

West Chester Friends School - 2018 Summer Programs Themes

Each week's theme is reflected in many of each day's activities, the weekly walking and/or field trips and our visitors. Trips are typically taken on Tuesdays, with Adventurers and Explorers traveling on a school bus to their destinations, and Little Friends walking to campus or very nearby locations, or using parent drivers. Parents will sign permission forms for trips, and are always welcome to come along! All campers will enjoy Dance/Movement on Mondays with Miss Tiffany from Diane Matthews School of Dance, and Water Wednesdays each week, weather permitting.

June 11th: Gardening

We are going to dig, plant, mulch, pot, paint, use our STEM skills to build structures and design beds and lots more!

Little Friends Trip: Plant with Hickman Friends

Adventurers and Explorers Trip: Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square

Visitor of the Week: Chester County Food Cupboard to Help Us Plant Gleaning Beds

June 18th: Down on the Farm

Lots of hands-on learning about farm skills, livestock and sustainable farming.

Little Friends Trip: A walking-distance, backyard hobby farm

Adventurers and Explorers Trip: Happy Cat Farm, Kennett Square

Visitor of the Week: The Mini-Farm Animals from What Knott Farm

June 25th: Around the World! Seven Continents in Five Days!

We'll "travel" to Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America for a quick introduction to the sights, sounds and tastes of countries on every continent!

Little Friends Trip: The WCFS Science and Tech Labs

Adventurers and Explorers Trip: TBD

Visitor of the Week: Irish Dancer Assembly

July 9th: Under the Big Top and A Trip A Day

Little Friends will prepare for their own Big Top celebration on Friday, while Adventurers and Explorers will enjoy "A Trip A Day" to local spots for fun and learning.

Little Friends Trip: The WCFS "Big Top" on the Lawn

Adventurers and Explorers Trip: A Variety of Area Venues

Visitor of the Week: The Turks Head Jugglers, featuring the Great Randini

July 16th: STEAM Week

We'll work in science, tech, exploration, art/design and makers, as we experiment, design, build, weave, sew and much more, with all kinds of natural and upcycled materials.

Little Friends Trip: The WCFS Science and Tech Labs

Adventurers and Explorers Trip: The Franklin Institute

Visitor of the Week: "Mad Science" Interactive Assembly in the Gym

July 23rd: Weird, Wild and Wacky Animals

Ever heard of a gerunak? An aye-aye? How about a Dumbo octopus?

They are real and they are weird! We're going to learn about those and a lot more wacky animals, their habits and habitats, create a few new wild animals and lots more!

Little Friends Trip: Delaware Museum of Natural History (parent drivers needed)

Adventurers and Explorers Trip: Delaware Museum of Natural History

Visitor of the Week: Assembly "The Radical Reptiles"

July 30th: Exploration: West Chester!

Our school's hometown is full of amazing history and culture, fun food and interesting businesses run by WCFS alums!

Little Friends Trip: The Chester County Historical Society

Adventurers and Explorers Trip: Guided Walking Tour of the Borough, plus field trip TBD

Visitor of the Week: "The People in Our Neighborhood"

August 6th: The WCFS Annual Summer Programs Olympics!

Little Friends Trip: Ches-Len Preserve (parent drivers needed)

Adventurers and Explorers Trip: Ches-Len Preserve

Visitor of the Week: WCFS Alumni for Skills Building & Age-Appropriate Games

August 13th: Fairy Tales and Other Fanciful Stories

We'll read them, write and illustrate them, act them out, and create and publish stories and chap books of all kinds, from classics to comics, for all ages!

Little Friends Trip: Winterthur (parent drivers needed)

Adventurers and Explorers Trip: Winterthur's History Mystery Story Adventure

Visitor of the Week: Clem Bowen, Storyteller

August 20th: Art and the Artists

We will paint, draw, sculpt and otherwise create as we learn about a variety of artists who work in a variety of medium

Little Friends Trip: Barclay Park, for plein air painting

Adventurers and Explorers Trip: The Philadelphia Art Museum

Visitor of the Week: Tile and mosaic artist Patricia Tolton