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Cultural Academy

Knitting
Introduction to basic knitting knowledge and skills. Learn to make a scarf, dishcloth or a coaster. Grades: 3-8
Dates: June 1-4, July 6-9
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Paper Folding
Using just paper, create the world. This thousands of years old traditional Chinese art, also known as "origami," which means, "fold paper" in Japanese. Grades: K-4
Dates: June 1-4, July 6-9
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

Crochet
Introduction to basic knowledge and skills about crochet. Learn to make a headband, coaster or dish cloth. Grades: 3-8
Dates: June 8-11, July 13-16
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Journey to China
Journey to China with us and explore the sights, sounds and tastes of Chinese culture. On this journey we will learn some basic Mandarin so that we can play and make friends while we create hands-on traditional folk-art projects and prepare some Chinese dishes! Bring your curiosity and imagination as your passport and join the Journey to China! Grades: K-6
Dates: June 8-11, July 13-16
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

Book Making
Turning loose pages of paper into a personal journal. Keep it for yourself or give as a gift with a unique touch. Grades: 1-5
Dates: June 15-18, July 20-23
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Simple Jewelry Making
Different is the word. Make something unique. Keep or give it away. What a way to show off! Grades: 2-5
Dates: June 15-18, July 20-23
Times: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Cards All-Year-Round
Send a nice card to deliver a warm greeting or blessing. What can be more precious than a handmade one? Yes, make our own cards with matching envelopes. Inexpensive materials are everywhere! Join us to exercise our creative minds and hands, impress the lucky receivers with unique handmade cards! Grades: K-4
Dates: July 27-30
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Digital Photography Academy

The Wonderful World of Digital Photography
Step into the world of digital photography - a world where magic is created through your lens of the world. This course is designed for beginning photographers. Participants will learn the framework for taking good pictures, capture images in and around the UHCL campus, and leave as photographers with their images captured in an online application for sharing. Grades: 4-8
Dates: June 10-13, June 17-20
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Dates: June 10-13, June 17-20
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Early Childhood Academy

STEMulating Play
Through explorative play, children will engage in math, science, and literacy while learning, growing, and having fun. Children will partake in educational experiments that will provide fascinating opportunities for building their knowledge in these areas. All experiences align with developmentally appropriate practices and are inclusive to children of all abilities. Grades: Pre-K (age 3-5)
Dates: June 1-4
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Enchanting Engineering
Through the engineering design process, children will generate ideas, invent, and create to solve problems of their favorite fairytale characters. Literacy, engineering, and art are also integrated into the fun. All activities are to promote learning and curiosity, are aligned with developmentally appropriate practices and are inclusive to children of all abilities. Grades: Pre-K (age 3-5)
Dates: June 8-11
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

‘Dreaming Up”- Building with Blocks
“Dreaming Up” is a collection of concrete poetry, illustrations, and photographs that shows how young children’s constructions, created as they play, are reflected in notable works of architecture from around the world. In this session, children will have the opportunity to “Dream Up” through playing with a variety of blocks while being inspired by real-world architecture. All experiences align with developmentally appropriate

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Engineering Madness
This experience is designed for children to explore, invent, and play while simultaneously learning math concepts. Literacy, science and art are also integrated into the fun. All activities are to promote learning and curiosity, are aligned with developmentally appropriate practices and are inclusive to children of all abilities.
Grades: Pre-K (age 3-5)
Dates: July 6-9
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Wheels All Around
From cars and trucks to pulleys and bikes, wheels are integral to our daily lives. and Literacy and art are also integrated into the fun. This experience is designed for children to explore the various types and uses of the wheels all around us. All activities are aligned with developmentally appropriate practices and are inclusive to children of all abilities.
Grades: Pre-K (age 3-5)
Dates: July 13-16
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Fairytail Science
Once upon a time actually requires a lot of science! Each day children will investigate the scientific concepts found in a beloved fairytale. They will be immersed in open-ended creative experiences that involve various aspects of science through play. All experiences align with developmentally appropriate practices and are inclusive to children of all abilities.
Grades: Pre-K (age 3-5)
Dates: July 13-16
Times: 12 pm – 3 pm

“Not a Box”- Cardboard Creations
“Not a Box” illustrates that a box is just a box...unless it's not a box. From mountain to rocket ship, a small rabbit shows that a box will go as far as the imagination allows. In this experience, children’s imaginations will run wild and their creativity will soar. All activities are aligned with developmentally appropriate practices and are inclusive to children of all abilities.
Grades: Pre-K (age 3-5)
Dates: July 20-23
Times: 8:30 am- 11:30 am

Literacy Academy
Blogging about Books
If you love to read or if you want to work on being a strong reader, join us as we read a variety of works from different authors. Every day we will spend time reading independently as well as working together to analyze and discuss readings that will appeal to everyone. We will be blogging and reviewing books using Goodreads so that we can be a part of a great book readers' community. This class is designed for tweens and young teens. All levels of readers are welcome! Don’t get caught by the summer slump! Read! Read! Read!
Grades: 6-8
Dates: June 1-4
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Climb the Poet Tree
Each day the poets-in-training will investigate the vast universe of poetry through children’s literature. After each day the poets-in-training will investigate the vast universe of poetry through children’s literature. After each investigation, the poets will create their own poetry piece with illustrations. At the

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end of the camp, the authors will have a finished book of their poetry. Grades: 3-5 Dates: June 8-11 Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

S'More Fun with Reading and Writing
S'mores, camping, reading, and writing oh my! Come join us for a s'more fun with reading and writing. Grades: K-2 Dates: June 15-18 Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Rock, Paper, Scissors, Write!
Come ready to play. What goes into a game? This hands-on camp allows students to discover what it takes as they create their own games. **Parents only ***Shhh! Kids will have so much fun they won’t even notice the writing enrichment activities included Grades: 3-5 Dates: July 13-16 Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Math Academy
Math Mysteries
I have a problem, but can you solve it? Campers will become little mathematicians and be put to the test using logic and math skills to solve various brain bending problems. Learn how to think like a mathematician to solve puzzles, create mind-blowing experiments, and use robotics and engineering designs to solve complex problems of our everyday life. Join us on this journey to explore the creative world of mathematics and to find the mathematician within! Grades: K-2 Dates: June 15-18, July 20-23 Times: 12 pm - 3 pm Grades: 4-5 Dates: July 6-9 Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

Writing Like an Author
Did you know that most authors keep journals in which they record things they want to write about later? Learn how to notice things around you and develop your creative, descriptive vocabularies, jot down your memories and observations, and use those notes to write your own book. Join the ranks of bona fide authors by starting your own writer's notebook including a personal vocabulary wall. Grades: K-2 Dates: July 6-9 Times: 8:30am -11:30 am

Science Academy
Junior Mad Scientist
Are you MAD about science? Do you want answers for why things happen? Use your scientific brain as you experiment with fun and explosive activities. Learn how to bounce an egg, make a volcano, make an ocean and other things you can't do at home. Grades: 2-3 Dates: June 1-4, June 15-18 Times: 8:30 am-11:30am

Kids-U Vet School
Do you love animals? Would you like to learn more about their bodies and how to keep them well? Attend this camp and learn about microchipping, wellness exams, vaccinations, animal parasites, and more. **Activity fee Grades: K-2 Dates: June 1-4, July 27-30 Dates: July 20-23 Times: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Kids-U Medical School
Is there a doctor in the house? Are you interested in the human body? Attend this camp and explore x-rays, how viruses are spread, make an eyeball, a lung in a bottle, and a functioning heart model. **Activity fee Grades: 4-5 Dates: June 1-4, July 20-23 Dates: July 27-30 Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am Times: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Up, Up, and Away!
Balloons, Rockets and beyond! Learn the aerodynamics of flight. Why can birds fly, but not people? Make a hot air balloon, and egg parachute, shoot off a rocket and make the perfect paper airplane.
Grades: K-2
Dates: June 1-4
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

Camo Creatures
Stripes, spots, streaks, and stealth make animals experts at hide and seek. Uncover patterns in nature, create your own camouflage, and explore how predators and prey use camouflage to their advantage.
Grades: K-1
Dates: June 1-4, June 22 - 25
Times: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

CSI: Crime Science Investigation
Every good mystery solver needs a good forensic scientist. In this class, we will look and see the different ways forensic scientists solve mysteries.
Grades: 4-5
Dates: June 1-4, June 22 - 25
Times: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Kitchen Concoctions and Commotion
Manipulate the building blocks of the universe to make fun stuff. Learn about acids, bases, indicators, polymers, solutions, suspensions and chemical reactions. Rearrange molecules and atoms to make slime, crystals, oobleck, lava lamps and more. Mad scientists are especially welcome!
Grades: 4-5
Dates: June 8-11
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Camping Out
Gear up for a daytime camping excursion. Learn how to pitch a tent, fish, and make s'mores. Explore animal tracks, enjoy nature, hikes, and songs.
Grades: K-1
Dates: June 8-11
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Kitchen Chemistry
Playing with your food can be more fun than eating it. What if you could do both? Make your own snack and learn the everyday science behind it. Come ready to learn, play and get messy.
Grades: 2-3
Dates: June 8 - 11, June 22-25
Times: 8:30 am - 11.30 am

Under the Sea
Just look at the world around you, right here on the ocean floor. Come under the sea where we will explore the abundant life of the ocean. Discover how coral is made and how each animal survives. We will look at the different types of fish and what makes them unique such as: sharks, dolphins, clown fish, squid, stingrays, and many more!
Grades: K-1
Dates: June 8-11, June 22-25
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Magical Science
Is science magic? Or is magic science? Make a match spin, a bag fly, elephant sized tooth paste, a watermelon explode, rain in a jar and more. Come to this camp and hone your magical science skills!
Grades: 4-5
Dates: June 8-11
Times: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Jurassic Adventures
Do you wish you could walk with the dinosaurs? What if you were a dinosaur? What does an Ankylosaurus, Stegosaurus, T-Rex, Allosaurus have in common? They are all dinosaurs. In this class we will learn all about dinosaurs and reptiles. Find out what they ate, where they lived and so much more. Join us for this class of dinosaur fun!
Grades: K-1
Dates: June 15-18
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Green and Gross Experiments
How do plants grow? Can you grow them in weird ways? Discover not only the answer to these questions but also figure out what organisms eat your leftover lunch and the special powers of fruits and vegetables. Do leaf chromatography, grow your own biofilm and much more!
Grades: 4-5
Dates: June 15-18
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

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Probing Science
What is probeware? How do scientists use probes to collect data? Using probe ware and computers, you will collect and analyze data like a real scientist. Use force and motion sensors, collect temperature and dissolved oxygen readings and compare your findings to others.
Grades: 4-5
Dates: June 15-18
Times: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Bubble Trouble
Learn how to make your own bubbles, get inside a bubble large enough for your entire body, make stretch slime bubbles, and make floating bubbles that stay in midair. Design and test your own bubble wants.
Grades: K-1
Dates: June 15 - 18
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

Super Hero Science
Learn super hero skills such as amazing magnetic powers, throwing a web, laser eyes, and more! Bring your cape and get ready to save the world with Super Hero Science!
Grades: K-1
Dates: June 15-18
Times: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

CSI: UHCL
If there's a crime on campus, UHCL police are on the scene. How do they solve crimes? When do they know who's done it? Do you have what it takes to be a member of the UHCL Crime Scene Investigation Team? In this class we will examine a variety of methods forensic scientists use to solve mysteries.
Grade: 5
Dates: June 22 - 25
Times: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wild about Wildlife
In this class you will learn all about animals that live around you. We will explore the different habitats around the UHCL campus and collect some specimens. You will leave with a wildlife habitat photo book that you make! Bring your photographic eye for nature.
Grades: 2-3
Dates: July 6-9
Times: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Machine Head Science
Calling all machine heads. In this course we will make simple machines ranging from a catapult to a racecar to a slingshot! Come see how much making these different machines can be and learn the science behind each!
Race your car, test your catapult and take home your simple machines.
Grades: 4-5
Dates: July 6 - 9
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Our Insect Buddies
Bugs helping people...Explore the benefits of having ladybugs, bees, and butterflies in our everyday lives. Let's look at how they help us daily.
Grades: K-1
Dates: July 6 - 9
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

Cutting It Up in Science!
What do owls eat? How do chickens move? Does a squid really have ink in their body? You will examine different animals and characteristics that make each animal unique. We welcome all that want to dissect owl pellets, chicken feet, and much more.
Grades: 4-5
Dates: July 6 - 9
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

CSI: Escape Room
Use forensic evidence, teamwork, and critical thinking to solve this crime. You will analyze fingerprints, shoe prints, unknown powders, and pen samples and keep track of evidence and suspects. How long will it take you to CRACK this case?
Grade: 4-5
Dates: July 20-23
Times: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Science in a Jar
Bring your own jars and make a rainbow-in-a-jar, a cloud-in-a-jar, density-in-a-jar, a snowstorm-in-a-jar and more!
Grades: 2-3
Dates: July 27-30
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Technology Academy

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Grades: 4-8
Dates: June 10-13, June 17-20
Times: 8:30 am-11:30 am
Dates: June 10-13, June 17-20
Times: 12pm-3pm

Python Code-A-Thon
Come on... Get with the program! In this class, you will learn how to create your own computer code using Python programming. Learn to think like a computer. Python is an object oriented programming language that is easy to learn and fun to use. Programming can help with problem-solving, creativity, and communication skills.
Grades: 4-8
Dates: June 8-11, July 20-23
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

STEM/STEAM Academy

Inventors of Tomorrow
This class will expose students to a world of creativity and inventions. Using electronic building blocks that are interchangeable in millions of different ways empower kids to invent anything - from a sibling alarm, to a wireless robot, to a digital instrument. Students will learn how to create, play, remix, and share inventions while building creative confidence, problem-solving and collaboration skills.
Grades: 2-5
Dates: June 8-11, July 13-18
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Dates: June 22-25
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

Introduction to Game Design & Development
Is your student a game player? Why not give them an opportunity to explore the other side of the video game play; let them become the creator. Rather than simply playing games, students will take charge and use their imagination to assemble their very own video game. Students will learn that even very simple games require logic, artistic creativity, and programming skills.
Grades: 3-5
Dates: June 1-4, July 6-9
Times: 8:30 am-11:30 am

Digital Playground
Imagine creating your own online universe filled with avatars, 3D graphics, animated graphics, online posters, and artwork mash-ups. You will do this all by creating your own web page showcasing your new creations - no pens and pencils required the only thing you need to bring is the fun and become the master of your own universe! (NOTE: An email account will be required).
Grades: 2-5
Dates: June 15-18, July 20-23
Times: 8:30 am-11:30 am

KODU-Video Game Design for Xbox
Come learn to program your own video games for your Xbox 360 or PC. This class will use Microsoft Kodu software. Kodu provides an end-to-end creative environment for designing, building, and playing your own video games. With Kodu, game design is simple, quick and easy. You will learn how to create your own games using either the Xbox 360 controller or a mouse and keyboard. This class is recommended for students 9-12.
Grades: 9-12
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years old and up with general computer knowledge and a love of games.
Grades: 3-8
Dates: June 1-4, June 8-11, July 6-9, July 13-16
Times: 12 p - 3 pm
Dates: June 22-25, July 27-30
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Intermediate Game Design & Development
Are you ready to take game development to the next level? In this class, students will build upon prior experiences in game design and development to create publishable games that they can share. Creativity and game design are partners in this class as students work to build the next BIG game on the market.
Grades: 3-8
Dates: June 22-25, July 27-30
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm
Dates: June 8-11, July 13-16
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

It’s a Scratch!
Are you ready to have your student explore the exciting world of coding while still having fun? This class will introduce students to coding with Scratch Jr.
Students will create digital animations, comic book style stories, and basic games as they increase their problem-solving skills. They will have an opportunity to design their own creative projects.
Grades: K-2
Dates: June 1-4, July 6-9
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Codeapillar - Where will go?
A caterpillar that teaches coding is the star of this class. Students will experiment and play with this movable creature while developing coding, sequencing and critical thinking skills.
Grades: K-3
Dates: June 15-18, July 20-23
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

Programming for Beginners with Bee Bots and More
Is your preschooler ready to code? In this class, students are introduced to programming with the help of Bee Bots and Apps like Daisy the Dinosaur and Hopscotch. This course does not require any previous programming experience - only a desire to learn and a curious nature.
Grades: Pre-K (age 3-4)
Dates: June 3-6
Times: 8:30 am-11:30 am
Grades: K-1
Dates: June 1-4, July 6-9
Time: 12 pm - 3 pm

Scratch Beyond
Do you have experience both block coding but feel like you have only “Scratched the surface”? This class will use Scratch to build upon basic coding skills. Students will increase their problem-solving skills as they create interactive stories as they create interactive stories, games, and animations. Students will have an opportunity to share their creations with others around the world.
Grades: 2-5
Dates: June 22-25, July 27-30
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Legomation
Legos Alive - Oh My! This camp will make LEGOS come to life through animation. Students will use sculpting, visual literacy, and multimedia concepts to create a storyboard and script, sculpt clay, build scenery, and design special effects while shooting and editing a stop-motion animation movie. (Please bring in an empty shoebox to keep your clay figures in for the week and a 4 GB USB drive to copy your movies on.) Students may use their own digital cameras with approval.
Grades: 2-5
Dates: June 22-25, July 27-30
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm
Dates: June 8-11, July 13-16
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Claymation
Who needs LEGOS? Creativity is the key to creating these fun, stop action movies. In this class, students explore animation, sculpting, visual literacy, and multimedia concepts. Students will brainstorm an idea, create a storyboard and script, sculpt clay, build scenery, and design special effects while shooting and editing a stop-motion animation movie. (Please bring in an empty shoebox to keep your clay figures in for the week and a 4 GB USB drive to copy your movies on.) Students may use their own digital cameras with approval.
Grades: 2-5
Dates: June 22-25, July 27-30
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm
Dates: June 8-11, July 13-16
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

MineCraft Exploration
Wanna build a world of your own with no parents and no rules? Come explore the world of Minecraft. Place blocks and go on an adventure in this computer generated universe.
Grades: 6-8
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Roll the Camera, It’s Botmation
LEGOS step aside, there is a new movie star in town! Meet the bots Stik and Clik. These posable robots help bring stop action movies to life. This class will allow students to make use of their imagination to create stop-motion animation movies starring Stik and Clik. (Please bring in an empty shoebox to keep your figures in for the week, and a 4 GB drive to put your movies on). (Students may also use their own digital camera with approval). Grades: 2-5
Dates: June 15-18, July 20-23
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

Color Me Robot
Can Robots see color? You bet they can. Ozobots are tiny robots that can identify lines, colors, and codes on both digital surfaces, such as an iPad, and physical surfaces, such as paper. In this class, students will gain skills and knowledge of working with robots through storytelling and the development of coding skills.
Grades: 3-5
Dates: June 1-4, July 6-9
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

It’s a Dot, It’s a Dash
Dash and Dot are not just ordinary robots. They are real robots that can sing, dance, navigate mazes, and even respond to voice commands. Students will learn to code the Dot and Dash to move, express themselves through color and music, play games, and much more. So join the fun! Dot and Dash are waiting.
Grade: K-3
Dates: June 15-18, July 20-23
Times: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

LEGOS come to Life
Bring your LEGO creations to life with LEGO Boost. Boost is a robot kit that allows students to build and code interactive, motorized robots using distance, color, and tilt sensor technologies. Students will explore the infinite possibilities of bringing a robot to life.
Grades: 2-5
Dates: June 15-18, July 20-23
Times: 12 pm - 3 pm

Bloxxel Game Builder - Your imagination’s turn to play!
Come join the fun with Bloxxels, a fun and exciting way to build, capture, design, play, and share your very own video games. Bloxxels cultivates imagination while encouraging discovery and experimentation. Learn to realize your own video game ideas, build and animate original characters, develop villains, and add in power-ups.
Grades: 2-5
Dates: June 22-25, July 27-30
Times: 8:30 am-11:30 am

Rolling Robots!
Rolling Robots? The Sphero BOLT is more than a rolling robot; it is a rolling computer, a code-driven machine. BOLT can be coded to roll and light its way through mazes and obstacles of your design. BOLT will open doors to real-world robotics and visual programming.
Grades: 3-8
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Character Development Academy

**Proud to be Polite**
As young people make their way in the world, they will require advanced social/communication skills, respect and rules. Campers will explore, through authentic learning experiences, the importance of refining one’s elevator pitched first impressions, handshakes, and making eye contact when making introductions, as well as self-respect and being polite to oneself.

Grades: 2nd – 5th (Age 7-10)
Dates: June 8-11; June 15-18
Times: 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Confidence is Cool**
This vital program for ages 11-14 covers the steps to gaining confidence, setting goals, problem solving, asserting yourself with ease, confident language, social IQ, courteous communication, dress and decorum, special event etiquette, invitations and correspondence, social etiquette, and dining etiquette. This camp engages learners and provides your child with the tools to feel confident in any situation.

Grade: 6th-8th (Age 11-14)
Dates: July 6-9
Times: 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**What’s Your Social Competence**
Social competence consists of social, emotional, cognitive and behavioral skills needed for successful social adaptation. Social competence also reflects having an ability to take another’s perspective concerning a situation, learn from past experiences, and apply that learning to the changes in social interactions.

Grade: 6th-8th (Age 11-14)
Dates: July 13-16
Times: 12:00 pm- 3:00 pm

**The Art of Communicating**
Are you communicating with care? The quality and craftsmanship of our communication has deteriorated. Students will learn: how to sharpen their listening skills, not to interrupt, how to adopt communication coping skills, the value of eye contact and how to speak where you will always be understood.

Grade: 6th-8th (Age 11-14)
Dates: July 20-23
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