



The word summer triggers a sense of freedom in children, a chance to play and learn in a more relaxed and fun atmosphere. **Woods Creek Montessori Summer Camp** offers a variety of exciting and stimulating choices, encouraging children to discover new friendships and explore new experiences, while creating an environment that allows them to feel safe enough to be themselves and to follow their personal path of creativity and curiosity.

When WCM closes its academic doors in June, those same doors quickly re-open to welcome campers to an eight week Summer Camp. This program is available to children 16 months to 8 years. A rich variety of activities will be offered, including athletics, music, dance, art, and outdoor adventures.

We have an amazing staff this year. In addition to our regular staff led by the creative talents of Claudia Cutler, Kitty Dean, a local dancer, and Laura Good, singer and songwriter, and Dawn Antiqua, one of our lead teachers, will join us to enhance our summer program. During Wednesdays in July, we will offer pool time at the W&L pool that will include a swim lesson. If you choose for your child not to participate in swimming, they will be offered an equally fun outdoor activity.

Summer Camp will emphasize nature and the environment, things that the summer itself offers in abundance. In addition there will also be weekly walking field trips along Woods Creek Trail, the campus of Washington & Lee University, and the City of Lexington. Whether they are outdoors on the go or inside our cool air-conditioned Montessori facility, campers are always under the experienced care and guidance of our counselor staff.

So join us for the whole summer or just a few weeks, but be sure that you do not miss out on all the fun!

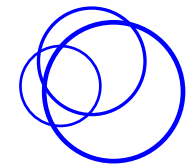
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**2010 Primary (ages 2-8)
Summer Camp Curriculum**





Class Descriptions

Week 1 (June 14-18th) Move to the music!!!

Start the summer off jamming with Laura Good, singer and song writer as she joins our staff this week to teach music classes. Campers will also be preparing our campus for the summer by spending a significant amount of time in the school's organic garden with Claudia Cutler. There they will learn skills such as composting, cultivation of vegetables and flowers, and garden maintenance. Join us this week to start your summer off right!

Week 2 (June 21-25th) Exploring Asian Culture and Tradition

This week campers will be transforming the Montessori campus into an Asian habitat by constructing a pagoda from recycled materials, making a paper mache dragon, and studying the Asian culture. We will be taking a field trip to the W & L Japanese Tea Room where they will observe a tea ceremony and receive a traditional sweet. In addition to the field trip, we will have a Karate instructor from American Freestyle Karate teach a class on Karate.

Week3 (June28-July2nd) Express Tour Through Asia

Join us this week while we continue our study of the Asian culture. Each day a new Asian country will be on the itinerary, and each destination will bring opportunities to learn some of the things that make that place special –food, culture, landmarks, animals, weather, art, and music. It

will be a whirlwind trip (five countries in five days), but one well worth taking! At the end of the week we will take a field trip to Tong Dynasty to enjoy an Asian Lunch! There is a Lunch fee of\$3.00 for this field trip.

Week 4 (July 5-9th) Splish Splash

Ready to get wet? This week will be exactly that – *soakin'* with wet and wild excitement! Participate in water games and activities! Cool off in the water sprinklers and create art projects using water. On Wednesday, the 4-8 year olds will be going to the W&L Pool for some pool fun. At the end of the week, campers will enjoy a field trip to Sweet Things Ice Cream to enjoy a sweet treat.

Week 5 (July 12-16th) Creek Stompin' & Gettin' Back Into Nature

Join Claudia down by Woods Creek where campers will explore for animals and fossils, and work on creative crafts using objects campers collect from nature. Through unique combinations of outdoor exploration and art, campers will discover the wonders of the nature. Campers will be visiting Boxerwood Gardens Arboretum and participating in a guided program! Get ready to get back into nature! ** Pool time for 4-8 year olds at W&L pool on Wednesday.

Week 6 (July 19-23th) Going "Green"

Come create extraordinary artwork using found objects and recycled materials, all while having fun and learning about the positive effects of recycling and reusing is on our environment. We will be taking a field trip to Green in the Blue Ridge where the owner will show us what recycled materials

can turn into!! ** Pool time for 4-8 year olds at W&L pool on Wednesday.

Week 7 (July 26-30th) Art is Us!

Claudia and our staff will help campers explore their artistic side using a variety of mediums. Painting, writing, printing, drawing, and traditional camp arts such as jewelry making...plus a whole lot more. A local author will come and share her talents and help campers get an idea of how they can become an author or illustrator. Join us at the end of the week for an Art show displaying the week's creations! ** Pool time for 4-8 year olds at W&L pool on Wednesday.

Week 8 (August 2-6th) Shake Your Groove Thing

This week local dancer, Kitty Dean, will join us to explore with campers basic movements to expressive movements. She will help campers develop body awareness that will improve their confidence, physical coordination, memorization and creativity by using a variety of age appropriate activities. So get your dancing shoes on and join us for a week of creative dance and camp activities!

Check out our website to download a summer camp application!

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