

bennett day camp



SUMMER 2023 CAMP GUIDE

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HIGHLIGHTS

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, sewing and textiles, claymation, digital photography, slime time, coding, mechanical engineering, basketball, soccer, handball, and badminton!

Field Trips

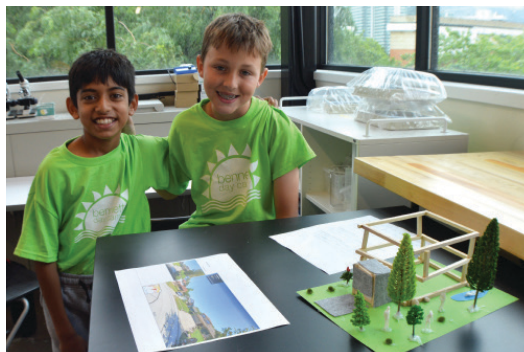
We believe the city is our playground! Each week we will go on field trips that expose campers to cool architecture, local neighborhoods, and different cultures.

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

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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.

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DAY CAMPS (AGES 4-10)

INVESTIGATORS

WEEK 1: June 20-23 (FOUR-DAY CAMP) | Full Day \$480

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 26-30 | Full Day \$600

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

DESIGNERS

WEEK 3: July 5-7 (THREE-DAY CAMP) | Full Day \$360

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 10-14 | Full Day \$600

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 17-21 | Full Day \$600

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.

STORYTELLERS

WEEK 6: July 24-28 | Full Day \$600

As summer begins to wind 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.

INVENTORS

WEEK 7: July 31 - August 4 | Full Day \$600

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.

ADVENTURERS

WEEK 8: August 7 - August 11 | Full Day \$600

We'll wrap up the summer with a week full of adventures! Campers will go on field trips throughout the city and have fun soaking up the sun. Community, friendship, reflection, and exploration will be the central themes of this week. Let's go on an adventure!

SPECIALTY CAMPS (AGES 5-10)

BENNETT BALLERS (2ND-4TH GRADE)

WEEK 5: July 17-21 | Half Day \$375

Join Bennett Day School's favorite Coach Tom and his team to play a variety of different sports throughout the week! Learn new games, play some classics, and work together to get your blood pumping and bodies moving while focusing on sportsmanship and fun. Join for basketball, kick ball, capture the flag, soccer, and more!

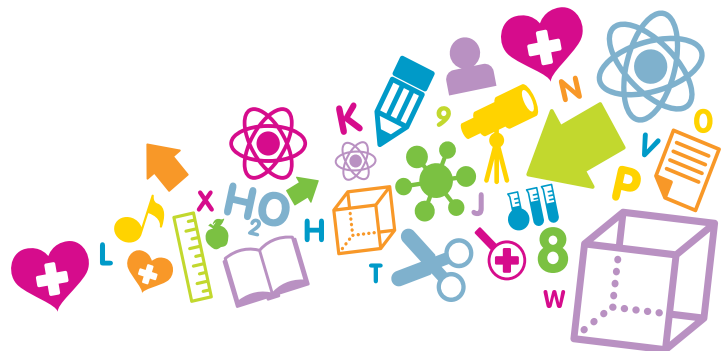
IMPROV W/ KNUCKLEBALL COMEDY (1ST-4TH GRADE)

WEEK 7: July 31 - August 4 | Half Day \$375

Is your child ready to laugh their way through the summer? Here's their chance! With direction and coaching from a professional comedian, participants will learn the basics of improvisation and performance through fun mind games and interactive play. Your child will develop skills to create thoughtful, entertaining, improvised scenes during the camp but also valuable skills for their everyday lives such as enhanced confidence, communication and creativity. At the end of the session, everyone will produce and star in their very own improv comedy show which is sure to receive lots of laughs from both the audience and participants! Sign up now and let's build confidence and new friendships while we laugh together.

WANT TO CONTINUE THE FUN AFTER 12:00 PM?

Campers can join Bennett Day Camp from 12:00 - 3:00 pm for just \$150 per week (including lunch). During the afternoon campers can participate in athletics, STEM, and art projects. Aftercare is available until 5:30 pm for an additional cost.



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SPECIALTY CAMPS FOR RISING 5TH-8TH GRADE

WOODWORKING & INVENTING IN THE MAKER SPACE

WEEK 2: June 26-30 | Full Day \$600

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

VOLUNTEER WEEK

WEEK 3: July 5-7 (THREE-DAY CAMP) | Full Day \$225

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 towards service hours. Camp fees go towards transportation, staffing, and supplies for the week.

CHICAGO EXPLORERS

WEEK 4: July 10-14 | Full Day \$600

Explore the city and all it's fun offerings in this epic camp! Check out different neighborhoods and what they have to offer including trips to different museums, scavenger hunts around the city, and field trips to places full of adventure like amusement parks and more. This is a week you won't want to miss!

YOUNG ARCHITECTS

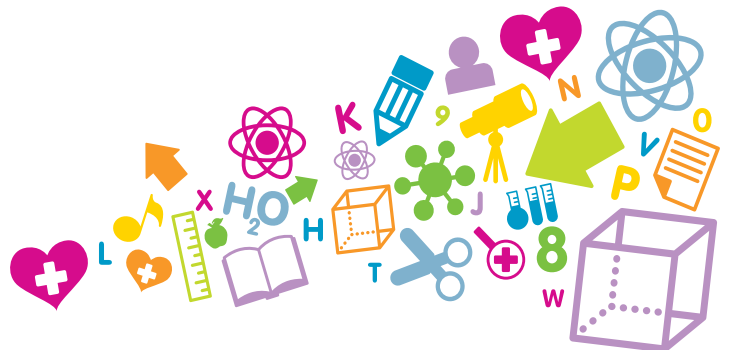
WEEK 5: July 17-21 | Full Day \$600

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!

IMPROV W/ KNUCKLEBALL COMEDY

WEEK 7: July 31 - August 4 | Full Day \$525

Is your child ready to laugh their way through the summer? Here's their chance! From improv to storytelling, from clowning to writing sketches, this comedy camp has it all. With direction and coaching from an experienced comedian, kids will learn improv, storytelling and sketch comedy the Knuckleball Comedy way: with style, confidence and energy. Along the way, participants will not only enhance creative thinking, confidence and communication skills, but will also enjoy lots of laughs throughout. At the end of each week of camp, all parents, family and friends are invited to the end of camp performance. You won't want to miss it! Sign up now and let's build confidence and new friendships while we laugh together.



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ACADEMIC CAMPS WITH CONNECTIONS ACADEMICS (AGES 5-10)

WILD ABOUT READING!

DATES: June 20-30 (NO CAMP JUNE 19)

TIME: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

COST: \$1050

GRADE LEVEL: Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

This course, held at Bennett Day School, will use the Orton Gillingham Method to provide early literacy instruction to elementary aged students in a fun and engaging way. The Orton Gillingham Method is a research backed method of reading instruction that is particularly effective with students who have difficulty with reading and writing. A licensed teacher will provide daily direct instruction of reading, writing, and spelling strategies in a small group setting. Through repetitive and structured lessons, students begin to understand the foundations of phonics, including decoding, phonemic awareness, fluency and articulation. This course will present students with hands-on, peer interactive activities to create high engagement while practicing the foundational skills of reading, writing, and spelling. Each day will include a themed storytime, take-home craft, outdoor activities and interactive content instruction.

WILD ABOUT WRITING!

DATES: July 10-21

TIME: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

COST: \$950

GRADE LEVEL: 2nd-5th Grade

Calling all young authors! This camp, held at Bennett Day School, will focus on a variety of writing strategies including planning/brainstorming, drafting, determining main idea and supporting details, proofreading, peer editing, and many more. Taught by a licensed teacher, the course will also provide direct instruction of writing skills such as sentence structure, writing conventions, and spelling. Students will be guided through a number of engaging writing activities to practice skills necessary to generate their final writing piece. Each day, students will also participate in themed read-alouds and crafts to get their creativity going. During camp, students will be working towards the final step of writing, where they will be given the opportunity to "publish" all of their hard work in their very own take-home book! Groups will be divided by grade level (2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th).

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

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 from 12:00 - 3:00 pm for just \$150 per week (including lunch). During the afternoon campers can participate in athletics, STEM, and art projects. Aftercare is available until 5:30 pm for an additional cost.



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REFUND POLICY

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CAMP HOURS

Full Day: 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

Half Day: 8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Academic Camps: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

EXTENDED HOURS

Morning Care | 8:00 am - 9:00 am | \$20 per day

Morning Care includes supervised open play and snack before camp gets started for the day.

After Care Block 1 | 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm | \$25 per day

During Block 1 of AfterCare, campers will have an additional afternoon choice and a healthy snack.

After Care Block 2 | 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm | \$20 per day

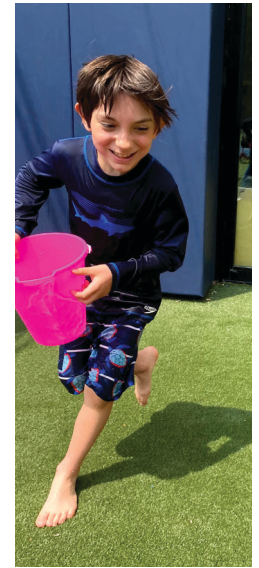
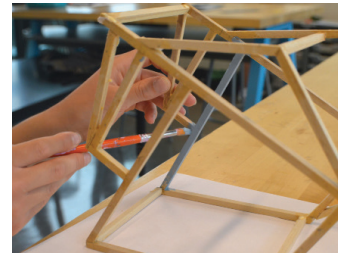
During Block 2 of After Care, campers will have supervised open play and finish up any projects started earlier in the day.

DISCOUNTS & PRICING

Bennett Day Camp (4 Y/O - 8th Grade)	\$360-\$600
Academic Camp with Connections Academics	\$950-\$1050
Sibling Discount	10% off

LUNCH

Lunch and occasional sweet treats are included for all full day campers. Campers are encouraged to bring their own snacks! Bennett Day Camp always provides a vegetarian option and can accommodate most allergies. Bennett is a nut-free facility.



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