

DISCOVERY WORLD

SUMMER CAMP 2026

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Welcome to Summer Camp at Discovery World!

Are you curious? Creative? Expressive? Excited? Explore everything, acquire abilities, find a passionate pursuit, design, and make at Discovery World. Each camp has a unique and exciting theme. Join us for one camp or spend the whole summer with us!

Full-Week Camps

\$330* / \$365

Learn to Sail Camp

\$400

*members price

An additional materials fee may apply for select 6th-8th grade camps.

Camp Times

Monday - Thursday	9:30am - 4:15pm
Friday	9:30am - 3:15pm

Registration Deadline

Camp registration closes at **10:00am** on the Thursday prior to the start of each camp week.

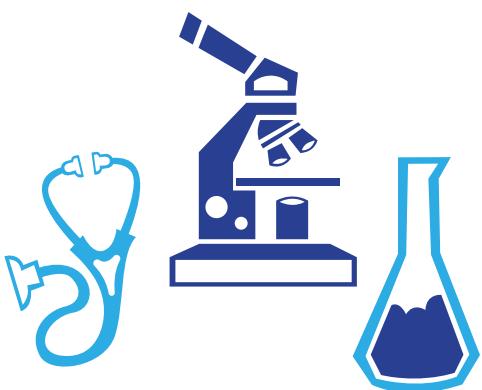
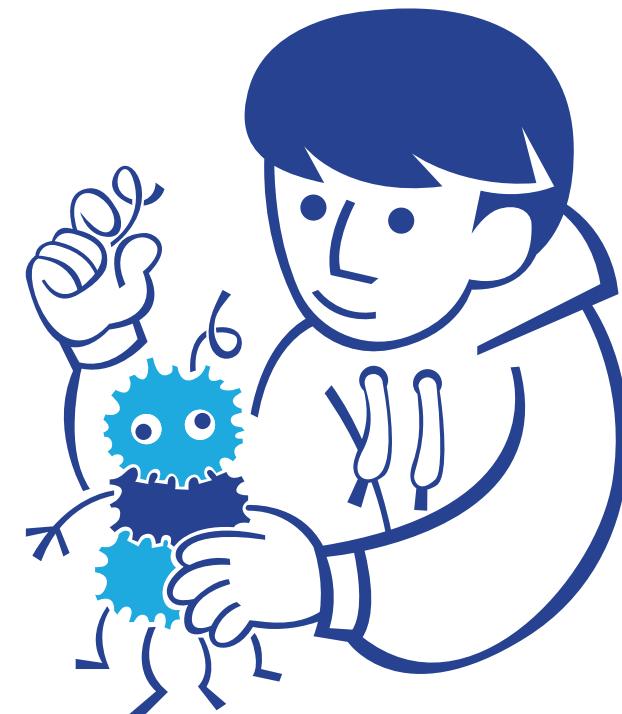


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Grade requirement: Participants must be entering the required grade in the 2026-2027 school year. Thank you for understanding.



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Milwaukee Community
SAILING CENTER

\$400 per week

June 22-26
July 20-24
August 3-7



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1st Grade

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Week 1: June 8-12

Bugs!

Creeping, crawling, flying, fantastic! Discover the small and important world of insects in this hands-on exploration camp.

Chemistry

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Animals

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Art & Science

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Space

Blast off for fun! Learn how rockets fly, create craters, and study space in this out-of-this-world camp.

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Detective Academy

You're on the case! Put your detective skills to the test as you find fingerprints, examine evidence, and uncover the clues while solving a mysterious event at Discovery World.

What's the Matter?

Slime, liquids that won't mix, and ice that never melts. You'll experience chemistry through explorations that show what happens when solids, liquids, and gases interact with each other.

Week 2: June 15-19

Jr. Robotics

Robots come in all shapes and sizes. Use your brain to program and use different robots to solve problems and complete challenges.

Monster Makers

Get inspired by beasts real and mythical! Create a monster, construct a habitat for your creature, and assemble a plushie version of your terrifying new friend.

Science Madness

Bring out the scientist in you! You'll learn about famous scientists and their incredible discoveries while conducting your own experiments, designing simple machines, and wiring a circuit of your own.

Week 3: June 22-26

Inspired by Nature

Get inspired as you create drawing, printing, and sculpture projects based on the shapes and patterns found in Nature. Ideas are as close as your own backyard!

Jr. Printmaker

Roll up your sleeves and get creative! Make block prints, explore screen printing, and even make pictures using the sun in this introduction to printmaking.

Magic & Illusions

Is this your card? Blend science and illusion as you learn sleight of hand and misdirection. Showcase your own magic as you learn the secrets behind the tricks.

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Week 4: June 29- July 3

Astro Adventures

Ready for blast off! Explore the science of space travel, learn what it takes to be an astronaut, and test flying objects to understand what it takes to defy gravity.

Fish, Fish, Fish

It's quite fishy. Get hooked on fish as you learn about amazing underwater creatures, pet animals in the aquarium, and go fishing with help from the WI DNR Lakeshore State Park.

Icky Science

Goopy, gloppy, sticky, and slimy. Explore exciting, gross, ooey, and gooey science activities in this camp that will make your skin crawl.

Week 5: July 6-10

Amazing Habitats

Does it rain every day in the rainforest? How do penguin feet stay warm? Learn about habitats, animals, and plants from around the world as you discover the most amazing ecosystems on Earth.

Medieval Science

Hear ye, hear ye! The realm of Discovery World needs your aid! Design a castle, construct a catapult, and create your own medieval remedies as you take a trip through time.

Ships Ahoy

Set your course for adventure! Learn how to navigate uncharted waters, keep a miniature boat afloat, and decipher the markings on a map. Master these skills and the treasure be yarrrrs!

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Musicology

Create your own instruments and learn how vibrations are converted into the sounds we hear. Investigate the science of sound, noise, and music while exploring the Les Paul House of Sound.

You're curious, full of energy, and interested in infinite ideas. More time to explore and brainstorm lets young innovators and scientists discover at a pace that works for them.

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Jr. Clothing Designer

Owning your look! Experiment with sewing methods and professional tools as you design and create your own incredible fashions from everyday items.

LEGO® Robot Engineer

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Jr. Photographer

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You're a builder, creator, engineer, and whatever else you feel like. Hands-on activities and topics from fashion to photography let you explore your interests or help you find the new you.

Week 3 continued

Marine Biologist

Explore what it takes to care for underwater habitats. Learn about the science of SCUBA, get a look at the anatomy of invertebrates with a dissection, and get close to the creatures in our Reiman Aquarium.

Week 4: June 29- July 3

Fluid Power

Water drips, flows, lifts, and moves. Create and build mini machines and blasters that work using the power of water!

Great Lakes Explorers

With miles and miles of water and coastline, the Great Lakes are loaded with life. Explore the past and present as you catch plankton and fish, learn about the massive glaciers that formed the lakes, and visit Lakeshore State Park to look for fossils.

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Future Doc

Explore the basics of how the body works. Assemble a skeleton, hear your heart, and explore the different body systems through dissection as you discover the amazing things going on inside of you.

Spy Central

Your mission: Uncover the science of spying! Agents will collect evidence, make spy gadgets, use escape and evasion techniques, and learn how to make and break secret codes. Report for duty and await further contact.

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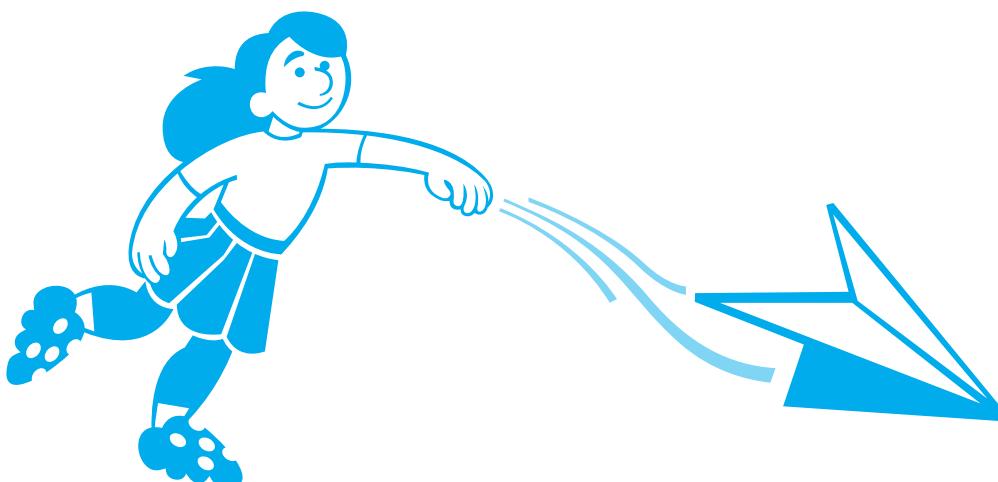
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Ready, Set, Code

Coding is creating! Learn programming basics and use your newfound techie skills to create a project of your own design as you take home your own Arduino microcontroller at the end of the week.

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Structural Engineer

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Aquarist in Training

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Edible Art

It's art so good you could eat it up. Make edible stained glass, create candy illustrations, and more as you mimic the work of famous artists.

Allergy Note: Campers will use foods that may contain milk, egg, soy, sesame, and wheat. Please alert the Discovery World Summer Camp staff of any allergies at the time of registration.

Underwater Robotics

Dive into the world of underwater robots. Build your own ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle)—from making the frame to soldering the control box—and end the week by testing your design in an underwater environment.

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Week 3: June 22-26

Escape!

Test your wits, problem-solving, and creativity in this camp all about Escape Rooms. Create and solve puzzles, recognize patterns, and work with your team to see if you can escape before the clock runs out!

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Spa Chemistry

It takes a lot of work to relax! Discover how to extract scents from objects and learn how to make items like sugar scrubs, lotions, soaps, and more as you create your own products.

Video Game Designer

What does it take to make a video game? Design a digital world, set up rules, add assets to your environment, and test, test, test as you learn the process of creating a game.

Note: Software will be either Unity or Unreal Engine.

Week 4: June 29 - July 3

Custom Electric Guitar

Learn about Les Paul and the story of the electric guitar while creating an instrument to show your style. Come up with a theme, create and apply custom graphics, and work with our staff to assemble your own electric guitar!

Note: Additional \$50 fee required for guitar.

Digital Photographer

Capture the perfect image! Explore camera settings and photography basics as you hit the streets around downtown Milwaukee. Learn how to edit and mat your photos to build a collection.

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Filmmaker 101

Rolling! Film and edit your video with professional gear and video-editing software, cover the angles of filmmaking techniques, and take home your short video project.

Robot Games

Construct a champion. Assemble and operate a kit-based robot, then compete with and against other robots to complete goals and win the game.



From film to health sciences to learning to code, find a topic that supports your interests. One-on-one interactions, hands-on activities, and in-depth projects appeal to creators, designers, and future scientists.

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Customized Skateboard

Surf the sidewalk this summer! Decorate a blank deck with custom images, have your design cut into grip tape, and so much more. Assemble your own skateboard and take it home in this design-and-build-based camp!

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Makers Gonna Make

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Movie Magic

How big of a movie fan are you? Learn about special effects of all sizes, create mystical monsters, and sculpt scars and make fake scrapes. Explore the "claws and effects" used in film and TV.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I register my child for a camp outside of their grade level?

Sorry. Your child must be the correct age or entering the correct grade level of the camp as listed.

Will my child go on any field trips?

Some camps take offsite field trips. We'll let parents/guardians know in advance if their camper will leave the museum property or Lakeshore State Park.

Will my child explore the museum during camp?

Campers will be in a private classroom focused on learning about their topic. If an exhibit makes sense with the camp topic or there's extra time in the day, campers might explore.

How does Discovery World deal with severe weather?

Keeping campers safe is our top priority. We constantly monitor the weather and adjust schedules, activities, and recess locations according to our policies and recommendations from the National Weather Service.

What if I need to cancel or change my Summer Camp reservation?

All cancellation and rescheduling requests must be made with the Reservations Department **at least thirty (30) days** before the camp's start date. You can view the Discovery World reservation policy on page 23 of this brochure. Please note: Changes to your camp reservation made at least thirty (30) days before the camp's start date **will incur a \$25 rescheduling fee per camp** or an **\$80 cancellation fee per camp**. Requests to reschedule or cancel made within thirty (30) days of the camp will not be granted or receive any refunds. All rescheduling requests are subject to availability.

Is my child permitted to bring a cell phone or other electronic device to camp?

Devices can be distracting, so we ask that all electronic and wireless communication devices be turned off and stored during camp hours, including lunch and recess times. If a device is being used during camp hours, Summer Camp Staff reserve the right to hold on to it until the end of the day. Devices also can be stored safely for the day in our electronics lock box. If a device is a necessary part of a medical monitoring plan, please notify Summer Camp Staff.

What if my child needs to be dropped off late or picked up early?

We understand that your family has a busy schedule. If you need any timing accommodations, please notify Summer Camp Staff with as much time as possible. Notifications can be sent by phone, email, or, as a last resort, in-person.

If you need to drop your camper off late, please accompany them to the front desk and wait with them until they get checked in.

Early pick-ups are restricted during the last 45 minutes of the camp day. If you wish to pick your camper up early, you must do so before 3:30pm (Mon-Thurs) or before 2:30pm (Fri). Pick-up requests after those times will not be allowed and you must wait until normal check-out procedures begin at 4:15pm (Mon-Thurs) or 3:15pm (Fri).

Does Discovery World have a Tax ID number we can use for filings for childcare?

Yes. If you are looking to use the Child and Dependent Care Credit, or if your employer offers reimbursement for summer camps, **Discovery World's federal tax ID is 391691578**.

Extended Care

Extended Care is available for an additional charge. **Pre-registration is required 24 hours in advance.** Late registrations will not be accepted.

Extended Care is required for:

- Campers that need to be dropped off between 8:00am and 9:00am.
- Campers that need to be picked up after 4:45pm (Monday-Thursday) or after 3:45pm (Friday).

A \$20 fee will be instituted per session for any camper who participates in extended care but is not pre-registered, in addition to regular session fees.

You can purchase extended care online or by phone by calling the Reservations Department at **414-765-8625**.

Extended Care Session pricing and other information is as follows:

AM Care Session:

Mon-Fri

8:00am - 9:00am

\$10 per camper per day

Free on the first day of a camp week to allow extra time for check-in procedures.

PM Care Session:

Mon-Thurs

4:45pm - 5:30pm

\$10 per camper per day

Campers picked up after 5:30pm (Mon-Thurs) or 5:00pm (Fri) will be charged an additional \$5 for every 5 minutes late past the pick-up time.

PM Care will be held on the northwest side of the building, at or near the main entrance. Pick up your camper from the front circle drive.

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Summer Camp Policies

Payment

Full payment is due at the time of registration. Camps cannot be held without payment. Discovery World does not offer a payment plan option.

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- All accepted reschedules will incur a **\$25 rescheduling fee for each camp rescheduled AND for each time rescheduled**. All rescheduling requests are subject to availability.
- Rescheduling requests made within thirty (30) days of the camp will **NOT** be granted.

Submit a request to the Reservations Department at **414-765-8625** (M-F, 8:00am-4:00pm) or email reservations@discoveryworld.org.

Cancellations

- Cancellation requests must be directed to the Reservations Department **at least thirty (30) days** before the camp start date.
- All other cancellations made more than thirty (30) days before the start of the camp will receive a partial refund, with an **\$80 cancellation fee subtracted per camp**.
- Cancellations made less than thirty (30) days before the camp will **NOT** receive a refund. Please note that camps are sold as a package and no prorated refund can be given for days your camper does not attend.

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Minimum Attendance Threshold

- Discovery World reserves the right to cancel a camp if it does not meet the minimum attendance threshold.
- If fewer campers register than is required for a camp to take place, Discovery World will notify parents/guardians at least two (2) weeks before the camp start date. In this case, you can either switch to an alternative camp for no additional fee (pending availability) or receive a full refund.

Scholarships

Discovery World's Access Fund provides scholarships based on financial need. For eligibility details or to apply for a scholarship, please visit discoveryworld.org/summer-camp.

Request Rescheduling or Cancellation

Reservations Department
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Summer Camp Schedule

	Week 1: Jun 8-12	Week 2: Jun 15-19	Week 3: Jun 22-26	Week 4: June 29-July 3	Week 5: Jul 6-10	Week 6: Jul 13-17	Week 7: Jul 20-24	Week 8: Jul 27-31	Week 9: Aug 3-7	Week 10: Aug 10-14	Week 11: Aug 17-21	Week 12: Aug 24-28
1 st Grade	Bugs!	Animals	Build	Art & Science	Storybook Science	Chemistry	Animals	Build	Art & Science	Bugs!	Space	Physics
	Chemistry			Space		Physics				Storybook Science		
2 nd -3 rd Grade	Detective Academy	Jr. Robotics	Inspired by Nature	Astro Adventures	Amazing Habitats	Detective Academy	Fish, Fish, Fish	Astro Adventures	Amazing Habitats	Detective Academy	Fish, Fish, Fish	Jr. Robotics
		Monster Makers	Jr. Printmaker	Fish, Fish, Fish	Medieval Science	Musicology		Jr. Printmaker	Inspired by Nature	Monster Makers		
	What's the Matter?	Science Madness	Magic & Illusions	Icky Science	Ships Ahoy	What's the Matter?	Jr. Robotics	Science Madness	Magic & Illusions	Ships Ahoy	What's the Matter?	
4 th -5 th Grade	Jr. Clothing Designer	Claymation	Jr. Architect	Fluid Power	Design for Your Room	Claymation	Jr. Photographer	Future Doc	Jr. Architect	Claymation	Design for Your Room	Fun Park Physics
		Fun Park Physics	Learn to Sail	Great Lakes Explorers	Future Doc	It's a Disaster	Learn to Sail		Learn to Sail	It's a Disaster		
	LEGO® Robot Engineer	Jr. Photographer	Marine Biologist	LEGO® Robot Engineer	Spy Central	Jr. Clothing Designer	Marine Biologist	LEGO® Robot Engineer	Spy Central	Jr. Clothing Designer		
		Underwater Robotics	Video Game Designer	Digital Photographer	Robot Games	Video Game Designer	Makers Gonna Make		Structural Engineer	Underwater Robotics	Video Game Designer	Robot Games
6 th -8 th Grade	Ready, Set, Code	Aquarist in Training	Escape!	Custom Electric Guitar	Filmmaker 101	Ready, Set, Code	Customized Skateboard	Filmmaker 101	Aquarist in Training	Ready, Set, Code	Escape!	Makers Gonna Make
		Edible Art	Spa Chemistry				Edible Art		Spa Chemistry	Digital Photographer		
	Structural Engineer	Underwater Robotics	Video Game Designer	Digital Photographer	Robot Games	Video Game Designer	Movie Magic	Structural Engineer	Underwater Robotics	Video Game Designer	Robot Games	
		Underwater Robotics	Video Game Designer									