

bennett day camp



SUMMER 2022 CAMP GUIDE

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HIGHLIGHTS

Health & Safety

Bennett Day has always prioritized the health and safety of our campers. Learn more about the measures we're taking to protect our community against COVID-19 on the last page of this guide.

Camper Input

Each morning, campers will participate in art, movement, and STEM activities based on the theme of the week. In the afternoon, Campers get to "choose their own adventure" with afternoon choices. Options include, but aren't limited to, drone racing, sewing and textiles, claymation, digital photography, slime time, coding, mechanical engineering, basketball, soccer, flag football, handball, and badminton!

Field Trips

We believe the city is our playground! Each week we will go on field trips that expose campers to cool architecture, local neighborhoods, and different cultures.

Water Days

On Water Wednesdays, campers will get to play on-site in our water field. Activities will include relay races, water balloon games, and more!

Flexibility

At Bennett Day Camp we know plans change! We pride ourselves on the flexibility we are able to provide to campers and their families. Our Refund Policy allows families to receive a full refund up until the very first day of camp.

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CAMP MISSION

At Bennett Day Camp, we provide an enriching atmosphere that enables our campers to develop self-identity, leadership skills, and a lifelong sense of adventure. Our campers and counselors will participate in field trips, team sports, music, arts, scientific discovery, and water play in a collaborative culture.

CAMPS FOR AGES 4-11

INVESTIGATORS

WEEK 1: June 20-24 | Full Day \$500

The summer begins with a focus on investigating the world around us! Each day we'll explore with different mediums during art, investigate what happens during our STEM experiments, and use our detective skills to break out of the camp escape room!

EXPLORERS

WEEK 2: June 27-July 1 | Full Day \$500

We've investigated, now it's time to explore the world we are in! Geocaching, reptile meet and greets, space exploration, and archeological digs are all on the menu as we look at the world(s) thru the adventurous eye of an explorer.

DESIGNERS

WEEK 3: July 5-8 (FOUR-DAY CAMP) | Full Day \$400 w/code*

Week three of camp allows us to engineer and design for the world around us. Building our dream home, designing a collaborative mural, creating a comic book, fashion creation, and developing our own culinary treats are a few of the projects we'll complete during designer week.

CREATORS

WEEK 4: July 11-15 | Full Day \$500

Next up it's time to create! From writing, directing, and starring in movies, to clay creations, to developing our own toys or board games. this week is all about creativity. We've investigated the world, explored the problems, designed the solutions, and now created a product!

COLLABORATORS

WEEK 5: July 18-22 | Full Day \$500

Ready...set...go! This week we'll bring board games to life, run the West Loop Amazing race, and explore dramatic play. It's all about the athlete, creator, actor, and gamers working together in this week of action and collaboration.

INVENTORS

WEEK 6: July 25-29 | Full Day \$500

Let's make something completely new! Campers will invent new solutions to help problems that someone might face at camp, in their community, or in the world! See where your problem solving and teamwork skills takes you to invent something new.

STORYTELLERS

WEEK 7: August 1-5 | Full Day \$500

As summer winds down, we'll look back at the story we have written together. From telling a tale through photography, to singing our camper-written ballads, we will explore our favorite ways to show and tell all that we have learned at Bennett Day Camp this summer.

FENCING CAMP (1ST-4TH GRADE)

WEEK 1: June 20-24 | Half Day \$300

WEEK 2: June 27-July 1 | Half Day \$300

Become a professional fencer at Bennett Day Camp! The fencing drills and games are designed to improve concentration and mental sharpness and teach students how to both win and lose graciously. Camp is designed by Naima Abdullah, founder of SWIFT Fencing.

*The week of July 4th is a shortened 4-day session. To receive the reduced rate, use **code july100** for \$100 off.

CAMPS FOR 5TH-10TH GRADE

MUSICAL THEATER & IMPROV

WEEK 1: June 20-24 | Full Day \$500

Experienced thespians or those just discovering their talent can join Musical Theater & Improv at Bennett Day Camp. Campers will learn the elements of theater while developing confidence, self-expression, and communication skills. The emphasis on creating a supportive space allows campers to comfortably explore their creativity and hone their talents. The entire city is a stage, and campers can expect a field trip to a local performance.

VOLUNTEER WEEK

WEEK 3: July 5-8 (FOUR-DAY CAMP) | Full Day \$250

Join us as we volunteer around the city at different organizations each day! Campers will learn about the challenges our city faces and get to be a part of the solution. Organizations focusing on food insecurity, the environment, animal well-being, and health and wellness will show our campers how to give back to our community. Campers will receive 20 hours that can count toward service hours. Camp fees go towards transportation, staffing, and supplies for the week.

YOUNG CHICAGO ARCHITECTS

WEEK 4: July 11-15 | Full Day \$500

Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, Jeanne Gang, and so many more architects put Chicago on the map... will you be next? This summer we will explore world-class architecture right in our backyard! With hands-on experimentation, field trips, and design projects, students will cultivate their own unique architectural vision. Come join us for a week of curiosity and fun as we inspire the next generation of Chicago architects!

WOODWORKING

WEEK 6: July 25-29 | Full Day \$500

Measure, cut, nail, hammer, sand... This summer our course will introduce campers to an array of woodworking techniques through demonstrations and hands-on projects. Campers will build their knowledge in woodworking equipment and safety. Our week-long course is designed to provide ample opportunity for imagination, experimentation, and construction.

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ACADEMIC CAMPS WITH CONNECTIONS ACADEMICS (AGES 5-12)

ABOUT CONNECTIONS ACADEMICS:

Connections Academics works with students in grades K-12 for all subject areas, ACT/SAT testing and Executive Functioning Skills. We are a small, women-run business focused on creating a unique and individualized academic support experience, right in your own home. Our Chicago tutor team is made up of 12 highly-qualified licensed teachers that serve our clients daily. Our vision is to empower students with customized instruction, unlocking their full potential as life-long learners. We partner with schools, parents, and teachers to provide convenient and customized support that enables students to thrive in competitive academic environments.

CAMP READ-A-LOT: A MULTI-SENSORY READING CAMP

This camp will use a multi-sensory and systematic approach to reading instruction to provide literacy exposure to elementary aged students in a fun and engaging way. Each day, students will head to Camp Read-A-Lot, where they will have a Book of the Day that a lesson and craft will be based on. Students will be taught using a multi-sensory approach which is a research backed method of reading instruction that is particularly effective with students who have difficulty with reading and writing.

Using a low instructor to student ratio is key in this camp and ensures successful delivery of reading, spelling, and writing strategies to bridge the gap to summer learning. Through repetitive and structured lessons, as well as fun read-alouds and crafts, students begin to understand the foundations of phonics, including decoding, phonological awareness, fluency, and articulation. This camp is perfect for kids who love to read, as well as those who are hoping to improve their reading ability!

Grade Level	Date	Time	Cost
Rising Kindergarten	June 27-July 8	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$1125
Rising First Grade	June 27-July 8	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$1125
Rising Second Grade	July 11-July 22	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$1125
Rising Third Grade	July 25-August 5	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$1125



CAMP SOLVE-A-LOT: AN EXPLORATORY MATH CAMP

This course will give students the opportunity to review math concepts in a fun, interactive, and engaging way as they prepare for the upcoming school year. Sessions will be led by highly qualified and licensed teachers, who will focus on math concepts that students tend to need review on to bridge the summer gap from year to year. Through repetitive and structured lessons, as well as projects, crafts, and activities, students will have the opportunity to sharpen their math skills while having fun with their peers. Using a low instructor to student ratio is key in this camp and ensures successful delivery of content to bridge the gap to summer learning.

Grade Level	Date	Time	Cost
Rising Second Grade	June 27-July 8	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$975
Rising Third Grade	July 11-July 22	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$975
Rising Fourth Grade	July 25-August 5	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$975
Rising Fifth and Sixth Grade	July 11-July 22	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$975

CAMP CREATIVITY: A WRITING CAMP

This camp will leave students excited about writing. Students will learn writing skills through fun and engaging activities with grade-level peers. Taught by a licensed teacher, this camp will focus on allowing students to access the writing process from any age. Students will be encouraged to use their creativity to express ideas on paper through a process of thinking of an idea, planning, writing, and revising writing using appropriate grammar. At the end of this camp, students will have a story book written and illustrated to take home with them. This course will also help students with handwriting, utilizing sensory and fine motor activities throughout. Using a low instructor to student ratio is key in this camp and ensures successful delivery of content to bridge the gap to summer learning and encourage a love of writing in all participants.

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WHAT DOES MY STUDENT DO AFTER 12:00 PM?

After a morning of learning the fun doesn't need to end! Campers can join Bennett Day Camp for lunch and afternoon choices. Camp from 12:00 - 3:00 pm costs \$30 per day (including lunch). During the afternoon campers can participate in athletics, STEM, and art projects. Additional aftercare is available until 5:30 pm.

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