

Summer Resource Guide

(Updated July, 8, 2020)

Disclaimer: The inclusion of camps or programs on this list in no way constitutes an endorsement of them. In all cases, it is your responsibility to inform yourselves of program details and evaluate whether a particular option is right for your child. We have not formally vetted these programs nor have we evaluated them in terms of general or COVID-specific safety practices.

As the challenges of a school year like none other begin to recede, we recognize that parents now confront the challenges of summer. The summer camp landscape is evolving rapidly and it appears that at least some in-person camps will run this season, depending on your location. For this guide, we have focused on virtual camps and programs anticipating (1) that the availability of live camps will be particularly limited and (2) regardless of availability, some families may not feel comfortable with out-of-home programs under the current circumstances.

As you make your decisions for summer, please consider:

- Policies and guidelines are changing rapidly. If you have a particular program in mind—whether it appears on this list or not—contact it directly for the most up-to-date information.
- Stay informed of state, city and local policy announcements, which necessarily inform policies and practices.
- Make the decisions that feel right for you and your family. With so much continued uncertainty, each family must decide, based on available information, what kinds of activities and socializing feel right this summer.

While the list is certainly not exhaustive, it represents a variety of disciplines and interests at a range of prices with offerings for students from K-12. It is our hope that it will be useful to a broad range of Columbia families. We will continue to update this guide with more programs and more information. Please visit these pages again.

Grades K-5

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- Dates: 06/22-08/28 (various camps)
- Cost: \$650/wk

[InterAct: Theatre and Therapy Lab](#)

This lab is an interactive, therapeutic workshop designed to promote speech and language development through a unique and creative theatre learning experience.

- Dates: 07/13-08/21
- Cost: \$700/wk
- Sibling discount available

[Launch Math + Science](#) (cross listed 6-8)

Campers will enjoy online socialization with other kids through small group instruction, and explore topics in engineering and chemistry among other science topics.

- Dates: 06/15-08/31
- Cost: \$125-250/wk
- Multi camp enrollment and sibling discounts

[Manhattan College Summer Day Camp](#) (cross listed 6-8)

Children will expand their creativity through art, math, science, technology, as well as learning a number of important critical thinking skills in the process.

- Dates: 06/22-08/14
- Cost: \$320-425/wk
- Employee/Alumni/Sibling discounts

[Marymount Summer](#) (cross listed 6-8)

Science and Engineering Camp will offer a variety of weekly courses in coding, programming, engineering, and design.

- Dates: 06/22-07/24
- Cost: \$500-2250 (flexible weekly enrollment)
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- Dates: 06/15-08/07
- Cost: Free

[New York Society of Play](#) (cross listed 6-8)

Campers will partake in role-playing games, moderated chat hours, enriching electives, and a digital campus.

- Dates: 06/15-09/01
- Cost: \$175/wk
- Multi-week enrollment discounts

[Play On! Theatre Camps](#) (cross listed 6-8 & 9-12)

Play On! Studios hosts a variety of audition, musical theatre, and drama workshops and bootcamps available to students of all ages.

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TADA! inspires young people from different backgrounds to be creative, learn and think differently through high-quality musical theater productions and educational programs.

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- Cost: \$795
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[The Tiny Scientist](#)

Different science focus week to week: from dinosaurs, to magic, to gravity

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[Barnard Pre-College Programs](#)

The Office of Pre-College Programs offers 4 unique institutes in STEM, Art & Design, Writing, and Leadership

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[Columbia Immersion Online](#)

Through Columbia's online interactive learning platform, students across the globe can engage with one another through rigorous curricular instruction, inclusive student life activities, and informative college success events.

- Dates: 1 or 3 week sessions running 06/29-08/31
- Cost: \$3865/session

[Cooper Union Summer Programs](#)

The Cooper Union is offering architecture, writing, and STEM programs for high school students.

- Dates: Program-specific
- Cost: Program-specific

[Girls Who Code](#)

This 2-week virtual program teaches girls the computer science skills they need to make an impact in their community while preparing for a career in tech. Participants will get exposure to tech jobs, and join a supportive sisterhood of girls in tech.

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In-Person Camps (all ages)

[Kids in the Game](#) (K-8)

Campers will engage in outdoor team sports, creative play, and academic enrichment activities framed by weekly camp themes.

- Dates: 07/06-08/21
- Cost: \$500-525/wk (sibling discounts available)
- Locations: Riverdale, Upper East Side, East Village, Park Slope

[Steve and Kate's Camp](#) (K-8)

Students will be able to choose from a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, workshops, performances, etc.

- Dates: 07/27-08/21
- Cost: \$110/day (lunch included)
- Location: Upper East Side

Additional Resource Compilations (all ages)

Please note that some information in these guides may overlap with information already listed in this resource

- [2020 Summer Camp Guide from Chalkbeat](#) (updated 05/29)
- [NYC Parks at Home](#)
- [TimeOut Summer Camp Guide](#) (updated 01/31)
- [Mommy Poppins Virtual Summer Camp Guide](#) (updated 06/05)
- [Summer on the Hudson: Virtual Workshops](#)
- [The Met: Teen Studios and Workshops](#)
- [Young Gates: Coding and Graphic Design Workshops and Camps](#)
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