

West Chester Friends School Summer Programs, 2020

Weekly Themes & Activities

Each week, campers of all ages will participate in Spanish language learning, yoga, dance & movement, Water Wednesdays, and Book Club with T. Annmarie, lots of time outdoors, and lunch on the lawn every day, weather permitting. Activities involving food will include only those foods that all campers, including those with allergies or sensitivities, may eat.

June 8th Welcome Summer!

School's out, and we're celebrating! It's a nothing-but-fun week for campers as we take advantage of (fingers crossed) sunshine and warm days. We'll play lots of run-around and water games, head to the local parks, make sun tea and sun prints, plant our herbs and veggies, make ice cream and popsicles and end the week with an old-fashioned country picnic!

June 15th Exploration: Spain!

A fun week of joyful learning about Spanish language, culture and traditions! We'll learn about Spanish music and songs, create majolica pottery, cook tapas, paint in cubist (Picasso), surrealist (Dali) and contemporary portraiture (Cabellut) styles, and try our hand at flamenco!

June 22nd Farm Week!

We love our annual Down on the Farm Week! This year, we'll visit a farm, receive visitors from farms (many of whom have more than two feet!), create crazy scarecrows, bake pies, learn to square dance, harvest some early herbs and veggies from our raised beds, and collect eggs from our campus hens...then use the new Cooking Cart to create some tasting dishes together!

***July 29th Out and About:
An Adventure (or Two!) a Day!***

Little Friends will “travel” to fun spots on campus, while Adventurers and Explorers will enjoy a trip by school bus each day to local activities! Last year’s daily trips included Marsh Creek, Ches Len Preserve, Ice Line, Agnes Nixon Park and more!

July 6th Wide World of Sports...and Games!

We'll learn and play lots of sports and games enjoyed by students around the world, as well as Frisbee, badminton, hopscotch and other "neighborhood" games!

We'll create a couple of brand new games, too, and, at the end of the week Participate in an afternoon of Cooperative Games, created and led by our oldest campers.

July 13th Science, Tech, Engineering and Makers Week (STEM!)

Five days of science, tech, engineering and math activities for campers! We'll have fun with coding and robotics, design, measure and construct age-appropriate projects, and spend time in and out of the lab, innovating, experimenting and inventing (with Teacher Lesley, Teacher Priscilla...and...she's baaaaack... Teacher Dottie!!),

July 20th and July 27th

***“Hey, Let’s Put on a Show!”: A Two Week Theater Camp
The Two-Week Fee Automatically Applies to this Camp
Little Friends May Still Register for One Week at a Time
(and will follow the age-appropriate version of this theme)***

Students will write, stage and produce their show, compose music and direct costuming All toward their culminating presentation on Friday, July 27th!

August 3rd The WCFS Kid-Friendly Amazing Race!

Students will race together in a "global," campus-wide scavenger hunt! Teams must make specific "international" and historical "time travel" stops, called "pit stops," where they will complete a variety of challenges and gather clues that will help them move forward in the game.

There will be lots of collaboration with buddies, and some trips into the borough where we will likely meet up with some surprise special guests!

August 10th Music Every Day, Every Way!

We are very fortunate to have Teacher Pam Smith, here again from England, and our own Teacher Judy Houdeshel, come together for a week of learning and singing songs from many genres, playing instruments we know and new ones we don't--including the ukulele!-- all in preparation for a performance at the end of the week. Both current members of the WCFS band and chorus, and students brand new to these activities are encouraged to attend!

August 17th Teacher Amy's 2020 WCFS Summer Olympics!

Students will represent countries from around the world as we all participate in fun, age-appropriate games, make team-country tee shirts, flags and crafts, and enjoy some international snacks! We'll have opening and closing ceremonies and lots of international, Olympic celebration.

August 24th Big (Like, Really Big) Art!

We are weaving, painting, sculpting and building...and we're going big, with a campus wide yarn web, giant canvases, giant bubbles, a big mural and life-size, upcycled sculpture creation
We'll share it all at or end-of-the-week Big Art Show!