



SUMMER 2024 CAMP GUIDE

bennett day camp

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, engineering, basketball, soccer, handball, and badminton!

Park Trips

We love spending as much time outdoors as possible! We will take walking trips to local parks 1-2 times a week for open play and games.

Water Wednesdays

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

Lunch Included

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Flexibility

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Camp Staff

Bennett students will see familiar teaching and auxiliary faces working throughout the summer and new campers will be welcomed with open arms. Our camp counselors are committed to creating a fun, safe, and welcoming environment for all!









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 park trips, team sports, music, arts, scientific discovery, and water play in a collaborative culture.







DAY CAMPS (AGES 4-8)

INVESTIGATORS

WEEK 1: June 17-21 (NO CAMP JUNE 19) | Full Day \$420

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! Camp is not in session on June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

EXPLORERS

WEEK 2: June 24-28 | Full Day \$525

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 1-3 (THREE-DAY CAMP) | Full Day \$315

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 8-12 | Full Day \$525

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 15-19 | Full Day \$525

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 22-26 | Full Day \$525

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 29 - August 2 | Full Day \$525

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 5 - August 9 | Full Day \$525

We'll wrap up the summer with a week full adventure! Campers will go on walking field trips around 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

FIELD TRIP WEEK (AGES 4-8)

WEEK 9: August 12-16 | Full Day \$700

The summer ends with a bang with Field Trip Week! This week is all about getting off campus and going into the city on some amazing field trips. Early childhood and elementary school campers may go on different field trips based on what is age-appropriate. Field trips will be announced on Sawyer.

KID NIGHT OUT (AGES 4-10)

JULY 13 ESCAPE ROOM | 5:00 - 8:00 PM \$60 AUGUST 3 MAGIC SHOW & GAMES | 5:00 - 8:00 PM \$60

Join in on the fun with Kid Night Out – a weekend event that gives students the chance to hang out with their friends, participate in fun activities, and enjoy dinner together. It's a summer night they won't forget! Bennett Day students are welcome to join in addition to campers from other schools who have attended Bennett Day Camp in 2024. Kid Night Out is for children going into Kindergarten in Fall 2024 and older.



REGISTER TODAY AT info.bennettday.org/summer-camp

Questions? Email auxiliary@bennettday.org

ACADEMIC CAMPS WITH CONNECTIONS ACADEMICS (AGES 4-10)

READING ENRICHMENT CAMP

DATES/GRADE LEVEL:

Rising Junior Kindergarten June 17th - June 28th Rising Senior Kindergarten June 17th - June 28th

Rising 1st Grade July 8 - July 19th Rising 2nd Grade July 8 - July 19th

TIME: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

COST: \$1050

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.

CREATIVE WRITING CAMP

DATES: June 17- June 28th **TIME:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

COST: \$950

GRADE LEVEL: Rising 2nd - Rising 4th 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 takehome book! Groups will be divided by grade level (2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th).

SUMMER STEM CAMP

DATES: July 8 - July 19th **TIME:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

COST: \$950

GRADE LEVEL: Rising 2nd - Rising 4th Grade

This two-week camp will give students the opportunity to explore Science, Technology, Engineering & 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. Through repetitive and structured lessons, as well as projects, crafts and activities, students will have the opportunity to sharpen their STEM 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.

1-ON-1 TUTORING

DATES: Throughout The Summer

TIME: After 12:30 PM

COST: \$65 for 30 minutes, \$80 for 60 minutes GRADE LEVEL: Rising SK - Rising 5th Grade

Connections Academics works with students 1-on-1 for tutoring throughout the summer right at Bennett Day School! Tutors are licensed teachers and able to work with campers on any subject grades Pre-K to 6th. All tutoring happens in the afternoon. Interested in arranging tutoring? Email anna@connectionsacademics.com for more information. *No tutoring during Field Trip Week 8/12-8/16*

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. BDS has been a proud partner with Connections Academics for over five years now.

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 \$100 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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CAMP HOURS

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

Half Day: 8:45 am - 12:00 pm (Email auxiliary@bennettday to inquire)

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



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.

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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.

Sign up in advance when registering or email auxiliary@bennettday.org what days you need extended care and we can invoice you.

PRICING & DISCOUNTS

Bennett Day Camp	\$525
Academic Camp with Connections Academics	\$950-\$1050
Sibling Discount (Automatically Applied at Checkout)	10% off

LUNCH

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