offers a fun introduction to travel soccer training. Gaga Training for ages 7–19 is a skill building clinic. New CRUSHLINGS for ages 2 & 3. Partnering with Dutch Soccer School for summer day camps in August.

Location: St. Paul School, 495 Earhart Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 (734) 249-9193 • mpsacrush.com

Michigan Swim Camp

Michigan Swim Camps offer four swim sessions and one diving session open to any and all entrants at the University of Michigan (Canham Natatorium) this summer. Camps run the weeks of June 8–12, June 15–19, June 22–26, July 11–13 (diving), and July 27–July 31. For swim camps, two 3-hour instructional sessions per day ensure the individual attention necessary for significant improvement. All Technique Track campers are videoed and receive a written stroke analysis, while Intensive Track campers receive video feedback and correction over the course of each session. World-class staff provide leadership and mentoring that encourages each swimmer to strive for excellence in and out of the pool!

(734) 474-6154 • camps.mgoblue.com michiganswimcamps@gmail.com

Michigan Theater

Explore the art of filmmaking with hands-on instruction from industry professionals at Young Filmmakers Camp Summer 2025 at the Michigan Theater! The three-session camp covers preproduction, production, and postproduction, giving aspiring filmmakers (ages 13–17) the chance to write, shoot, and edit their own films. Camps run June 30-July 25. Sessions start at \$600, with member discounts available. Gain skills, build your portfolio, and celebrate your work at the red carpet premiere. Registration opens soon-don't miss your chance to create movie magic!

603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (734) 668-8397 • marquee-arts.org







OPEN DOORS ART EXHIBIT

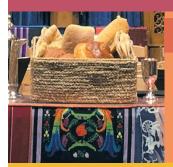
Meditation & Shabbat Project

Acclaimed fiber artist Laurie Wohl is known for her unweavings, liturgical work, and interfaith message.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 @ 4 PM

OPEN DOORS CONCERT Klezmer Fusion Band

The Klezmer Fusion Band blends Yiddish/ klezmer, Israeli, and religious music with jazz, Latin, Caribbean, and rock rhythms.



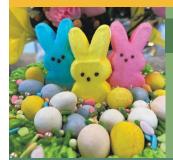
THURSDAY, APRIL 17 @ 7 PM

Maundy Thursday

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 @ 7 PM

Good Friday





SATURDAY, APRIL 19 @ 10 AM

Peeps & Pizza

A fun Easter celebration featuring Peeps dioramas, an egg hunt, and pizza. Register at fpca2.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 @ 7, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Easter Sunday

Celebrate the joy of Easter with us at worship services at 7:00, 9:30, and 11:30 AM. Childcare is available at 9:30 & 11:30.





JULY 28 - AUGUST 1

Music & Fine Arts Summer Camp

Ignite your child's creativity this summer! Join us for a week of music, art, and drama! Register at fpca2.org

1432 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 www.fpca2.org



DOT DOT DOT: A NEW MUSICAL Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor



A musical for kids—and kids at heart! Celebrate creativity and imagination in a colorful new way.



JUNE

Scan code for tickets or visit: marquee-arts.org/njfk



Michigan & State Theater, Ann Arbor



Write it. Shoot it. Edit it. Premiere it. Middle and high school students learn how to make real films with real gear.

> Scan code to register or visit: marquee-arts.org/film-camp

> > marquee-arts.org



Northfork Farms and Outback

Campers of all horsemanship skill levels are welcome to join **Northfork Farms** *Summer Horse Camps!* It is Northfork's goal to give every camper a safe, positive, and educational experience no matter which camp session they choose. Day and overnight campers will receive the same quality of instruction, with overnight campers receiving an extra hour with the horses. Camps run June 16–August 8 for ages 6–16.

3637 Morrice Rd., Webberville, MI 48892 (517) 881–9142 • northforkoutback.com

Rocks and Robots

Rocks and Robots: the ultimate summer camp for tech-loving kids! Looking for an unforgettable summer experience for your tech-savvy child? Rocks and Robots blends cutting-edge technology with exciting outdoor adventures, creating the perfect camp for kids ages 6–16! Ages 6–9: Young innovators kick off their journey with their Introductory Robotics & *Engineering* program, where they design and build Lego models powered by motors, sensors, and custom programs (rock climbing is optional for this age group). Ages 7–12: Campers take the challenge up a notch with *Robot Sumo*, using mBot2 and Legos to create and program battling robots. Ages 11-16: Older campers dive into text-based coding with Arduino Robots, culminating in an action-packed demolition derby where their creations compete head-to-head! But the fun doesn't stop when summer ends. They also offer *Robot Sumo Battle* birthday parties, where kids can build, program, and battle robots for an unforgettable celebration! Give your child the ultimate summer adventure-where innovation meets excitement. Spots fill fast, so enroll today!

424 Little Lake Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 926–8056 • rocksandrobots.com



Days of Discovery at Foundations Preschool

- For Children Transitioning into or out of Kindergarten
- 🛠 S.T.E.A.M education focused program
- 🛠 Free food and extended hours offered
- 🛠 Field trips! Local outings and more

() Foundations-preschoolorg

Lots of outdoor space and activities 3770 Packard St, Ann Arbor (at Ypsi Border)

677-8130



Sylvan Factory

This summer, join Ann Arbor's friendliest community game store for more awesome kids' summer gaming meetup opportunities! From *Magic: The Gathering* to *Dungeons & Dragons*, **Sylvan Factory** offers unique experiences and great opportunities for kids, recommended ages 10–14. *Dungeons & Dragons Experiences* run June 16–August 22, and include new adventures in the classic tabletop role-playing game. Campers will complete challenges and earn new cards in their deck at *Magic: The Gathering* weeklies that run June 23–August 15. Registration is now open!

2459 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 474–3519 • sylvanfactory.com

Washtenaw Community College

Experience hands-on learning at Washtenaw Community College's Future U summer camps! From July 7–11, Eureka STEM Maker invites campers ages 9-12 to overcome fun challenges using basic materials, simple machines, and inspiration from famous inventors-putting their creativity to the test. From July 14–18, Brixology introduces campers ages 10–13 to different types of engineering, allowing them to construct projects using Lego bricks while developing problem-solving and teamwork skills. For space enthusiasts, NASA Space Explorer runs from July 21–25 for ages 9–12, where NASA and Mad Science team up for an exciting journey through the solar system, exploring planets, moons, and other cosmic wonders. From July 28–August 1, Underground Explorer takes campers ages 9–12 on an archaeological adventure, uncovering the mysteries of ancient civilizations through the study of bone fragments, pottery shards, fossils, and more. Finally, from August 4-8, Astro Innovators challenges campers ages 11-13 to think and act like NASA innovators through hands-on experiments inspired by real NASA missions. Registration opens March 7don't miss out on a summer of discovery and fun!

4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 (734) 973–3300 • wccnet.edu



