



# SUMMER CAMP 2017

## SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

While OHM Summer Camp planning continues to go on, we thought we'd share some more highlights of the various weeks.

In addition to the highlighted activities every week, the program will include additional activities such as creative and engaging crafts. We'll ensure plenty of entertaining, active games with both structured and creative play outdoors to take advantage of the summer sun. Downtime activities, especially after recess and during before and after camp care, will include legos, board games, reading, art activities etc.

As adults in the camp, we believe in loving, respectful interactions with the children and recognize that each child is an individual with his/her own individual needs. Balancing that, there will be an expectation of respectful behavior amongst the campers as outlined in the Summer Camp Policies and Procedures document on-line.

We are so excited to share these exciting weeks with all the children who come to Oak Hill Montessori's Summer Camp!

Sincerely,  
Erika & Annie

### **Magical Mystery Tour:**

Campers at both elementary and children's house will start off the week with books and information about magicians, illusion, magic and other kinds of mysteries.

Some elementary activities include:

- Learning their own magic tricks throughout the week to perform for friends and family.
- Creating different crafts throughout the week, such as invisible ink projects, scratch art with hidden clues
- Developing a scavenger hunt for their peers.
- **A magic show performance by a professional magician.**
- A follow-up tutorial from the Magician to help the campers learn to do tricks of their own
- On Friday the older children will have the opportunity to put on their own magic show with the tricks they have compiled over the week.

Children's House highlights:

- Learning simpler kinds of tricks and illusions
- Children will go home with an instruction sheet for mastering their magic at home with their family.

- Children will join the Elementary for the magician's performance
- Campers will join the elementary at the end of the week for the elementary magic performance

All the children will go home this week with magic supplies they have either made or received to further their magic skills at home!

Art/craft ideas include decorating magician hats, making magic wands etc.

### **It's a Big World Out There:**

Both age groups will start out the week with stories and music from different areas of the world. That learning will continue throughout the week as we study different cultures touching on foods, history, customs, traditions, songs, languages, costumes etc.

- The Elementary will **visit a museum to explore the different cultures in Minnesota. We are choosing between the Swedish, Russian and German cultural centers.**
- We are planning to have a children's cultural dance group perform for all the students.
- The campers will create crafts, and traditional activities/games related to the various cultures we are studying.
- There will be cooking and tasting of the ethnic foods of different cultures

### **Games to Amuse, Games to Confuse:**

During this shortened week, the younger and older children will be learning about both old-fashioned and current, indoor and outdoor games.

- Outdoor games will include, but are not limited to, racing with hoops and sticks, three legged and gunnysack races, four square, hop scotch and bean bag tosses.
- Board games of varying difficulty will challenge and sharpen minds and teach our campers new skills.
- The older children have the opportunity to create their own board games, outdoor games and strategy games for all to play. They will teach the younger ones the games they created.
- The younger children will also be exploring their own imaginations and inventiveness in creating games
- Children of all ages will bring home games they created throughout the week, along with instruction pages so the whole family can join in!

We will include a list of the many games the children learned throughout the week so they can share them and get everyone in the family on their feet or at the table for gaming fun!

### **Science Explorers:**

Sarah Plumb is planning the science week activities and we have a counselor and some parents with serious science backgrounds who will visit during the week. More information to follow.....

### **Everyone's a Sportsman:**

At the beginning of every day we will be looking at one of four sports, Baseball- Soccer- Basketball- Gymnastics. At both levels our mornings will include learning about different athletes, both male and female, who excel at these sports.

- All campers will learn some specifics of where the sport is played, the rules of the sport and the names of the different positions in the sport.

- There will be lots of outdoor exercise time this week as, daily, the campers will learn and practice the skills of the various sports.
- There will be crafts, activities and games surrounding these sports available to the children during the day, along with opportunities to practice their skills and the team-building that is a big part of sports success.
- On Friday the challenge is on! We will get all age levels up and scrimmaging to try out all 4 sports, challenging themselves and each other, displaying their new skills, having lots of fun and being active.

### **Clever You:**

We will start out each day learning about one of four art mediums: Painting, Sketching, Sculpting, and Torn-paper art. We will share with the children about artists from each style, what they use to create their art and give campers a chance to create for themselves.

- **C.H. will be going to the Sculpture Garden**
- **Elementary will be going to the art museum.**
- Art projects from all mediums of the children will create and display the different art projects from the week in an art show. Parents will be invited to view the artists' creations on that Friday in a gallery designed by the children. All art projects will be brought home after the art show is over.

### **Outdoor Fun in the Sun:**

Water and sun will be our emphasis this week, with lots of water play and games each day. **We will all get to experience a field trip to the Tamarack Nature Center, younger children in the morning and older children in the afternoon. The elementary age children will also get to experience a beach trip later in the week!** During our days we will have plenty to keep the children busy indoors when they need a break from the sun, learning about underwater aquatic animals, and creating sea themed crafts with art mediums they learned about in previous weeks. The Children's House age will have daily opportunities to run in sprinklers and play with water, while the older children can don their swimsuits for daily slip and slide runs and water balloon games! To finish off our week we will have an all-camp bonfire and s'more roast!

### **Culinary Delights:**

This week there will be idea-filled cook books and picture books about food, food preparation, famous chefs and bakers, some of whom are children! Campers will try their hand at reading recipes, planning, shopping, cooking, and baking for each other.

Interesting trips include:

- A food **tour at the local Kowalski's (Children's House)**
- **A farmer's market tour (Elementary)!**

Children will enjoy planting and harvesting foods from our school gardens, planted during the spring.

During this week all the children will receive their own apron to decorate and personalize.

Included:

- Place setting, etiquette, and grace and courtesy lessons will be a big part of this week
- Learning to serve food to others restaurant-style

- The campers will learn new skills and grow their comfort in the kitchen, as well as their palate, as they try out new foods and recipes!

We'll cap off the week with our very own "Cafe" for the parents!

### **All the World's A Stage:**

Performance is the theme this week, and all the children will be involved in the preparation and execution of this exciting summer-ending show!

The campers bring their own individuality and talents to the stage with a show-stopping variety show, to be performed on Friday for all our families to enjoy.

Children will learn about

- stage directions, performance etiquette, stage presence, and projecting their voices for all to hear
- different styles and genres you might see in a theater, including musicals, operas, plays and concerts
- preparing the stage, their acts and costumes, reviewing lines and having rehearsals
- the art of the audition

The younger children will also learn songs and poems to share as a group during the variety show

On Friday, the campers will show us all they have learned at the grande finale: The Summer's End Variety Show!

Many more details are being worked out for each week of our exciting summer but this should get you enticed to become a part of this adventure!