

Camps

St. Michaels University School

SUMMER 2025

Calendar and Program Guide



Locations



Richmond Road Campus
3400 Richmond Road



Junior School Campus
820 Victoria Avenue

Age Eligibility

Day Camper age is determined as of **December 31 2025**. This ensures that each program is developmentally appropriate for its campers.

Camp Time and Duration

Full Day Programs run from 9:00am - 4:00pm with time for snack and lunch breaks built into the schedule. Campers at Junior School Campus can join extend care until 5:00pm.

Half Day Programs run 9:00am - 12:00pm or 1:00 - 4:00pm with one scheduled break.

**There are a handful of camps that do not follow these timings*

Cancellation and Refund Policy

- All refunds are subject to a \$20 administration fee per camp per camper.
- Cancellations made up to 10 business days before the program start date will receive a full refund minus a \$20 administration fee per camp per camper.
- Cancellations made less than 10 business days before the program start date will not receive a refund.
- No refund is available if your child cannot attend camp for any given day of the program.

All requests for cancellations must be via email to camps@smus.ca

Hot Lunch Program

Full-day campers at our Richmond Road Campus can enjoy a hot lunch program, which will keep them fueled and energized throughout the day. With a salad bar and a different main dish every day, campers will have a variety of nutritious options to choose from. If you prefer to pack your camper's lunch, you can opt-out during registration. Cost is \$15 per lunch.

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SMUS Day Camps

Get ready for a week of fun and adventure this Summer! Campers will enjoy games, explore the outdoors, and get creative with arts and crafts. Our skilled team will guide campers through activities that keep things fresh and interesting every day.

Each week is uniquely designed to ensure everyone stays engaged!

Discovery Camp

Jun 23 - 27 & Aug 25 - 29	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	5 - 10 y/o	\$300
Weeks 2 - 10	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	5 - 6 y/o	\$300

**\$240 for 4-day weeks (Jun 30 - Jul 4 & Aug 5-8)*

Adventure Camp

Weeks 2 - 10	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	7 - 9 y/o	\$ 300
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**\$240 for 4-day weeks (Jun 30 - Jul 4 & Aug 5-8)*

Creative Minds and Movers

Join early childhood educator Angela Ireland for a two-week early years camp series that combines art, literature, sensory play, and outdoor fun! Each week will feature a new theme guiding our explorations and activities.

Jul 7 - 11 & Jul 14 - 18	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	3 - 4 y/o	\$ 450
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After Camp Care

Campers at the Junior School Campus can sign up for After Camp Care (ACC). ACC staff will engage campers until 5:00 pm. Add this as an option during camp registration or tell us by midday on the day you need care.

Single ACC Drop-in	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	5 - 10 y/o	\$ 5
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Dance & Performance

This camp introduces young children to music, dance, and drama through fun activities and games. Campers will build confidence, creativity, and teamwork while exploring the arts. Each day includes playful lessons that encourage self-expression and imagination. Designed for beginners, this camp helps kids develop valuable skills like communication, coordination, and confidence, all while having a blast on stage!

This will include a mini-performance on the final day of camp.

Instructor: Kathleen Cullen

Jul 7 - 11 / Jul 14 - 18 / Jul 21 - 25	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	5 - 7 y/o	\$ 175
Add-on: Join SMUS Day Camp 12:00 - 4:00pm		5 - 7 y/o	+ \$150

Dance Camp Adventure

Unleash your child's inner dancer! This exciting camp focuses on the fundamentals of jazz, lyrical, and hip-hop, combining technique, choreography, and freestyle. Through fun drills, across-the-floor exercises, and games, kids will build confidence and experience the joy of dance. Campers will learn to express themselves creatively and master a performance to showcase their new skills. Perfect for building confidence and making memories!

Instructor: Amanda Zink

Jun 30 - Jul 4 / Jul 28 - Aug 1 / Aug 5 - 8	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	8 - 11 y/o	\$ 175
Add-on: Join SMUS Day Camp 12:00 - 4:00pm		8 - 9 y/o	+ \$150

**\$140 for 4-day week (Jun 30 - Jul 4 & Aug 5-8)*

Buddy Reading

Led by Ms. Wilson-Scorgie, an experienced teacher-librarian at the SMUS Junior School, this engaging camp pairs younger students (Grades 1 and 2) with older mentors (Grades 4 and 5) for a week of reading, fun, and connection. Through buddy reading, circle time, literacy games, and creative crafts, children will build confidence, strengthen literacy skills, and form meaningful friendships. Join us for a fun-filled journey into the joy of reading!

Instructor: Thea Wilson-Scorgie

Jul 7 - 11 & Aug 5 - 8	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	7 - 11 y/o	\$ 175
Add-on: Join SMUS Day Camp 12:00 - 4:00pm		7 - 9 y/o	+ \$150

**\$140 for 4-day week (Aug 5-8)*



Orton-Gillingham Literacy

This camp is designed for students entering grades 1 or 2 who are not yet reading at grade level. Using the Orton-Gillingham method, we provide targeted, systematic reading, spelling, and writing support in small groups. Each day features focused lessons, interactive games, and guided activities, along with outdoor play. Campers will also create and write their own story throughout the week. On the final day, parents can hear their child present their story and receive tools and resources to support reading at home.

Instructor: Caitlin Heayn

Jul 7 - 11 & Aug 11 - 15	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	5 - 7 y/o	\$ 300
Add-on: Join SMUS Day Camp 12:00 - 4:00pm		5 - 7 y/o	+ \$150



STEAM Sampler: Zen Maker Bot

Robotics isn't just the future, it's the here and now. In this hands-on camp, students will learn the perfect combination of electronics, 3D design and 3D printing, and working with basic tools for assembly. By putting together their own Arduino-powered robot, students will learn everything from assembling and fabricating parts to developing the skills needed to customize and create their own future robotic projects. Participants will learn how to review code and make modifications to impact the robot's movement.

Jul 28 - Aug 1	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	9 - 11 y/o	\$ 500
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Jr Coding: Mission Code Breaker

Kids love secret codes and puzzles, and we'll explore all sorts of codes and mysteries that existed before computer programming like morse, nautical flags, trail markers, baseball signals, code wheels, treasure maps, and more. Using creative storytelling, each week our robots will learn how to crack another mysterious code or puzzle while we learn how to program the robots. No experience or device needed for this camp.

Jul 28 - Aug 1	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	7- 9 y/o	\$ 500
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Jr. Engineer: Engineering a Green City

Explore what it means to become a green architect and build your own environmentally friendly city! Students will learn about blueprints, how buildings can be made environmentally friendly, and how to construct their own solar powered city. Topics include energy, sustainability, civil engineering, design thinking and more... No previous experience necessary.

Aug 11 - 15	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	7- 9 y/o	\$ 500
Aug 18 - 22	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	9 - 11 y/o	\$ 500

Circuits & Motors

Get ready to challenge your imagination in this hands-on summer camp! Dive into the world of circuits and motors as you explore the exciting connection between electricity and motion. You'll learn how to build simple circuits, experiment with motors, and even create your own moving creations. Packed with fun, STEM-based challenges and lots of tinkering, this camp will inspire your inner inventor and teach you the basics of how electronics work. Join us for a week of discovery, creativity, and engineering fun!

Aug 11 - 15	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	9 - 11 y/o	\$ 500
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Creative Makers & Illustration

If your child loves drawing and cartoons, this animation camp is for them! During the week, they will learn animation skills to create their own films. Students will animate their sketches and design 3D characters. They'll explore cultural graphic art styles, like Japanese anime. Additionally, they will create storyboards and miniature characters. At the end of camp, your child can showcase their stop-motion animations! No prior experience needed.

Jul 28 - Aug 1	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	7- 9 y/o	\$ 500
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Instructor:



Zen Maker Lab offers a uniquely enriched curriculum designed to empower children through hands-on learning experiences, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and a passion for innovation.

Since 2013, it has provided engaging content related to science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) to students across the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, and Alberta.

The programs emphasize quality STEAM education and innovative initiatives for children, youth, and adults, following the philosophy of designing, making, and playing with their projects.

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SMUS Basketball


Enhance your basketball skills this summer with SMUS Camps. You'll focus on dribbling, shooting, finishing, passing, cutting, and pivoting under the guidance of experienced coaches. Engage in small-sided games and four-on-four scrimmages to test your abilities. Understand team-based concepts like movement off the ball, offensive reads, and principles of team defense. Our daily routine features enjoyable challenges and shooting games to complement the drills.

Head Coach: Jamie Yorath

July 7 - 11	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	12 - 15 y/o	\$ 350
Jul 14 - 18 & Jul 28 - Aug 1	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	8 - 11 y/o	\$ 350

Basketball Camp

In this program, you will develop skills such as dribbling, shooting, and passing with experienced coaches. You will learn teamwork, offensive plays, and defensive strategies. Guest coach **Jason Scully** leads sessions on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 pm, focusing on individual skills and team dynamics. **Ian Hyde-Lay** offers quality coaching every season, ensuring athletes get top support.

July 21 - 25	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	13 - 16 y/o	\$ 375	 <i>Overnight option</i>
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SMUS Rugby

The co-ed Rugby camp is for athletes who are ready to take their game to the next level! Our rugby camp has been designed to develop technical skills and Rugby IQ. Our athletes will take part in daily controlled scrimmages, engage in video analysis sessions, and learn proper fitness training. The training sessions, both on and off the field, will pinpoint areas for improvement in your game and fitness. Each athlete will receive personalized feedback from our group of experience coaches.

Head Coach: Scott Manning

Over the past two decades Rugby has been woven into the life of Scott Manning, the Head Coach the University of Victoria men's rugby team. While Scott has represented Canada on the U17 and U19 national teams, his real passion is in coaching and inspiring the next generation of young players and coaches.



Aug 11 - 15	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	13 - 16 y/o	\$ 500	 <i>Overnight option</i>
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SMUS Squash

Advanced & Intermediate Squash

This is fun and motivating, with a specific focus on developing strong fundamentals including technique, movement, and match tactics. Intermediate is for players who have played squash before but not in a competitive setting. Advanced is for provincial level players and higher, with a focus on technique and tactics while under pressure.

Head Coach: Grace Thomas


Jun 23 - 27 / Aug 18 - 22 / Aug 25 - 29	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Intermediate Squash (Based on skill level)	\$ 250
Jun 23 - 27 / Aug 18 - 22 / Aug 25 - 29	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Advanced Squash (Based on skill level)	\$ 250

Specialty Squash Camp with Mohamed Elkeiy

For the first time ever, SMUS Camps is partnering with Mohamed Elkeiy, a former PSA player with over 20 years of experience coaching elite juniors and professional players! This camp focuses on technical training along with mental and physical conditioning to develop a complete athlete who can outsmart and outlast the competition. It is designed for passionate squash players who want to take their skills to the next level.

Head Coach: Mohamed Elkeiy



Aug 11 - 15	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	13 - 17 y/o	\$ 1,350	 Overnight option
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**Open to younger camps with approval from Grace Thomas (grace.thomas@smus.ca)*

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Ultimate Frisbee

Come have fun playing ultimate frisbee with Danny Saunders, Executive Director of Ultimate Canada! Through small-sided games and activities, our program focuses on skill development with an emphasis on teamwork and fair-play. Campers will have the chance to work on throwing, catching, and movement skills in this fun-first environment. *All campers will receive a frisbee as part of the program.*

Instructor: Helix Ultimate

Jul 21 - 25	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	9 - 12 y/o	\$ 350
Aug 5 - 8 (4-day camp)	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	10 - 14 y/o	\$ 150



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Fashion Design & Sewing & Textile Arts

Fashion Design & Illustration (Morning session) In this camp, students will learn industry standard fashion design techniques in both technical drawing and illustration, gain valuable tips in how to replicate different fabric textures, and develop their familiarity with an extensive amount of vocabulary related to styles and design elements found in apparel. Students will discover how designers find inspiration all around them and apply this knowledge to develop their own thematic collection of fashion designs using a variety of art mediums.

Sewing & Textile Arts (Afternoon session) All hands-on deck for this creative sewing and fibre arts camp! This week students will explore the creative space that intersects art and sewing. Students will learn a variety of sewing and fibre art techniques as they complete several engaging projects to take home. Felting, quilting, Japanese Sashiko stitching, and printmaking on fabric are all on the menu!

Jul 7 - 11	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	10 - 14 y/o	\$ 400
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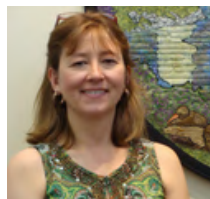
Outdoor Art Explore: A Journey in Creative Journaling

Rooted in the benefits of outdoor and place-based education, this camp involves morning out-trips focused on discovery of the beauty and character of Victoria and local surroundings. Students will learn about local history and culture while engaging in plein-air drawing from observation. Afternoons will be spent in the classroom experimenting with different art-making materials and creative writing.

By the end of the week, students will have assembled a visual journal, comprising drawings and writing, scrapbooked artistically into a memorable keepsake. This full day camp will appeal to students who have lived in Victoria all of their lives as much as newcomers.

Jun 30 - Jul 4 (4-day camp)	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	10 - 14 y/o	\$ 325
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Instructor: **Ms. Lisa Burrows** is originally from Montreal, where she studied Fashion Design and Merchandising at LaSalle College and worked in retail management within the home decor industry. In 1996, she moved to Victoria and earned a Bachelor's degree in Education with a double major in Secondary Art and Language Instruction. She completed her Master's degree in Art Education in 2013 from the University of Victoria. Lisa has been an educator in the Sooke School District for 14 years. Currently, she teaches Art and Home Economics at Royal Bay Secondary School, where she offers a unique course in Textile Art. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, art, and sewing. During the spring and summer breaks, Lisa can often be found teaching and sharing her love for learning with students at SMUS.



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Be Quantum Smart Junior

Join us in the mind-bending world of quantum physics! This innovative camp is designed to celebrate the creativity, imagination and underestimated potential of children aged 9 to 11, while introducing the video-game-like nature of the quantum world with all the fascinating perplexity of a videogame. Taught by Dr. Goksenin, a former physics teacher & PhD holder.

Jul 7 – 11	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	9 - 12 y/o	\$475
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Be Quantum Smart Middle

Ready to explore quantum physics? Forget previous notions of reality and prepare for a thrilling experience! Quantum physics accurately describes the universe's workings. Everyday technology like smartphones, laptops, lasers, and medical devices relies on quantum phenomena. But what does "quantum" mean? In this 5-day camp, you'll engage in hands-on activities, master key concepts, and impress others with your quantum knowledge. With your quantum glasses, perceive reality differently, as if you have Jedi-like insight. This camp resembles a journey through an intuitive video game, so get ready to play!

Jul 14 – 18	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	12 - 15 y/o	\$475
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Quantum Physics Senior Bootcamp

Join us for an exciting journey into quantum physics! This 3-day program supports student exploration of core concepts and high school-level math. Topics include: the nature of light, the photoelectric effect, Compton scattering, the quantum atom model, quantum numbers, dark matter, the double slit experiment, Heisenberg's uncertainty principle, Schrodinger's wave function, superposition, entanglement, and quantum tunneling. Prepare to expand your understanding of the universe with these intriguing scientific concepts!

Jul 21, 22 & 23 (3-day camp)	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	15 - 17 y/o	\$300
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Instructor: **Dr. Goksenin Sen**, a former physics teacher, holds a PhD in science education and curriculum studies from the University of Victoria, with a background in engineering physics from Istanbul Technical University. Her doctoral studies focused on how middle school science teachers learn and teach quantum physics. While working as a coordinator for Let's Talk Science and Mad Science, she engaged in extensive science outreach activities in K-12 education in Victoria for over ten years.



Among numerous science symposia for middle and high school students at UVic, she initiated the first quantum mechanics symposium for middle school students in British Columbia. Dr. Sen offers online courses in quantum mechanics for the general public.



Graphic Design & Printing

Learn how fun and easy it can be to design and fabricate your very own Pinterest-worthy stickers, badges, cards, and more! Students will learn how to design original digital artwork and print and cut out their art with a precision die cutter. Wow your friends and family when you take home your amazing new creations every day!

Jul 7 - 11	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	11 - 14 y/o	\$ 475
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Introduction to Coding

Discover how much fun it is to build your own game! Students will be introduced to basic coding skills with Scratch and get to use those skills to make their very own games. Students will learn how to create their own 2D vector artwork to make characters and levels that are entirely their own. The final project is a game you can access and play or share with friends.

Jul 14 - 18	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	9 - 12 y/o	\$ 475
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Claymation Movie Production

Make your own clay characters come to life, just like Shaun the Sheep! Participants will work to build their own clay characters, sets and props; develop their own script; shoot their movie scenes; and then learn to edit and add sounds and special effects to complete the whole project. Don't worry, there will be plenty of time devoted to outdoor games and activities!

Jul 21- 25	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	9 - 12 y/o	\$ 475
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2D Video Game Design

Learn how to build a 2D game from the ground up using Godot, an awesome free platform for coding and launching games (think Python, but way more fun!) This is a coding camp, so be prepared to challenge yourself and learn some new skills. Time will be spent learning how to create advanced 2D vector artwork and animated character sprites to make your game look great. Some coding experience or Byte Camp's - Intro to Coding is recommended as a prerequisite.

Jul 28 - Aug 1	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	11 - 14 y/o	\$ 475
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Music Video Production

Make your own music and music video! Camp time will be split between digital music composition, video filming and editing. Use amazing software tools to craft your very own song from scratch. We will show you the basics of beats, baselines, chords, and melodies so that your song will sound awesome. Experiment with video, special effects, and TikTok style editing techniques to make your own video as cool as your tune.

Aug 6 - 9 (4-day camp)	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	9 - 12 y/o	\$ 400
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3D Animation

Dreaming of a career with PIXAR? Ever wonder how those awesome 3D animated movies like Shrek, Toy Story and Frozen are made? Spend the week learning how by modeling, animating and telling your own stories in 3D. You'll use Blender, a wonderful (& free!) 3D software, to design characters that jump off the screen and then make them come alive by adding voices, soundtracks and completing a group-made short film.

Aug 11 - 15	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	11 - 14 y/o	\$ 475
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Foundations in AI

AI is taking over the world. Learn how computers think, how to think like computers, and how to make the computers think like us. This camp will explore the basics of AI and give students an opportunity to build and train their own bots as they compete with other bots in simulated competitions.

Aug 18 - 22	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	11 - 14 y/o	\$ 400
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Instructor: **Byte Camp** makes creative technology education enjoyable for kids! With 20 years of experience in 3D modeling, animation, coding, music production, and video editing, their summer camps provide a strong foundation for ages 9 to 14 to apply new skills wherever their imaginations lead.



Their mission is to teach youth to be creative and productive tech users, exciting them about technology's value for creative pursuits while promoting a healthy balance between physical activity and screen time.

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SMUS Music Camp

Rocker Girl Camp

An empowering camp designed for girls, gender non-binary and trans youth women to explore rock music. Students will learn to play instruments, form bands, and perform covers and original songs, while building confidence in a supportive environment.

Learning Outcomes:

- Learn to play rock instruments (guitar, bass, drums, vocals, keys, etc).
- Develop songwriting skills, including lyrics, melody, and chord progressions.
- Collaborate to write and perform original music.
- Gain confidence in stage presence and performance.
- Explore the history and influence of women in music.

Jul 14 - 18	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	9 - 11 & 12 - 17 y/o	\$ 425
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Electronic Music Creation

Dive into the world of electronic music production. Learn to create beats, synth lines, and full tracks using popular digital audio workstations (DAWs) such as Ableton Live.

Learning Outcomes:

- Master the fundamentals including beat-making, synthesis, and sampling.
- Understand the basics of synthesis, sampling, and MIDI.
- Achieve basic proficiency in using a DAW for composition and arrangement.
- Investigate sound design techniques with virtual instruments and effects.
- Create and present an original track by the end of the camp.

Jul 21 - 25	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	9 - 11 & 12 - 17 y/o	\$ 425
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Sound Design

Sound Design Camp is a recording & music production camp in its 5th year. Its leaders - Sasha & Aaron - are experienced educators and music producers who have been mentoring young musicians for decades. Learners will spend a week creating, capturing and modifying sound to create an album which will be shared and celebrated in a live showcase (see foundsoundproject.bandcamp.com)

Learning Outcomes:

- In the field and sound lab, gain hands-on experience with microphones, MIDI controllers, computers and the audio workstation Ableton Live 12.
- Improvised group jams on a wide array of instruments including piano, drums, bass, guitar and synthesizer.
- Inquiry learning model, with each composer pursuing their interests such as beat-making, songwriting, improvisation, composing, soundtracking and recording.

Aug 11 - 15	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	15 - 17 y/o	\$ 525
Aug 18 - 22	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	12 - 14 y/o	\$ 525





Learn to Row

Fundamentals

Intended for novice participants with no previous rowing experience, Rowing Fundamentals provides a safe and welcoming environment to learn the basics of rowing. During this 1 week camp participants will receive instruction on: waterway safety and capsizing training, sport specific terminology, proper handling of equipment, sport specific warm up, and an introduction to the rowing stroke on ergometers and within different boat classes.

Upon the completion of Rowing Fundamentals, participants will have a basic understanding of the sport and will be well equipped to safely participate in an intermediate camp, foundational club program, or as part of a novice high school team.

Jul 7 - 11	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	12 - 17 y/o	\$ 300
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Intermediate

Intended for participants with limited rowing experience, Rowing Foundations builds on concepts introduced in Rowing Fundamentals. During this 1 week camp participants will receive instruction on: anatomy and rowing mechanics, operating as a crew, athlete development pathway, healthy habits, core strengthening and cross training, and basic drills and technical concepts in different boat classes.

Jul 14 - 18	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	12 - 17 y/o	\$ 300
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Rowing Report Cards

All participants will be issued report cards in a brief graduation ceremony on the final day. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the athletes will show you what they've learned, and perhaps teach you a thing or two!

