Be Your Own Compass

Summer 2019
CAMP OVERVIEW

SUMMER DAY CAMPS
AGES 5–15

Choose specialty camps in a variety of topics, divided by four general categories. Mix and match your choices week by week. The Schedule At-A-Glance at the back of the booklet provides an easy overview of offerings. Participants in Minnesota Sport Schools, Kids’ University, and Discovering ‘U’ spend approximately 2-3 hours each day in their specialty topic and the remainder of the day in recreational activities. All youth are encouraged to try a variety of summer camp topics to find new areas of interest or to take their current interests further.

DISCOVERING ‘U’

Let your personality shine, develop your creative side, discover engineering in art, and build personal skills and confidence with offerings in Discovering ‘U’. Activities feature many hands on and interdisciplinary approaches to academics and to life. Our instructors specialize in the unique topics offered and their passion can provide an exciting new perspective for participants to enjoy.

GOPHER ADVENTURES

Gopher Adventures offer weeks filled with fun and active days for ages 5–12. The small, age appropriate groups are great for developing interests, friendships and problem solving skills in a safe and fun environment. Try out the new things planned and enjoy all of the favorites at camp.

MINNESOTA SPORT SCHOOLS

A wide variety of choices in the wonderful world of sports are available for you, from adventure sports to traditional choices and lifetime skills. You can try it all here! All camps are introductory level with basic skills and limited competition, unless otherwise noted, so that all campers can enjoy learning and participation in an inclusive environment.

KIDS’ UNIVERSITY

There is so much to explore and experience beyond the classroom with fun and enriching topics. Learn about the same topics as college students, with no studying or tests! This year we are featuring many new and exciting offerings in the areas of Natural Sciences, Sustainability, and Engineering, in addition to many yearly favorites.

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All camps are scheduled weekly, allowing families to select and combine any number of weeks throughout the summer. All camps meet for the full day, approximately 8:45am-4:15pm. All camps include daily recreational activities in addition to the selected topic. Small group sizes for each camp provide an exceptional, high quality, personal experience. Camps are limited to a maximum number of 14 youth or less, with a minimum of 3 staff (1:7 ratio). Specialty camps feature an experienced instructor in addition to the two daily camp staff, creating an excellent learning environment with the ratio of 3:1 or better.

Check-in & Parking
The camp entrance is at the north end of the St. Paul Gym (pool entrance.) You may park in the meters in Lot S5C71 or directly across the street in Lot S5C75. There is no fee during the summer drop off and pick up hours for these two designated areas. Do not park in the Contract Lot adjacent to the meters. These spots are for contract owners only, and you may be ticketed by UMPD.

Please be Patient
When you arrive there may be lines. There are typically over 300 people arriving between 7:30 and 8:30am. Lines are organized by campers’ last name. An adult must wait and check in the child in person unless prior arrangements have been made. On Mondays, due to the number of newcomers each week, adults can assist by escorting the child inside to the designated area.

Sign up to sign out!
All youth must be signed out in person at the St. Paul Gym by an authorized adult. The adult must be on the approved pick up list and must show photo I.D. Make sure all adults, including all legal guardian names, are on the registration form as possible authorized pick up persons when you register.

Required forms
All registrants must complete the registration agreement and medical information either on the paper registration form or online. Completed, signed forms are required before youth will be allowed to participate. Additional waivers are required for some camps taught by contracted vendors. Without the completed and signed vendor waivers for these camps, participation will not be permitted. Waiver needs are indicated in the camp descriptions, online and below.

Registration waivers required
Additional waivers are required when registering for the following camps: Blacksmithing, Outdoor Adventure Skills, Rock Climbing, Chef Academy, Metal Clay Exploration, Voyager Campcraft, and Lead- ership Challenge. You can find these forms online by following the “Additional Waivers” link. Print, sign, and return to the office at the time of registration. You can scan and email, fax, mail or drop off. If you are unable to access the waivers online, contact our office (612-625-2242) and one will be emailed or mailed to you.

Special Registration Deadlines
Registration for the week of June 10th closes on Sunday, May 26th, 2019. There is an early registration deadline for the week of July 8th—registrations accepted no later than June 23rd. All other registrations close two Sundays prior to that camp’s start date. Cancellations for the week of July 8th must be made in writing no later than June 3rd to account for the one week camp and office closure for the July Fourth holiday.

Camp Location
Our program is based at the St. Paul Gymnasium at 1356 N Cleveland Avenue, St Paul (two blocks south of Larpenteur Avenue.) Look for colorful flags and the Summer Programs welcome banner.

Program Information
Gopher Adventures is the base for all of our offerings. The emphasis is on fun, healthy activities while discovering many features of the Twin Cities campus and area. All groups participate in indoor rock climbing, swimming, art instruction, an organized physical education curriculum, theme activities, and recreational games each week. Gopher Adventures camps include a tour or demonstration each week. Minnesota Sport Schools, Discovering ‘It’, and Kids’ University add the instructional topics that make University Youth & Community Programs one of the most unique programs in the Twin Cities. These camps follow the basic structure of Gopher Adventures, except for approximately three hours each day spent on travel and the specialty topic selected.

One fee includes it all!

Instructor Camps
Our specialty topics are led by exceptional teachers and accomplished athletes affiliated with the University, or by community specialists who bring expertise and enthusiasm to every activity. Instruction typically takes place for two to three hours each day; the remainder of the day is spent in recreational activities such as swimming, indoor/outdoor games, crafts, at the climbing wall, etc. with the rest of their group and Group Leaders. Each program utilizes the University’s outstanding recreation, sport, and academic facilities.

Placement with a Friend
Gopher Adventure groups are divided by staff when group sizes dictate. Indicate any request for friend or sibling pairing on the registration form (hard copy or online). For other camps, register with the same bar code. Youth Programs will make every effort to accommodate requests, provided students are in the same age group, space is available, and requests are made at least 7 days in advance. Please keep in mind that with small group sizes it is very difficult to accommodate requests for multiple friends together.

Transportation
Campers will travel around campus on foot as well as on the University’s bus service (Campus Connector and Circulators.) Some off-campus instruction and field trips will travel by school bus, city bus, or light rail.

Weather
The majority of our activities take place outdoors. Because we cannot depend upon nature to be completely cooperative, alternative programming may be necessary when weather conditions become unsafe or uncomfortable. Please send rain gear to camp with your child, if rain is in the forecast.

T-Shirts
Each camper will receive one Youth Programs T-shirt per summer, regardless of the number of sessions they attend.

Safety and Behavior
Staff will make every effort to maintain a safe and enjoyable program for all. Participants are expected to follow basic rules of safety and respect, similar to a school setting. Parents or guardians will be informed of discipline details in the Parent Handbook and are expected to support the policies and procedures of the program and staff. Measures will be taken to redirect and improve behaviors when appropriate and to work with parents on this. Tips or information in advance to help prevent and/or address specific needs for your child are helpful. Behaviors or incidents of an ongoing, serious and/or threatening nature may be cause for removal from the program without refund or credit.
**SUMMER 2019 CAMP DATES**

Camps meet every day Monday–Friday for one week.

- June 10–14
- June 17–21
- June 24–28
- No Camps July 1–5
- July 8–12
- July 15–19
- July 22–26
- July 29–August 2
- August 5–9
- August 12–16
- August 19–23

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**WHAT TO BRING EVERY DAY**

- Dress for activity—wear athletic shoes and socks.
- Outdoor gear—water bottle, bug spray, sunscreen, hat, rain gear
- Plan for cool, damp mornings as well as hot afternoons.
- A swimsuit and towel
- A bag to carry all belongings. Be sure to label everything.
- A nutritious non-perishable lunch, snacks and beverages

**Note:** Lunches are not provided. If your child does not bring a lunch, a parent/guardian will be contacted to bring one. If we are unable to contact a parent/guardian, lunch will be purchased. There is a $20 fee due upon pick-up for all purchased lunches.

**WHAT NOT TO BRING**

- Electronic devices such as music players, hand held games, cell phones, etc.
- Fevers and contagious illness (consult the Parent Handbook for guidelines)
- Toys or personal sports equipment (unless requested)
- Pocket knives, weapons or look-alike weapons

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**CONCUSSION AWARENESS**

Youth Programs Staff are trained in concussion awareness and prevention. We encourage all parents to also familiarize themselves with the signs and symptoms of concussion, which can be found through a link on our website or online at: https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/index.html

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**FEATURED FIELD TRIPS & GUESTS**

We strive to provide a large variety of experiences in each camp. Gopher Adventures participants will typically have either a field trip or demonstration/guest speaker within each week. Some of the specialty camps may also receive these activities, depending upon scheduling.

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**SWIMMING SAFETY**

Our pools are staffed by certified lifeguards on deck, and our group leaders are in the water with the youth. Each week, participants must demonstrate adequate swimming skills for the lifeguards, or wear a lifejacket during pool time.

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**SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONAL CAMP WEEK**

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Individual schedules may vary by week.
ABOUT OUR SUMMER STAFF

The people who work for University Youth Programs are our biggest asset. Their special interest in today’s youth, and their enthusiasm for physical activity and learning make all programs a fun experience. University students and other adults from the community work as group leaders, program coordinators and office staff. Staff will be actively engaged and participate in the activities with the youth.

CAMP LEADERSHIP

Each summer an experienced Leadership Team is employed to run the summer camps. This is a seasoned group of Coordinators with experience at camp and beyond. You will find them in the camp headquarters just inside the camp entrance. Together they oversee the daily operations and ensure a fun and high quality experience for all.

HOW THE STAFF ARE CHOSEN

Staff are chosen based on their previous experiences with youth, with preference given to those with a background in education, recreation, or child development. Many staff have prior experience at other summer camps or in a school setting.

STAFF TRAINING

All staff are CPR and Standard First Aid certified, have Youth Mental Health First Aid training, have passed a background check and have participated in extensive orientation and training programs that emphasize safety issues and provide tools and resources for addressing common situations that may arise.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

All parents/guardians of participants are expected to read and follow the information in the Parent Handbook. The handbook is available for viewing online on our website. Important details regarding camp operations, policies & procedures, contact numbers, and more are included.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact any of the Youth Programs staff with questions, comments, or to plan for your child’s participation.

Upper Office Phone: 612-625-2242 (Year round)
Lower Office Phone: 612-624-1423 (June 10th–August 23rd M–F, 7:30a–5:30p ONLY)
Email: ypsummer@umn.edu

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

LEADERS-IN-TRAINING

Ready to take the step up from camper to Group Leader? Brand new in 2019, the multi-week Leaders-in-Training (L.I.T.) program is designed to provide a meaningful transition from camper to future work in any leadership position while engaging in a fun, high-energy environment. Participants will develop their self-awareness, strengths and skills as a leader through specialized trainings, hands-on experience and mentorship. L.I.T.’s spend the Training Week with the L.I.T. coordinator and other instructors, learning about and building the skills necessary to be a successful leader. For their Volunteer Week, L.I.T.’s will choose a half- or full-day week at YP and will be assigned with a group of young campers and two experienced Group Leaders.

Program highlights:

• Spend an afternoon on the lake for an experiential learning excursion with a U of M Youth Studies faculty member & YP’s own Canoe instructor.
• Become rock climbing belay-certified and learn about outdoor leadership from the Outdoor Program Manager at the U of M Center for Outdoor Adventure.
• Become CPR/First Aid certified.
• Participate in trainings including but not limited to: safety and risk management, behavior and group management, professionalism and leadership skills.
• Lead your own group activities and receive feedback from your peers & mentors.
• Receive a Leadership Certificate and proof of volunteer hours upon completion of the program.

For youth ages 15–17. Separate application required; more information available online.

Leadership Challenge

Don’t just sit there, do something! Join us for a week of hands-on, team leadership adventure in a supportive environment with our friends at Voyageur Outward Bound School. You’ll learn by doing, building leadership skills through unexpected, fun, outdoor group challenges like orienteering, outdoor rock climbing, and canoeing. This course will put you in the driver’s seat and help you grow your comfort zone to discover personal and peer potential. Practice key technical and interpersonal skills while you explore the urban and near wilderness environment. Through outdoor adventure, you will be introduced to powerful concepts and tools for compassionate leadership in school and life. Together with your peers, you solve the problems, make the decisions, and practice taking risks. Outward Bound’s seasoned instructors facilitate the course, but you will “own” this experience. By week’s end, you and your peers will lead a full day of adventures on the Mississippi River.

Please note that this camp is a full day adventure; dress for outdoor activity in all types of weather. Bring a backpack, swim clothes, towel, water bottle, and non-perishable lunch every day.

CAMP DATES AND PRICES

Reminder: Registration begins February 11, 2019

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Youth Leadership Program
### Non-Traditional Sports

**Archery**

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### Traditional Sports

**Advanced Soccer**

Get ready to put your soccer skills to the test! High-paced and high intensity, you’ll spend the week developing the skills you already have as you prepare to take it to the next level. For experienced players, only. Please bring shin guards if you have them.

**Basketball**

Whether you are new to the sport or have played for years, this camp appeals to all skill levels. Learn and improve your skills in dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense. Each week features reinforcement of skills through game play, drills, and healthy competition. Campers should wear non-marking tennis shoes, and bring a water bottle.

**Flag Football**

Experience the excitement of football in a non-contact format. Learn plays and strategies and practice the core skills of passing, catching, de-flagging and defensive positioning. This camp also teaches good sportsmanship, teamwork and the importance of fair play in a fun and positive environment. The week ends with the YP Bowl, giving participants a chance to showcase their skills on the gridiron!

**Soccer**

Fast action and teamwork are the name of the game in this popular, worldwide sport. Learn and improve your skills in dribbling, passing, shooting and ball control in a fun and engaging setting. Please bring shin guards if you have them.

**Tennis**

Tennis is for everyone! Have fun learning this lifelong activity under the guidance of an experienced coach with curriculum based on the USTA guidelines. Learn and practice all of the basic skills such as ground strokes, volleys, lobs, and serves. Tennis shoes are required each day. Younger children will use equipment provided. Ages 10 & up may bring a racquet if they have one.

**Volleyball**

Bump, set, SPIKE! Campers will enjoy this lifetime sport by learning the proper techniques for serving, passing, setting and hitting on the hard court. At the end of each day, new skills are applied in a game setting, effective teamwork and good sportsmanship are emphasized. Campers should wear comfortable clothing for movement, tennis shoes, and knee pads (optional).

**Spikeball**

Calling all Rugby rookies! Flag Rugby is back. Spend the week learning all about running, kicking, passing, space strategy, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Skill development games and plenty of review and practice time will prepare participants for a fun scrimmage to test their new skills.

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**Spikeball**

“The next great American sport” is here! Join us this summer and learn about the sport of roundnet (i.e. Spikeball) often described as a combination of volleyball and four square that anyone can play. This unique fast-paced game will keep you on your toes while you’re serving, spiking and rallying with your team!
TAE KWON DO
Get ready for action as you learn and review the various elements of Tae Kwon Do and how it developed through Korean History and culture. Find out more about self-defense and the choices and consequences involved. Be prepared for physical activity each day including warm up exercises, skill practice, conditioning and cool down all in a safe and fun atmosphere.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE
Played with a flying disc, Ultimate Frisbee combines elements of soccer, football, and basketball, resulting in a fast-paced team sport enjoyed by people around the world. Practice your new skills, and improve your hand-eye coordination and athleticism during this week of fun in the sun. Unique flying options of the disc mean that no two throws look alike and the options are limitless!

WIFFLEBALL
The favorite back yard game is back! Organized wiffleball is the perfect combination of fun and competition for all ages. Learn the rules of the game, enhance your positive sportsmanship, and explore how to make the ball slide, rise, sink and spin from a national Strikeout King wiffleball pitcher!

ADVENTURE SPORTS

CANOE LEADERSHIP
Develop a love of paddling, and learn the skills to go safely on the water as you explore your inner outdoor leader. Spend a week on the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes learning from an instructor with over 30 years of experience. You’ll learn how to do rescues, about the micro-climates of the lakes, and the Dakota History of the area during this week long adventure. Friday brings an extended expedition to Lake Harriet & Minnehaha Creek! This week long adventure is needed for a trip, as well as how to read the weather. The Outward Bound staff will help you escape to nature and survive with ease. This camp includes a Friday field trip to put all of your new skills to the test! An additional waiver is required with registration.

RECREATIONAL TREE CLIMBING
Your next big adventure awaits! Recreational tree climbing! Learn about the tree species around you, and the safety considerations for selecting appropriate and safe trees for climbing. Then, get your harness and helmet on as you learn different techniques for getting yourself up into the branches. With the guidance of a professional arborist, learn how to climb safely while showing respect and care for the trees. Go as high as you are comfortable and then "hang out" in the tree tops! How to climb safely while showing respect and care for the trees.

LUMBERJACK LOG ROLLING
Get your feet wet with log rolling! This unique sport that improves balance, agility, footwork and concentration dates back to the 1800s, and can be safely enjoyed at any age. Once you’ve mastered the art of the log, some sections may even have the opportunity to head outside to find out who takes care of the trees from our forestry friends. Participants must have and demonstrate intermediate swimming skills to participate. To prevent skin irritation, which may occur from getting up onto the log frequently, longer style swim shorts or fitted, knee length athletic shorts are highly encouraged.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SKILLS
Are you ready to learn what it takes to be an Outdoor Adventurer?! Spend the week learning how to pack a backpack like a pro, work as a team to navigate using map and compass, cook over an open fire you built yourself, and basic shelter construction using a tarp and para cord. You’ll spend time learning how to meal plan and what equipment is needed for a trip, as well as how to read the weather. The Outdoor Bound staff will help you escape to nature and survive with ease. This camp includes a Friday field trip to put all of your new skills to the test! An additional waiver is required with registration.

Voyageur Campcraft & Cooking
You’ll camp and cook in the great outdoors with Voyageur and dine like a hearty Voyager. No reservations necessary, mes amis! You’ll camp and cook in the great outdoors with Voyageur Outward Bound School pros. Our instructors will share their campfire expertise and the secrets of fine trail dining. Build fires and cook with, and without, heat. Pack provisions like a pro. Learn to rely on Mother Nature for shelter and sustenance. Find out what it takes to get outside, stay outside, and eat outside. Team-up with fellow students for culinary and camp challenges all week long. By the end of the week, you’ll be leading this adventure and cooking your own vittles. All gear and supplies provided; no previous experience necessary. An additional waiver is required with registration. Dress for outdoor activity.

Ultimate Frisbee
Take your YP experience to new heights by learning to rock climb! With an emphasis on safety and fun, this camp will provide opportunities to develop climbing skills in a supportive environment. Campers will learn how to manage the ropes for their climbing buddies, tie basic climbing knots, identify different types of climbing holds, and gain an understanding of basic climbing movement techniques. In addition to fun-filled games and activities, campers will take a field trip to the University of Minnesota Climbing Gym on the Minneapolis Campus, and to a local indoor climbing facility. Additional waiver required with registration.

Continue the vertical adventure with Rock 2! This camp will help climbers develop confidence in their skills and encourage progress by learning specific climbing movement techniques. Technical instruction is intermixed with fun-filled activities and games to provide climbing challenges in a fun, constructive environment. As climbers learn new skills, they will also have new climbing opportunities with field trips to the U of M Climbing Gym on the Minneapolis Campus, and to a local indoor climbing facility. For older age groups, previous climbing experience is highly encouraged.

Voyageur CamperCraft & Cooking
Camp and eat like a hearty Voyager. No reservations necessary, mes amis! You’ll camp and cook in the great outdoors with Voyageur Outward Bound School pros. Our instructors will share their campfire expertise and the secrets of fine trail dining. Build fires and cook with, and without, heat. Pack provisions like a pro. Learn to rely on Mother Nature for shelter and sustenance. Find out what it takes to get outside, stay outside, and eat outside. Team-up with fellow students for culinary and camp challenges all week long. By the end of the week, you’ll be leading this adventure and cooking your own vittles. All gear and supplies provided; no previous experience necessary. An additional waiver is required with registration. Dress for outdoor activity.

Hike & Hammock
Get ready to head off the beaten path and “hang out” in this hybrid hiking camp that will introduce you to healthy lifestyle habits and hobbies as you explore the hidden gems of the Twin Cities. Hit the high trails as you learn the fundamentals of safe hiking and Leave No Trace principles, then find a place to hook up your hammock while discussing the history of the area you just explored. No prior experience necessary, all gear provided. Plan accordingly for outdoor activity.

Ultimate Frisbee
Take your YP experience to new heights by learning to rock climb! With an emphasis on safety and fun, this camp will provide opportunities to develop climbing skills in a supportive environment. Campers will learn how to manage the ropes for their climbing buddies, tie basic climbing knots, identify different types of climbing holds, and gain an understanding of basic climbing movement techniques. In addition to fun-filled games and activities, campers will take a field trip to the University of Minnesota Climbing Gym on the Minneapolis Campus, and to a local indoor climbing facility. Additional waiver required with registration.

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AERONAUTICS & BROTHERS

Explore flight like never before as you fly drones and engineer amazing flying machines! Learn about the state of the art flying robotic technology, the four Forces of Flight, Bernoulli's principle, the effects of air properties on aircrafts, and more! You'll spend the week engineering multiple aircraft designs to take home as you learn to fly a drone, hone your skills, and join an aerial competition.

BACKYARD BUILDERS: WATER

Water is all around us, but did you know that water has power, mystery and magic all in one? In this camp, we will pretend to live in Roman times and make an "Archimedes Screw" and a water wheel. We will discover the wonders of weather by making instruments for a weather station, and we will explore nature's natural water filters while making some filters of our own. One camp day will be devoted to a water extravaganza with water bottle rockets, giant bubbles and water walls. Dress for outdoor activity at the Nature Center.

BATTLE BOTS

Have a blast engineering amazing battle bots to battle other teams! With tons of gears, LEGO® Technic pieces and moving parts for you to lay hands on, small teams will create their very own battle bot, rescue bot, racing car, and more! Battle your friends, improve your design, and test again. Older campers will use the Mindstorms EV3™ construction set and software to learn advanced robotics principles as they improve STEM skills. Working as a team, students will learn advanced STEM skills by building and programming the Mindstorms EV3 robots.

BLAST OFF! ROCKETRY

This action packed camp focuses solely on rockets and the physics of rocket flight. Learn about model rocket design, aerodynamics, building, propulsion, launching, safety, and repair. Campers build a variety of rockets to take home and take part in daily launches. Whether you are serious about model rockets or just a novice, this camp is a blast for all.

GEOLGY

GEOLGY ROCKS

Become a Mad Science Geologist as we explore Earth and its hidden treasures. Discover the wonders of rocks, fossils, dinosaurs, minerals and geological phenomena like earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes. Start your own rock and mineral collection, grow a crystal, and prepare a fossil to take home.

STONE SOUP

Explore the world of volcanoes, rocks and minerals, traveling sediments, gigantic earth movements, Minnesota’s fossil history and prepare a "stone soup." Dress for outdoor activity at the Nature Center.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH

A BEE’S LIFE

Do you find yourself buzzing about bees? Are you sweet on nature’s little honey’s? Campers are invited to spend the week learning about bee biology and what life would be like if you lived in a bee colony. Learn about bee relatives; how bees help us grow our food, and even make some Honey Treats for yourself! Dress for outdoor activity at the Nature Center.

CHESS

Find out why Chess is the most popular game in the world. This camp covers rules, strategies and tactics as we bring the pieces to life in a fun way using creativity and imagination. Try a giant chess set, the biggest you’ve ever seen! The benefits of chess have been proven to help with logic, memory, analysis, reading, and more. Beginners and those with some experience are welcome.

INTRO TO CODING

Our younger campers will spend the week creating their own video game! Choose your story-line with dragons, princesses, or wild & wacky aliens; add challenges and levels of difficulty, then share by email or post on the web to challenge family and friends. Practice math, logic, and programming.

Older campers will get a head start in learning how to code using one of the key programming languages used by professional developers—Python. Its syntax allows programmers to express concepts in fewer lines of code than would be possible in languages such as C++ or Java, making it the perfect coding language for beginners. Python is a text based language; students should have familiarity with keyboarding, and basic computer skills.

FISH FINDERS

Get hooked on a lifetime activity! Explore underwater habitats, learn about water stewardship and regulations, and increase your fishing skills during this week. Fun activities include fish anatomy, pop can casters, pond dipping and more! This camp takes place at the lake, so dress for outdoor activity.

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WEST CAMPUS

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SCIENCE KALEIDOSCOPE
Have fun and learn with our friends at Mad Science as you explore the fields of chemistry, Egyptology and engineering. Help build a giant geodesic dome, build a model pyramid, and impress with hieroglyphs. Make your own chromatography T-shirt and mix different ingredients to create sidewalk chalk, bath fizzes, and edible treats.

WATER JOURNEYS: DRINK
Where does water in our drinking fountain come from? Where does it go? Get ready for a grand adventure as you follow water in and out of pipes and through treatment plants all the way to the Mississippi River! Get your hands dirty planting to protect water at a wetland. All week you’ll take photos and make art about your discoveries on your field trips and share your work in an online gallery using story maps! No prior experience or equipment is needed.

WATER JOURNEYS: RAIN
Where does the rain go? Get ready to explore as you follow water’s path from the sky to the land and down the storm drain, through a wetland, and all the way to the Mississippi River! Get your hands dirty planting to protect water at a wetland. All week you’ll take photos and make art about your discoveries on your field trips and share your work in an online gallery using story maps! No prior experience or equipment is needed.

WHOOSH! PNEUMATIC ENGINEERING
If you were ever curious about the amazing power of water, this is the camp for you. Explore the might of water and how it has been used by engineers like you! Engineer a water blaster, water propelled Rocket Car, hammer mill, paddle boats and more. Take home a water blaster of your own.

LANGUAGE
EXPLORE CHINESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE
Discover how fun it is to learn Chinese! This summer, campers will learn about Chinese culture through arts and crafts, such as making their own panda, dragon, or Chinese Zodiac calendar; impress friends and family by learning Chinese greetings; and find new ways to get their groove on with physical activities including taqxi, kung fu, and jiu jitsu. Get ready to say goodbye to boredom and ni hao to the excitement of exploring Chinese language and culture!

PASSPORT TO CHINA
Experience all of the fun of visiting China with none of the jetlag! Campers will experience China’s society and culture by taking virtual visits to the Great Wall in Beijing, the skyscrapers in Shanghai, the Terracotta Warriors in Xi’an, and Chengdu, the “Panda Capital of the World.” Campers will learn words and phrases in Chinese as they explore each destination’s unique geography, historical sites, local delicacies, and its people. Buckle up, because at Passport to China, a summer of adventure is about to take off!

PASSPORT TO CHINA: IMMERSION
Passport to China offers immersion school students all of the fun of visiting China with none of the jetlag. Campers will expand their knowledge of China’s society and culture by taking virtual visits to the Great Wall in Beijing, the skyscrapers in Shanghai, the Terracotta Warriors in Xi’an, and Chengdu, the “Panda Capital of the World.” Campers will retain and improve their language skills by learning new vocabulary, songs, and poems that accompany lessons on each city’s unique geography, historical sites, local delicacies, local dialects, and its people. Buckle up, because at Passport to China, a summer of adventure is about to take off!

EXPLORE SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE
Stamp your personalized “passport” as you voyage around the world to five Spanish speaking countries. Play fútbol in Mexico, make salsa in Cuba, meet a new llama friend at Machu Picchu in Peru, taste test tapas in Spain, and learn to Tango in Argentina. A week of fun activities introduce and highlight the Spanish language and culture in this brand new camp.
SCIENCE: ANIMAL LIFE

ENRAPTURED WITH RAPTORS

Want to learn all about the birds of prey called raptors? Find out what characteristics all raptors have in common and the differences between owls, falcons, hawks, and other raptors. Take part in activities at the Raptor Center, and see live raptors up close!

GROSSOLOGY

Uncover the gross but fascinating characteristics of raptors. Learn why a Turkey Vulture poops on its feet and how it stays healthy even though it eats dead animals. Explore the difference between owl pellets and owl mutes. Look at the life cycles of some parasites that are “hitch hikers” on raptors and learn why these “natural recyclers” are an important part of the food chain. Try many hands-on activities and see live education owls, hawks, falcons, eagles, and a Turkey Vulture.

MAMMAL MADNESS

Lions and tigers and bears... and more! This camp focuses on the wonderful world of mammals. Investigate what makes mammals unique, learn how mammals are trained at the zoo, and visit with a variety of Como’s mammal residents, both large and small.

RAPTOR BIOMIMICRY & ENGINEERING

What do talons have to do with nonslip shoes, or vultures with solar energy? How do feathers and eggs inspire insulators and camouflage? Explore nature’s designs and how humans can be inspired by them! Spend the week designing and engineering using raptor adaptations and live birds as your muse at the Raptor Center!

SCALY & SLIMY

What's the difference between a reptile and an amphibian? Hop, slither, or swim over to Como to encounter the coolest cold-blooded creatures at the zoo! Campers will meet live reptiles and amphibians, discover their amazing adaptations, and play scaly and slimy games.

SOARING THE WORLD WITH RAPTORS

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a raptor? Soar the world with them through all four seasons! Learn what it takes to migrate, survive the winter cold, nest in the spring, and swap in a whole new set of feathers as you get up close and personal with the birds at the Raptor Center.

WIZARDING WORLD OF WILDLIFE

In the Tradition of Hogwarts, discover potions, herbology, transfiguration and the care of magical creatures. What do raptors have to do with dragons? Which magical house will you end up in? Find answers to these questions and uncover the secrets of Minnesota’s Hedwig and other interesting animals at the Raptor Center.

WORKING WITH WILDLIFE

What’s it like to work with wildlife? Come find out and explore careers in veterinary medicine, animal care, animal training, field biology, scientific illustrations and art! Participate in lots of hands-on activities and get up close and personal with The Raptor Center’s live education birds. A fun way to learn about the exciting science of working with wildlife! This camp includes an extra field trip.

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**Entrepreneurship**

**Camp Entrepreneur**

Take the lemonade stand to the next level! Unravel your millionaire mind set and passion for entrepreneurship in this fun filled, hands-on camp. Learn how to bring a business concept into reality and create exciting products through experiential activities in marketing, sales and finance. Whether you’re a born entrepreneur or an entrepreneur in the making, this camp will offer invaluable skills for success in life.

**Social Media**

This camp gives participants an opportunity to explore many areas of the social media landscape. Campers will spend part of each session outdoors, hiking and honing their photography skills. Learn journalism techniques: how to interview, how to edit, how to decide what to post and why. Beyond the hands-on-skill required to effectively communicate over social media, campers will discuss how to stay safe online, how to promote social and environmental causes, and how to communicate with elegance and beauty. Social media is about much more than likes, it is a blossoming medium through which the future of work, politics, and social interaction will flow. This fun and exciting camp, led by an experienced journalist, is a great opportunity for future influencers to get a head start on their social media careers! Campers are encouraged to have a smart phone or camera.

**Design Engineering**

**Drop It, Roll It, Whack It, Move It**

Have you ever thought about how many other ways you can crack an egg, turn off the lights, or brush your teeth? There is always more than one way to solve a problem, and that’s just what this camp is about! Join us as we use scraps, stuff, things, string, and anything else we can find to invent a big “machine” that solves a small problem, in the style of Rube Goldberg—the more over the top, the better! Get your creativity and thinking caps on, this camp is like no other!

**Mixed Media**

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**Culinary Arts**

**Chef Academy**

Are you a budding chef? Then you’ll love cooking camp with our friends at The Good Acre! Spend each day learning about and using locally-grown foods and globally inspired flavors to cook a delicious lunch. Award-winning chef, and former Top Chef contestant, Sara Johannes will lead younger campers through making meals from around the world, all featuring seasonal, local produce, while highlighting sustainable agriculture. Sara will spend the week teaching teen campers how to cook for themselves or a crowd covering everything from cooking well on a budget to making homemade pasta and enchiladas to exploring careers in the kitchen. The content for both camps is appropriate for budding chefs of all ages and skill levels. Then everyone will enjoy the delicious and nutritious meal together!

**Personal Development**

**Art & Yoga**

Join us in this exceptional camp that combines art and yoga. Start your day with yoga poses and games as you learn breathing and mindful- ness techniques; and then unleash your creativity as you draw, paint, collage, sculpt and more!

**Self Defense**

Awareness, avoidance, and physical techniques are all key features of self-defense training. This camp will focus on concepts and techniques that are practical, simple and applicable to today’s world. Discussion on potential threats and negative situations will be included along with tips for avoiding danger and physical practice for self-protection. Our experienced instructor will facilitate the building of a safe, fun learning environment in this invaluable camp!

**Multimedia**

**Clay Animation**

Become a cinematographer with this perfect combination of clay building and digital animation. Working in small teams, campers begin by creating a story and the characters, sets, and props by hand. Then they put it all together in the production process while animating, recording, downloading and editing a movie. An exciting way to discover how your favorite animated movies really come to life!

**LEGO® Film School**

Let’s create and make fantastic LEGO® movies! Campers will work in teams to create a short LEGO® Movie using LEGO® characters, sets, backgrounds and various props. Use your imagination & creativity to develop your LEGO® story while learning all of the technical details; including using a digital movie camera, filming scenes, stop-motion animation, downloading footage to the computer, digital editing and adding finishing special effects and transitions to the movie. In this exciting hands-on learning class, our instructors will take campers through the entire digital filmmaking steps from start to finish.

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LITERARY & PERFORMANCE ARTS

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Expand your love for literature as you bring stories and characters to life through performance art in this new camp. Practice your writing skills by creating a group story to perform for family and friends at week’s end.

COMIC BOOK CREATION 101

Do you love comic books? Ever thought of creating one yourself? This camp will give you the tools you need to get started! From writing dialogue to inking and coloring, you’ll learn the step by step process of creating comic books through idea generation and story development, script writing, layout and illustration. By weeks end, you’ll be leaving with a finished short comic, or the start to a much larger story, it’s all up to you!

PLAYWRIGHTS & PERFORMANCE

What do William Shakespeare, George Bernard Shaw and Tennessee Williams all have in common? They were all famous playwrights! Join us as we take a look at all the elements needed to write and perform a play in this fun and exciting camp. Learn how a playwright uses directions and dialogue to create a story. Work in small groups to build plots, scenes and develop characters. A performance on Friday will be the culmination of all your hard work to showcase your creativity!

STORY EXPLORERS

Did you ever wonder why arts are everywhere? Or why some beetles and flies have a shiny rainbow-like shell? Explore traditional folk tales and what they have to tell us about animals, while actively investigating the science behind animal adaptations. We will learn and practice storytelling techniques through group games, storyboarding, and voice and body movements to help your stories come alive. Each student will bring home a crafted story and a shadow puppet theater and puppets. Friday, students will have the opportunity to present their stories at a low-stress closing program. Dress for outdoor activity at the Nature Center.

WIZARDS OF YP

Learning magic can also mean learning to tell good stories, being creative, gaining confidence, and entertaining while having as much fun as your audience. Spend the week learning from a real magician! You’ll spend the week sparking your curiosity and passion, while gaining a deeper understanding, as you explore science concepts through art.

COLOR ME WOW!

Are you mindful of the colors you see all around you, or thought about how much impact these colors have in your daily activities? Spend the week learning all about color theories and harmonies by literally filling the room with colors as you create a temporary stained glass window. Explore what color and color symbolism are, how famous artists use it, and how you can use it as a form of communication, too.

DRAWING ANIMALS

Spend the week drawing household pets, cartoon animals, and horses. Learn how to personify ordinary animals, transforming them into fully-realized cartoon characters! Challenge yourself as you draw horses of all shapes, sizes and styles. Then, use different media to create colorful compositions which will help you strengthen your coloring skills.

FANTASY FOREST

Magical, mythical, marvelous art is coming your way in this new camp with our friends from Young Rembrandts! Spend a week filled with fun and creative thought as we explore deep in the Fantasy Forest. Campers will tap into their imagination while learning to draw otherworldly creatures like fairies, trolls and a forest queen. Create beautiful scenery and new masterpieces every day. Don’t miss out on this fanciful camp focused on creativity and whimsy!

GLOW AND GO!

Glow in the dark, glitter, and metallic colors, along with other materials combined, make this camp amazing! Join us and have a blast as we create amazing art that glows in the dark, as well as awesome projects with a spark. We’ll make 3D fireflies that light up, glow in the dark owls, and glitzy fireworks among many other fun projects. This camp will surely light up your creativity!

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PHOTOGRAPHY: CANOE

Jump in a canoe at Bde Maka Ska, explore the campus’ urban environment, and hike near Minnehaha Falls. Look at the world in a whole new way, as you search for the best shot to showcase at week’s end! We will work within your limitations, as your own photography equipment is required for this camp (which could range from a smartphone to a DSLR camera depending on what you have). Plan accordingly for weather with a cap, sunscreen, water bottle, and rain gear.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PHOTOGRAPHY: HIKE

Outdoor Adventure and Nature Photography are a great way for you to get out, explore nature, and capture some beautiful images. Your appreciation and understanding of nature is sure to evolve as you hike and explore while looking for that perfect shot. Build your portfolio with vivid images that play with lighting, action, and color. Rain or shine, you’re sure to have a great time. Plan accordingly for the weather with a cap, sunscreen, water bottle, and rain gear. We will work within your limitations, as your own photography equipment is required for this camp (which could range from a smartphone to a DSLR camera depending on what you have).

PAINT GALORE

It’s time to roll up your sleeves and have fun creating with color! Explore your creativity in this artsy camp by painting awesome masterpieces while using many types of art techniques like multimedia painting, to painting on canvas along with watercolors. You’ll have a blast making animals and landscapes, among other fun projects, while mixing colors to bring your creations to life.

THE DRAWING LESSON

Do you love to draw? Do you want to get better at drawing the world around you? This camp is great for those just learning to draw, and those looking to take their skills to the next level. We will focus on nine lessons over the course of the week that will help you improve your skills, and give you the tools to continue to improve long after camp is over. Learn about shading, negative space, creating compositions, and more. Every camper will receive their own drawing kit to take home!

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PHOTOGRAPHY: CANOE

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PHOTOGRAPHY: HIKE

PAINT GALORE

THE DRAWING LESSON

DATE

AGE

BARCODE

PRICE

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

June 24–28

6–8

9719

$274

June 29–July 2

10-12

9611

$279

July 9–13

11-14

9612

$279

July 22–26

12-15

9715

$284

STORY EXPLORERS

July 29–August 2

8-10

9990

$299

June 24–28

8-10

9615

$294

August 5–9

8-10

9616

$294

August 12–16

8-10

9605

$299

COMIC BOOK CREATION 101

July 29–August 2

8-10

9720

$274

November 15–19

7-9

8699

$299

PLAYWRIGHTS & PERFORMANCE

August 12–16

9-11

9716

$294

August 12–16

12-15

9717

$294

August 5–9

11-14

9612

$279

WIZARDS OF YP

January 3–7

9-11

9609

$279

March 20–24

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March 27–31

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Children's Literature

June 24–28

6–8

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August 5–9

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Discover adventure the Gopher way! Enthusiastic leadership, top quality facilities, and small groups are the key. All weeks include indoor swimming and rock climbing, weekly themes, art instruction, organized recreational games and activities, plus exploration around the campus in a safe and fun environment. All ages enjoy plenty of activity and the opportunity to try new things, make new friends and learn new games. A tour or demonstration on or near the University campus is included each week.

Juniors

Discover adventure the Gopher way! This is a great introduction to summer camps for youth that have already participated regularly in a structured school setting. Junior groups focus on the basics of organized recreational activities combined with weekly themes and art instruction. Participants are encouraged to try new things and are able to build social and problem solving skills. The opportunity to climb, swim, learn and play in and around the University in a safe and fun environment can’t be beat!

Note: Age requirement: minimum of 5 years old as of 1/1/19.

Gold

A week filled with variety and action awaits! Gold camp participants will enjoy organized games, pool time, rock climbing, art instruction, a unique playground, and more in a safe and fun environment. A tour or demonstration in or around the University is included each week along with weekly themes and activities. Participants are encouraged to try new things, make new friends, and learn new games. High quality leadership and world class facilities provide an unforgettable experience.

Maroon

Gopher Adventures feature the best recreational activities around. Maroon groups enjoy organized and open recreational activities, as well as weekly themes and art instruction. Achieve new heights on the climbing wall, splash or race in the pool, tour and explore the unique facilities of the University and more with top quality staff and plenty of new friends.

Seniors

Seniors know the way to a fun summer. Gopher Adventures gets you there as you run, climb, swim, learn and play in and around the University. Seniors enjoy small group activities, and being paired with others to meet new friends or have light competition in favorite games. Participants receive a tour or demonstration each week and enjoy weekly themes and projects.

Exploring 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair: Maroon & Seniors campers are in for a treat with a brand new opportunity to tour the 4-H building and see projects that Minnesota 4-H kids have made—from re-built engines, to quilts, to photography and art. We’ll visit their STEM activities stations, be part of a cooking competition, watch a youth musical performance, and then walk down to the barn area to talk with youth who care for farm animals; and meet the animals, too!

This exciting opportunity is only available to Maroon and Seniors campers during the week of August 19th-23rd and will be built into their camp schedule, along with other targeted tours and demos near camp to highlight educational programs on St Paul Campus.

Note: Registration begins February 11, 2019
Gopher Adventures provides experiences to inspire young people to think about and try many new and different things. As a part of our mission to introduce youth to the wide array of opportunities and unique facilities on campus, we feature a field trip, guest speaker, or demonstration each week for the participants. Some of the specialty camps may also participate, depending on scheduling. A sampling of our past featured partners providing these activities is below. The frequency of each topic varies greatly and all topics do not apply to all ages.

FEATURED FIELD TRIPS AND DEMOS

Gopher Adventures, Minnesota Sport Schools, Kids’ University and Discovering ‘U’ opportunities are provided in cooperation with the following community agencies and businesses, and University of Minnesota colleges, departments, and programs.

CHINESE LANGUAGE SAMPLER
The Confucius Institute provides many resources and opportunities on campus and in the greater educational community. Chinese language classes provide a fun way for our youth to bridge the distances in our world and differences between cultures. During selected weeks we offer short field trips to the Confucius Institute for some of our campers to get hands on experiences in Chinese language and culture.

HANDS ON HEART FAIR
Camping as a professional means to rope up and climb in the trees. You may even be able to try it yourself!

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA INSECT COLLECTION
Visit one of the largest university-affiliated insect collections in North America that includes over 3.8 million specimens, representing over 50,000 described species. The collection is a valuable resource for researchers at the University of Minnesota, across the state, and throughout the entomological community, both nationally and internationally.

4-H AT THE STATE FAIR
New for 2019! Explore 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair! Maroon & Senior campers are in for a treat with a brand new opportunity to tour the 4-H building and see projects that Minnesota 4-H kids have made—from re-built engines, to quilts, to photography and art. We’ll visit their STEM activities stations, be part of a cooking competition, watch a youth musical performance, and then walk down to the barn area to talk with youth who care for farm animals, and meet the animals, too!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR ADDITIONAL PARTNERS:
College of Biological Sciences/Dairy Farm, Goldstein Museum of Design, Weisman Art Museum, and more!

DEPARTMENT OF FOREST RESOURCES AND TREE AScENSION GROUP
The Department of Forest Resources has so much to offer! Our younger groups visit their tree nursery to learn about how trees grow, how they are used by humans and animals, as well as common illnesses and how to take care of the trees in our area. Our older groups hear about what it is like to be an arborist. Who takes care of the trees in our neighborhoods? How do they get in the trees to trim them? Watch as professionals use ropes and harnesses to climb up in the trees. You may even be able to try it yourself!

GIBBS MUSEUM OF PIONEER AND DAKOTAH LIFE
Step back in time at this Ramsey County historical site within walking distance from our camps. This unique museum offers a historical educational experience of traditional Dakotah life and pioneer days. Youth will enjoy setting up a real tipi, hand dipping candles, and more through tours and activities.

THE GABBERT RAPTOR CENTER
See eagles, owls, hawks, and falcons up close. Since 1974, the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine has specialized in medical care, rehabilitation, conservation and the study of raptors. They treat more than 800 birds a year and provide training for veterinarians around the world.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Participate in an interactive visit from our very own UMPD! Whether it is spending the lunch hour visiting and talking with our campers, or a few hours at the St. Paul Gym to show campers their vehicles and equipment, it is sure to be a memorable experience. Campers have the opportunity to meet the folks who work to keep this campus safe, and learn about their daily lives as members of the UMPD.

EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM
Learn from the experts about what it takes to plant and grow anything from flowers and herbs to strawberries and tomatoes! Explore Goldy’s Garden, and harvest plants as they peak through different parts of the summer.

COMMUNITY ACCESS AND AWARENESS
Gopher Adventures, Minnesota Sport Schools, Kids’ University and Discovering ‘U’ are University Recreation and Wellness community outreach programs and are dedicated to social awareness. One of the major goals of these activities is to give students and families a positive introduction to the University and to the concept of attending college in general. In order to achieve greater access, Youth Programs sets aside a limited amount of funding and raises funds from the community to provide assistance for students who demonstrate genuine financial need for participation in our summer camps. Are you in a position to help a child gain life-long skills and memories? If so please donate to our Campership Fund. Your gift helps provide a one-of-a-kind day camp experience to children whose families are not in the financial position to send them to summer camp. For more information, visit the Summer Programs website at recwell.umn.edu/summer.
Registration Information

Register Online at recwell.umn.edu/youth beginning February 11, 2019 at 6:00 am.

Registration Information

Online registration is preferred and is the only method which accepts credit cards.

- Conveniently available 24 hours a day
- Your camp selections are immediately confirmed through online registration
- Receipts are immediately available for your personal records
- Visa, Mastercard, and Discover are all accepted payment methods online

Payments must be made in full with a credit card online when registering. If a camp is full, you will be given the option to be put on a waitlist for no fee. Return to register for additional weekly camps at any time.

Registration Information

Additional waivers are required when registering for the following camps: Blacksmithing, Outdoor Adventure Skills, Rock Climbing, Chef Academy, Metal Clay Exploration, Voyager Campcraft, and Leadership Challenge.

You can find these forms online by following the “Additional Waivers” link. Print, sign, and fax, mail, email or deliver completed waivers to the office at the time of registration. If you are unable to access the waivers online, contact our office at (612-625-2242) and a copy will be mailed, emailed or faxed.

Confirmation and Waitlist

- Confirmation of online registration is provided immediately at the end of your transaction in the payment window on your screen. This is your receipt!
- You will NOT receive reminders of your registrations. View registrations in your online account.
- Confirmation for paper registrations may take up to two weeks, and will occur by US Mail or by email.
- If a choice is full, please make another selection and request to be placed on a waiting list for future openings.
- Youth Programs will call wait lists when a space opens. Opening may occur any time from registration start up to one week prior to the camp start date.
- Parents will need to respond within 24 hours of the initial contact to confirm, or the next on the list will gain priority.
- If you are called from the wait list, you will have the choice to transfer to your first choice without the change fee.

Requests for Cancellations or Changes

- Requests for transfers, changes or cancellations must be received in writing one month prior to the start of the camp. No verbal or phone requests are permitted and changes cannot be made online.
- All requests for changes or cancellations will be charged a $15 processing fee (not including new, additional registrations.)
- All cancellations/withdrawals made by the deadline will forgo the $60 non-refundable deposit per camp. This deposit is assessed immediately from the date of registration.
- Cancellations due to medical circumstances will need a doctor’s note and written request. Refunds or credits for medical issues will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- All cancellations must be made at least one month prior to the specific camp start date, or the entire camp fee is forfeited.
- Special Cancellation Deadline: Cancellations for the week of July 8th must be made in writing no later than June 3rd to account for the one week camp and office closure for the July Fourth Holiday.

Campships and Financial Assistance

Campships are available for those who qualify. For information, deadlines, and forms, visit the Summer Programs website at recwell.umn.edu/youth.

Participation Agreement & Complete Waiver & Release

3. Emergency. Event staff may render first aid and/or obtain medical treatment (the “Event”) deemed necessary, I will be financially responsible for all costs incurred hereunder including, without limitation, the cost of medical treatment, insurance subrogation claims, and any legal fees, costs, or other expenses of any kind to the University, its agents, employees, volunteers, leaders, sponsors, organizers, promoters and each of their agents, representatives, successors and assigns (“Event Organizers”). All Event Organizers are not bound to any other insurance coverage. If I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring the hazard to the attention of the nearest official immediately.

4. General. I grant Releasers full permission to use images, recordings or any other record of the Event in any medium, I will comply with stated and customary rules for participation. Event staff may terminate any participation due to conduct which is deemed inappropriate. The entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

5. Jurisdiction. The laws of the State of Minnesota govern validity, construction and enforceability of this Agreement, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles. All suits, actions, claims and causes of action relating thereto shall be in the State Courts in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

I HAVE READ THIS LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, WAIVERS, RELEASE & RELEASES AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT. THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND FACSIMILE WILL BE AS VALID AS AN ORIGINALLY SIGNED DOCUMENT.

Name of Parent/Guardian

Age

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Parent/Guardian Relationship

Address

Phone Number

Health Insurance Provider:

Policy Number:

List two individuals, other than the parents, to contact in the event that a parent or guardian cannot be reached.

Name

Relationship

Phone Number

Name

Relationship

Phone Number

Total Camp Fees $ __________________ + $5.50 transaction fee = $ __________________ Total Payment

Check payable to University of Minnesota

Cash (Your confirmation and receipt will be mailed within 1-2 weeks)

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FOR GOOFERS ADVENTURES:

If you would like placement with a friend of the same age-group, list name here. Requests not guaranteed.

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Payment Attached

____ Check payable to University of Minnesota

____ Cash (Your confirmation and receipt will be mailed within 1-2 weeks)
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