

PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUMMER CAMPS

summer 2023



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REGISTRATION

Beginning May 1, 2023, families can register their child(ren) for camps online at portageps.org/community/enrichment/

- We are accepting online registrations only.*
- Credit/Debit payment accepted.**
- Online registration for each camp closes 24 hours prior to the start of the camp.

STEP CAMPS

- Participants must be current PPS students
- You can register your child(ren) for one STEP camp from May 1 to June 1.
 - After June 1, families can register for additional camps, as available.
- There are no refunds for STEP camps.

*In-person, walk-up registrations are accepted at each camp site, if space permits. (Checks made payable to Portage Public Schools or cash payment only)

** For sports camps, a 50% refund will be issued for any cancellations received at least 10 business days prior to the first day of camp. We regret that we are unable to issue refunds for any cancellations after that deadline due to expenses incurred to plan the program. Full refunds will be issued if PPS cancels a camp due to low enrollment, inclement weather or other circumstances.



BASEBALL



PORTAGE CENTRAL SUMMER BASEBALL CAMP

The 2023 Summer Baseball Camp will be conducted by Portage Central High School Head Coach Cory DeGroot, staff, and players. At this camp we will work on throwing, catching, ground balls, flyballs, hitting, base running, catcher position, and pitching. We will teach all areas of baseball and how to execute them in a game.

What to bring:

Baseball glove (catchers glove if applicable), catchers gear (if you are a catcher), baseball bat, batting helmet (we will have limited helmets available).

What to wear:

- Baseball pants or sweatpants are preferred but shorts are acceptable
- Short sleeve or long sleeve t-shirt
- Tennis shoes or cleats
- A baseball hat is optional but strongly recommended

Camp 1

June 14 & 15

Grades 3-5: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Cost: \$40

Camp 2

June 14 & 15

Grades 6-8: 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$60



**Portage Central High School
Baseball Field**



BASKETBALL



Future Lady Huskies Basketball Camp

All Incoming 3rd - 8th Graders

9:00am - 10:30am (3rd-5th)

11:00am - 12:30pm (6th-8th)

June 19th – 22nd (Mon – Thurs)

*Coached by HS staff and players in the Igloo

This camp will be 4 days with a focus on fundamental development for all skill levels!



Cost is \$55/player

Includes a camp t-shirt!

REGISTER ONLINE BY June 9th, 2023
← QR Code will take you to the sign-up website

Contact Coach Humphrey with Questions
BRANDON.L.HUMPHREY@GMAIL.COM
269-271-7396



MUSTANG GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

June 12th-15th



GRADES 3-5: 9:00-10:30 AM

GRADES 6-8: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Location: Portage Central High School Gym

\$55 Camp Fee



Mustang Girls Basketball Program hosts an offensive skills and drills camp for future Mustang basketball players. Work closely with the current coaching staff, former players, and current players in the Mustang program. The camp is for incoming girls grades 3rd-8th. If you have questions, please email: pcmustangsgbb@gmail.com



PORTAGE NORTHERN BOYS BASKETBALL PRESENTS

JUNIOR HUSKIES CAMP



GRADES 4TH - 8TH

JUNE 12TH - 15TH

9am - 12pm

@The IGLOO - PNHS



Junior Huskies Camp will focus on players learning the fundamentals of basketball in a fun environment. We design our instruction to meet the needs of individual players so that everyone will find success, learn to love the game, and identify with the values that define Portage Northern Boys Basketball.

Contact: Head Coach Kevin White, kwhite@portageps.org

Little Mustangs Boys Basketball Camp

Monday, June 19 - Thursday, June 22

- 3rd-5th Grade: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- 6th-8th Grade: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost per student: \$60

Areas we will work on:

- Dribbling, shooting, passing and defense
- Sportsmanship/Leadership
- We will teach all areas of basketball and how to execute them in a game



The 2023 Summer basketball camp will be conducted by Head Coach Casey Higgason, staff and players. Bring a water bottle, a white shirt and a blue shirt for when we start scrimmages on Wednesday. Wear athletic clothes and basketball specific shoes. Camps will be held at Portage Central High School Stable. Please arrive 15 minutes early on the first day for check-in.





FOOTBALL

Portage Central Mustangs Summer Football Camps



Who: 1st-6th Graders

When: August 1-2nd, 6:00-8:00 PM

Where: McCamley-Knight Field

Cost: \$20



What's Included:

Instruction from PC's Football Team and Coaches

Fun, Competitive Instruction and Games
T-Shirt and Ice Cream

Portage Central Mustangs Summer Football Camps



Session 1 -

June 12-13 8:30AM-1PM

\$30 Session 1

Session 2 -

July 24-26 8:30AM-1PM

\$40 Session 2

WHO: 7th-12th Graders **WHERE:** McCamley Field

What's Included: 1) Instruction from PC Football Coaches 2) Competition Periods 3) T-shirt and Snack



Online registration opens
May 1.

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PORTAGE NORTHERN
FOOTBALL PRESENTS

JUNIOR HUSKIE POWER OPTION CAMP



JUNE 19, 20



3 PM - 6 PM



HUSKIE STADIUM

**7th and 8th Graders
(2023-24)**

FEATURING

- ✓ **Instruction on offensive and defensive fundamentals from the Portage Northern Football staff**
- ✓ **Introduction to scheme and terminology**
- ✓ **Power Option Camp T-Shirt**

Contact: Head Coach Kurt Twichell, ktwichell1@portageps.org

Young 5's through 6th Grade
(2023-24)



HUSKIE FOOTBALL PRESENTS

PACK CAMP

 JULY 24, 25, 26

 8 AM - 11 AM

 HUSKIE STADIUM

FEATURING

- ✓ Instruction on basic football fundamentals from the Portage Northern Football staff and players
- ✓ Age-appropriate games, competitions, and prizes
- ✓ PACK Camp T-Shirt



Contact: Head Coach Kurt Twichell, ktwichell1@portageps.org



LACROSSE



PWLAX SKILLS CAMP



**LEARN THE SPORT
OR HONE YOUR
SKILLS!**



JULY 24-27 **HS 4:00 - 5:30PM**
K-8 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Cost
\$75
includes
camp t-shirt!

Activities

- ✓ Stick Skills
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Lax IQ
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Friendship

Equipment available to borrow!

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More Information ktwiche11@portageps.org | www.portagewlax.com



SOFTBALL

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SOFT BALL

SUMMER CAMP

June 19-22

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Portage Northern
Softball Field**

Grades 5-8

This camp features softball instruction, skill development, competition and fun!





SPEED & AGILITY

SUMMER 2023

PC SPEED AND AGILITY CAMP

NO SHORTCUTS TO EXCELLENCE! Let's put in the Work!



Who: Incoming PPS 6-12th Graders

When: July 10-27

3 Weeks. 3 Sessions/week. 9 total sessions!

Week 1: July 10/11/13

- 1st session: 9am-10:15am

- 2nd session: 10:30am-11:45am

Week 2: July 17/18/20

- 1st session: 9am-10:15am

- 2nd session: 10:30am-11:45am

Week 3: July 24/25/27

- Only session: 2pm-3:15pm

Where: McCamley-Knight & Mustang Fields

Cost: \$25 per week, \$75 total for all sessions

Funds raised support camp staff and PC

Strength and Conditioning Program.

Each camper receives a performance t-shirt.



CAMP LEADERS

TREVOR HAAS
PC PE TEACHER & COACH

JALON SIMPSON
COACH

CAMP DETAILS

Improve Speed, Power, Agility, Conditioning and Overall Athletic Ability in preparation for the 2023-2024 Athletic Calendar!



SWIM & DIVE



PORTAGE SWIM AND DIVE CAMPS

LEARN TO SWIM - 2ND GRADE & UP

MUSTANG SWIM START CAMP

MUSTANG SWIM TURN CAMP

COMPETITIVE AND INTRO TO COMPETITIVE SWIM CAMP

COMPETITIVE SWIM CAMP

BEGINNER DIVE CAMP

ADVANCED DIVE CAMP

This summer we will be offering students an opportunity to get in the pool and swim or dive. The goal of our summer swim and dive camps is to provide students an opportunity to learn more about the sport, become more proficient, and to have some fun.

Camps will be held at the Portage Central HS Natatorium with the coaching staff from Portage Central High School's Swim and Dive Team. We look forward to meeting you at the pool.



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PORTAGE SWIM AND DIVE CAMPS

LEARN TO SWIM

JUNE 13-22, GRADES 2-12

MUSTANG SWIM START CAMP

SESSION 1: JUNE 12-15, GRADES 4-9

SESSION 2: JUNE 26-29, GRADES 4-9

MUSTANG SWIM TURN CAMP

JUNE 26-29, GRADES 4-9

COMPETITIVE AND INTRO TO COMPETITIVE SWIM CAMP

SESSION 1: JUNE 12-29, GRADES 4-8

SESSION 2: JULY 10-20, GRADES 4-8

COMPETITIVE SWIM CAMP

SESSION 1: JUNE 12-29, GRADES 8-12

SESSION 2: JULY 10-20, GRADES 8-12

BEGINNER DIVE CAMP

JUNE 12-29, GRADES 4-8

ADVANCED DIVE CAMP

JUNE 12-29, GRADES 9-12

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VOLLEYBALL

2023 MUSTANG VOLLEYBALL CAMP



Session 1: Monday, June 19 - Wednesday, June 21

- 1st-5th Grade: 2:00-3:15 p.m.
- 6th-9th Grade: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Session 2: Tuesday, July 11 - Thursday, July 13

- 1st-5th Grade: 9:00-10:15 a.m.
- 6th-9th Grade: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Cost per session: \$60 per student

The 2023 volleyball camps will be conducted by Portage Central volleyball staff and players. Camps will be held at Portage Central HS Stable. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early on the first day for check-in.

All students should wear athletic attire (shirt and short) and tennis shoes or volleyball shoes. If you have knee pads please bring them, but they are not required to participate.





WATER POLO



WATER POLO SUMMER CAMP

LEARN TO PLAY OR CONTINUE TO GROW YOUR WATER POLO SKILLS THIS SUMMER. YOU MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM 50 YARDS WITHOUT STOPPING. COME OUT AND LEARN A GREAT SPORT.

\$50 PER SESSION

**OPEN TO UPCOMING 3RD-9TH GRADE
BOYS AND GIRLS. HOSTED AT PC POOL.**

**COACHED BY PORTAGE WATER POLO COACHES AND VARSITY/JV
PLAYERS. YOU MAY ATTEND ALL SESSIONS AS COACHES WILL
WORK ON DIFFERENT SKILLS BASED ON GROUPS KNOWLEDGE.**

**SESSION 1: JUNE 19-22 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. (6TH-9TH GRADERS)
JUNE 19-22 12:30-1:00 P.M. (3RD-5TH GRADERS)**

**SESSION 2: JUNE 26-29 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. (6TH-9TH GRADERS)
JUNE 26-29 12:30-1:00 P.M. (3RD-5TH GRADERS)**

**SESSION 3: JULY 10-13 4-5:00 P.M. (6TH-9TH GRADERS)
JULY 10-13 5:00-5:30 P.M. (3RD-5TH GRADERS)**

**SESSION 4: JULY 17-20 4:00-5:00 P.M. (6TH-9TH GRADERS)
JULY 17-20 5:00-5:30 P.M. (3RD-5TH GRADERS)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
SAMANTHA DEVRIES AT [SDEVRIES@PORTAGEPS.ORG](mailto:sdevries@portageps.org)
OR GREG LOWMAN AT [GLOWMAN@PORTAGEPS.ORG](mailto:glowman@portageps.org)**



WRESTLING

Portage Northern

Wrestling Camp

Featuring Guest Clinicians

Rob Waller, Barry Davis, and Current D1 Athletes



Camp July 10th to July 13th 2023 @ Portage Northern High School

All Ages K-12th Grade Welcome.

1 year of wrestling experience recommended

Training Sessions & Schedule will be followed: (8 Camp Sessions only \$180)

Check in and camp will be held in the “Dog House”.

7/10 Monday - Camp Check-In 8:00 am - 9:00 am

7/10 Monday Sessions: 9:30 am - 12:00 and 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

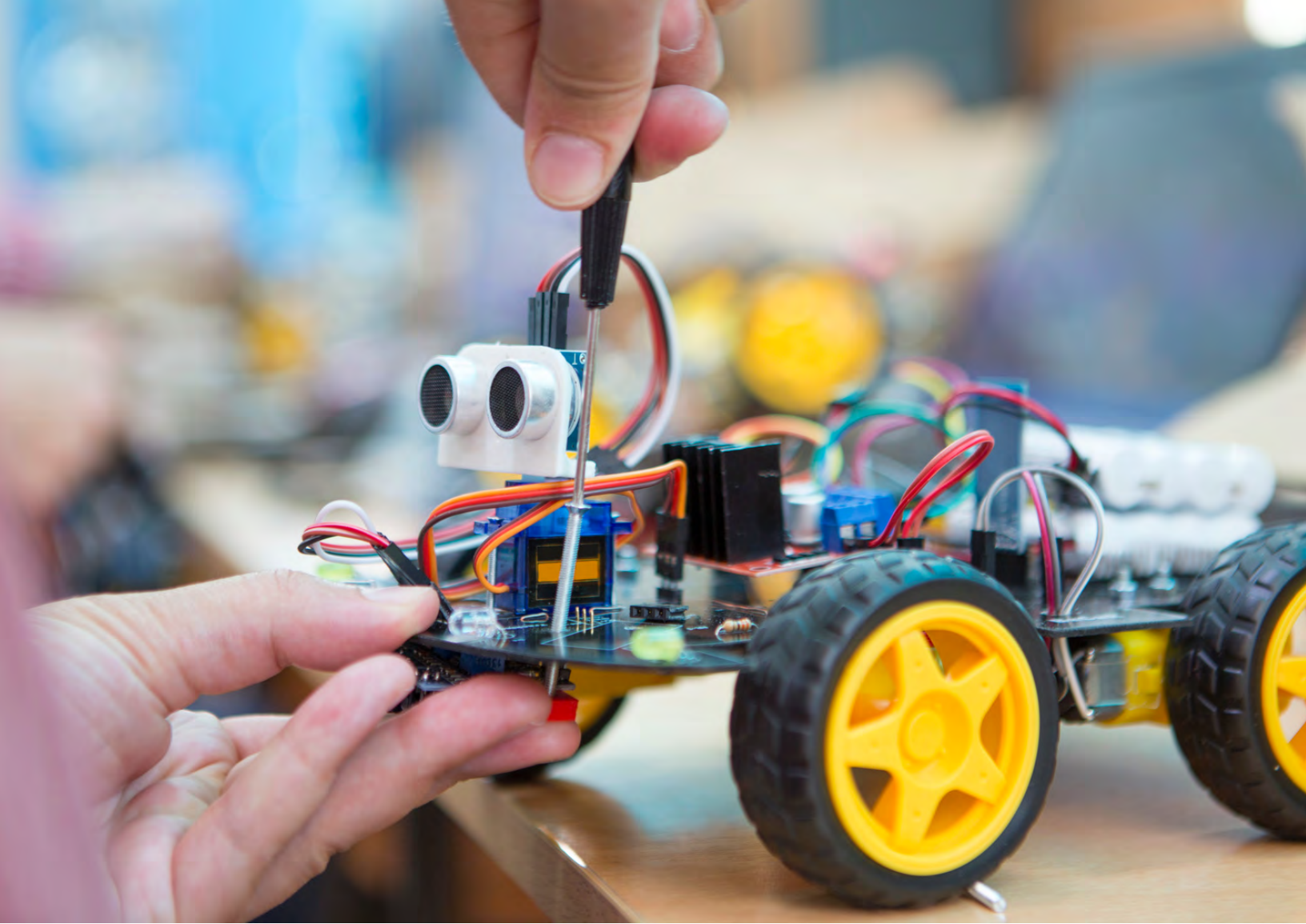
7/11 Tuesday Sessions 9:30 am - 12:00 and 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

7/12 Wednesday: 9:30 am - 12:00 and 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

7/13 Thursday: 9:30 am - 12:00 and 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

The main emphasis of this Camp will be teaching proper technique for Championship style wrestling. Instruction on multiple setups for double and single leg takedowns Bottom work to include, stand-ups, reversals, escape from leg rides. Top work to include, tilts, turns, & legs, excellent cradle series and fundamental breakdowns.

Wrestlers must bring their own lunch, drinks, snack.



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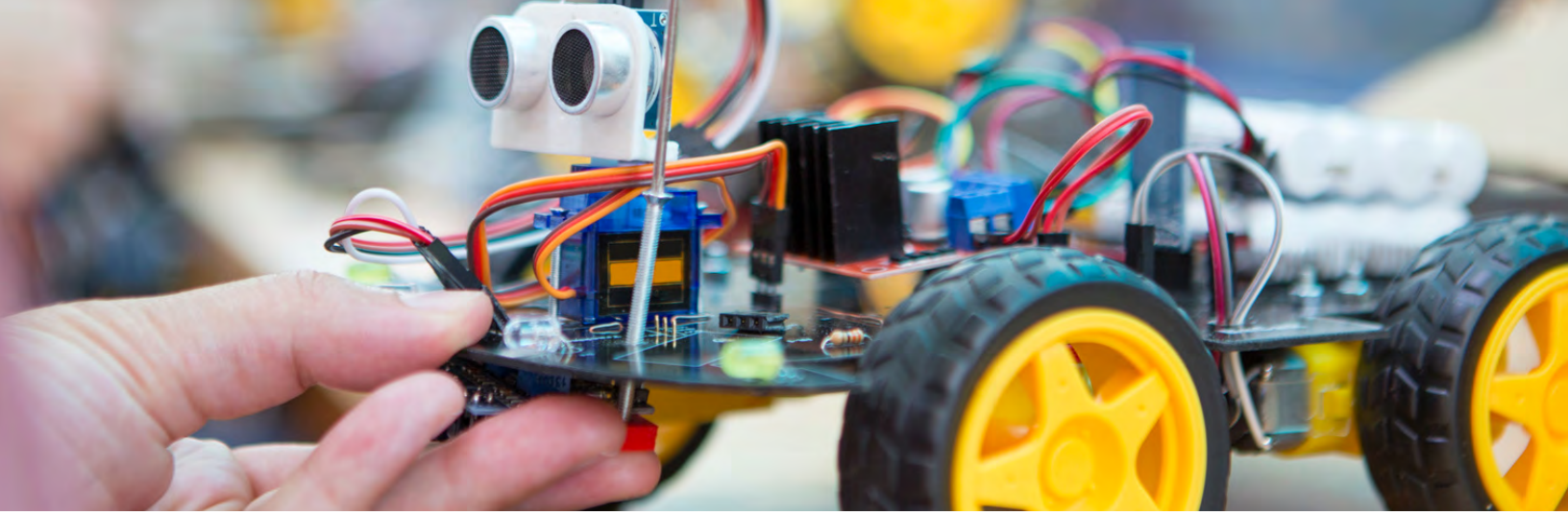
Summer Technology Exploration Program

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- Space Exploration:

- Ignite your love of science with an out-of-this-world experience. Explore our Solar System and learn about constellations. Build and launch a rocket and train like a real astronaut.
- July 10-13 at Lake Center Elementary
 - Grades K-2, 9-11 a.m.
 - Grades 3-5, 1-3 p.m.

- Intro to Robotics:

- Log into the world of computer science as you learn how programmers communicate with computers! Create your own block programs to guide robots you can modify through fascinating challenges.
- July 6 at the Air Zoo
 - Grades 4-5, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Forensic Investigations:

- Learn about how forensic scientists and crime scene investigators analyze evidence from crime scenes. Learn how science can solve crimes by exploring fingerprinting, understanding DNA, analyzing trace evidence and investigating clues left behind.
- July 17-20 at the Air Zoo
 - Grades 6-8, 1-3 p.m.

- Science Exploration:

- Are you curious about the way things work and ready to explore science? Learn about a range of science topics from forces to flight.
- July 24-27 at the PPS Administration Building
 - Grades K-2, 9-11 a.m.
 - Grades 3-5, 1-3 p.m.

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KALAMAZOO INSTITUTE OF ARTS

ART EXPLORATION CAMP

Campers will be introduced to different pieces of art from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts extensive collection and work on various projects every day.

A mixture of 2D and 3D art will be explored.

July 17-20 at Lake Center Elementary
GRADES K-2, 9-11 A.M.
GRADES 3-5, 1-3 P.M.

Electricity & Magnetism

June 19-23, 1-3 p.m.

Grades 3-5

In a series of stimulating activities, explore the magic of electricity and magnetism through hands-on experiments and explorations.



Origami Geometry

June 19-23, 1-3 p.m.

Grades 5-7

Explore math concepts through the ancient Japanese art of paper folding. Investigate lines, angles, symmetry and transformations in polyhedra and other fantastic creations.

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Energy in Motion

June 26-30, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Grades 4-6

Learn about different kinds of energy, then design and build your own Rube Goldberg device!

Beginning Lego

July 10-14, 8-10 a.m.

Grades 3-5

A study of simple machines, physical science and problem solving. Students explore important concepts in mechanics while designing and building several Lego "Tehnic" models.

Puzzles and Patterns

July 10-14, 1-3 p.m.

Grades 4-6

A fun hands-on approach to problem solving and algebra thinking using rules, patterns, and number sequences.

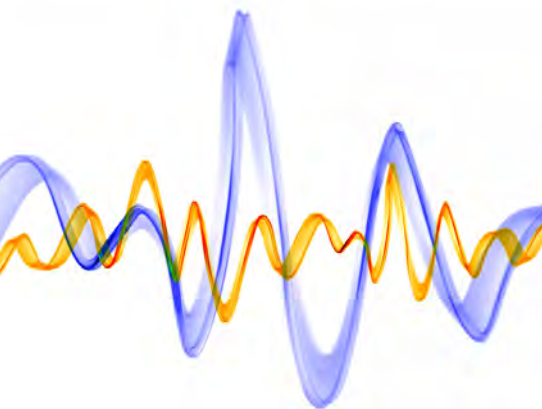


Science of Sound

July 10-14, 1-3 p.m.

Grades 8-12

Explore the science behind how strings, tubes, and other objects can be used to create and shape sound and music. May include professional visits and/or a field trip.



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Teddy Bear Math

July 10-14, 8-10 a.m.
Grades 1-2

A first look at statistics, logic, measurement, and graphing via the lovable teddy bear.



Mathenormous

July 17-21, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Grades 2-3

An exploration of "big questions": the height of a tree, distance to the sun, length of a dinosaur, and how big a million really is. Improve skills in measurement, counting, and place value as well as "big ideas."

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Mudpie Science

July 17-21, 1-3 p.m.
Grades 1-2

A fun, messy exploration of dirt: where it comes from, what it's made of, and what it's good for.

Power the World

June 19- 23, 1-3 p.m.
OR
July 17-21, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Grades 7-9

Investigate ideas and applications of emerging forms of energy production, including solar, wind and geothermal, and explore career potential in those fields.



Secret Formulas

July 17-21, 8-10 a.m.
Grades 1-2

Learn skills and processes of controlled experimentation while creating your own secret formulas for familiar substances.



Music Creations

July 24-28, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Grades 2-3

How do math and physics make music? Find out by creating string, percussion, and woodwind instruments from common household items.

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NATURE



SUMMER EXPLORATIONS

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JUNE 19-22

LAKE CENTER ELEMENTARY
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KNC will be bringing the show on the road to Portage for four days of nature-inspired crafts, games and activities. Sessions will include expert lessons and occasional visits from KNC's ambassador animals!

Grades K-2, 9-11:30 a.m.

Grades 3-5, 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.



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DOLLARS & SENSE SUMMER CAMP

Learn how to manage money!

This week-long Dollars and Sense camp is designed to help students prepare for the future.

The ultimate goal is for your student to understand and apply basic concepts in personal finance such as budgeting, paying for education, saving for retirement and more.

Grades 11-12:

June 19-23
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Grades 8-10:

August 7-11
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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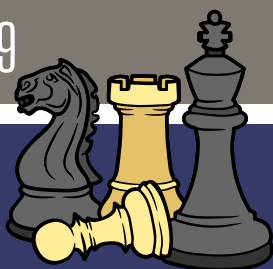




Intro to Virtual Reality

Students are introduced to the basics of building virtual reality worlds using HTML and the A-Frame JavaScriptLibrary. This is a coding class, not a gaming class.

June 19-23, 1-4 p.m. at WMU
Grades 6-9



Chess

Students experience chess instruction and play in a fun-filled environment designed to improve their skills, whether they are interested in casual or competitive chess.

June 26-30, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at WMU
Grades 6-9

Survival Craft

Surviving mobs of zombies and creepers in a game is one thing, but do you have real-life skills? Test yourself and learn the science of survival.

June 19-22, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at WMU
Grades 6-9



Scratch Multimedia Games

Scratch is a computer program that uses block-like puzzle pieces to enhance learning the core concepts of computer programming.

June 26-30, 1-4 p.m. at WMU
Grades 6-9



Code Breaking

Students discover the origins of encoding in classic codes as they create new codes and decode the projects of their fellow students. Using basic mathematics and modular arithmetic, participants raise the level of their math skills and math reasoning.

July 10-14, 1-4 p.m. at WMU
Grades 6-9




Math Games & Competition

Like solving math problems and puzzles? Want to participate in math competitions? This camp is ideal for students who enjoy math and solving challenging problems.

July 10-14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at WMU
Grades 6-9

THANK YOU!

The background features a light, airy scene with several children in various poses of play. On the left, a child in a blue silhouette is jumping. In the center, a child in an orange silhouette has arms raised. To the right, a child in a purple silhouette is also jumping. There are also smaller silhouettes of children and birds flying in the sky. A large, stylized number '100' is positioned in the lower center, with the '1' being a vertical bar and the '00' being two overlapping circles. The text 'PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' is centered over the middle of the scene.

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YEARS