



## Summer 2021 Brochure

**June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon**

The perfect way to make the transition from school to summer is to participate with friends and RCDS teachers in Rye Country Day School's *Wildcat Mini-Camp*. These camps are open to all Rye Country Day students and run for two weeks after the close of the academic year. All camps are held on campus from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Additionally, the Early Bird Program is open to campers of dual full time working parents and single full time working parents. It is available Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. while camp is in session.

Please review the General Information at the end of the brochure for information regarding enrollment, snacks, and payment. Online registration is the only way to register for *Wildcat Mini-Camp*, including the Early Bird Program. Registration must be complete and submitted prior to **Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Payment will be billed directly to your RCDS account.

For additional questions please contact Nicole Leath by phone (914)-967-1417 (ext. 4427) or email [wildcatminicamp@ryecountryday.org](mailto:wildcatminicamp@ryecountryday.org).

# Offerings for Campers Entering Grades K-2

## **Puppet Performers**

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Amy Haff

Calling all puppeteers! In Puppet Performers, campers will make several different kinds of puppets and create their very own. Campers will be challenged to "think outside the socks" and use craft supplies, everyday items, and materials they find in nature to make their puppet creations and scenery. Get ready for a great summer of puppetry and creativity! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp. This camp is also offered in week 2.

## **Read It! Paint It!**

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Heather Lentini

Do you like to paint? Do you love to read? In Read It! Paint It! we will listen to a new story each day and paint a picture or create an exciting project based on the illustrator's technique and medium. We will use watercolors, tempera paint, Dot Art, cray-pas, make collages, and so much more! Campers will also have the opportunity to do yoga and play outdoor games each day. There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

## **Crafty Kids**

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Monique Caterina

If you LOVE to do arts and crafts projects, you will have a blast in Crafty Kids! We will spend the week painting using various mediums, sculpting with clay and Model Magic, and designing collages. Campers will also learn yoga and play fun games outdoors. Children will be inspired to create until their heart is content. Let's have a great week together! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

## **Sports and Games Junior**

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Jessica Zimmerman

Start your summer with a week of fun sports and games. Coach Zimmerman will lead a morning of cooperative games, such as Wacky Baseball, Kickball, Relay Races, Ultimate Football, Capture the Flag, Gaga, and more! All skill levels and abilities are encouraged to come out and get moving! Just bring a positive and enthusiastic attitude!

## **Around the World with Soccer**

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Fran Davia

Grab your passport and soccer ball! Each day you will travel virtually with your guide, Ms. Davia, and learn about a different country's geography and culture. We will explore the world through reading, crafts, and recipes. The second portion of the day will be dedicated to soccer! Campers will learn how to dribble, pass, shoot in a variety of different drills and games. There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

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## **Camp Wildcubs**

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 2: June 21st-25th

Instructors: Sandy Castagna and Laura Festo

Fun and friends, arts and crafts, games, and much more that's Camp Wildcubs! Start your summer at Camp Wildcubs, where you will make awesome crafts and play amazing games both inside and out! Laugh, create, and explore with Mrs. Castagna and Ms. Festo at Camp Wildcubs! We can't wait to see you there! Go Wildcubs! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

## **Yoga Stars**

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 2: June 21st-25th

Instructor: Monique Caterina

Grow your heart, body, and mind through learning yoga. In Yoga Stars, we will learn the 26 yoga poses from The ABCs of Yoga for Kids by Teresa Anne Power and Kathleen Rietz. Children will learn how to balance, stretch and focus their energy through many exciting activities! We will dance, sing, and stretch to strengthen our bodies through yoga poses, mindfulness, and fun movement games! We will do crafts to create a peace corner in each child's home. Children will make mind jars with glitter, make a yoga sock for relaxation, design mandalas with tiny rocks and create a binder with the 26 yoga poses they will learn. Let's have a joyful week together! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

## **Wildcat Soccer Plus**

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 2: June 21st-25th

Instructor: Fran Davia

Would you like to learn the game of soccer, explore your creativity, and just have fun? Then Soccer Plus is the camp for you! Former collegiate player, Coach Davia, will be your instructor. The first portion of each day will be a soccer program designed to help children develop a love for the game of soccer and compete in a fun, nurturing environment. Campers will learn how to dribble, pass, shoot in a variety of different drills and games. The second portion of the day will be dedicated to projects that explore your creative side with your friends. There will be a variety of centers every day, including sculpting with Model Magic, making puppets, designing beads, painting, and much more! Be ready to have lots of fun! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

## **Offerings for Campers Entering Grades 3-5**

### **Around the World**

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Andréa Catalano

Travel the globe with Ms. Catalano this summer! Considering actual travel has been limited this year, what better way to see the world than to travel "virtually." Every day campers will visit a new country. Together, we will study the country of the day's culture, and we will also take a close look at their geographical features. We will experience the language, art, music, games, and other unique features of that country. Grab your passport and join Ms. Catalano on a globetrotting adventure! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp. This camp is also offered in week 2.

### **In It To Win It!**

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructors: Stacy Kaufman and Caryn Olson

Would you rather hang out inside to work on a fun craft, participate in an intense team-building challenge, or play a fun game of Capture the Flag out on the turf field? Good thing you won't need to choose in Camp In It To Win It! This camp will be a blend of exciting outdoor AND indoor activities: hands-on arts and crafts, interactive games, sports, building, and more...all while working together and earning points for your team! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

## **Summer Games**

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Ryan Horton

Enjoy a week of fun in the summer sun! Mr. Horton will lead a morning of games, such as Capture the Flag, Gaga, World Cup Soccer, Kickball, Spike Ball, Whiffle Ball, and Kanjam. All skill levels and abilities are encouraged to come out and get moving! Just bring a positive and enthusiastic attitude!

## **The Show Must Go Online**

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Jessica Zamek

Are you someone who likes to sing? If so, join experienced voice teacher Ms. Zamek for a week of musical fun! Choosing songs from popular musicals, you will sing, dance, and act your way through the week! You will also have an opportunity to be a part of an online recording which we will present at the end of the camp! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

## **Camp Wildcubs Seniors**

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructors: Sandy Castagna and Laura Festo

Have you been missing the good old days of Camp Wildcubs, or have you heard how awesome it was and want to get in on the fun? You're in luck! Join Ms. Festo & Ms. Castagna for the same fun but with a twist! At Camp Wildcubs Seniors, you will make awesome crafts and engage in exciting games with your friends both indoors and out. Laugh, create, and make more memories with us! We can't wait to see you there! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

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## **Carnival Games**

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 2: June 21st-25th

Instructor: Melissa Liebowitz

Who doesn't love a good carnival game? Carnivals are so much fun! Have you ever thought about MAKING a carnival? In Carnival Games Camp, we will create games and strategize to create the best carnival in town together! Best of all, we will get to speak to and run ideas by an expert, the President of Imagination Games. Bring your happiness, creativity, and strategies to create new games! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

## **Kid Coders: Microbit Madness**

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 2: June 21st-25th

Instructor: Don Fitzroy

The Microbit is a powerful miniature computer that fits in the palm of your hand. It features an accelerometer, an LED screen, a light sensor, and the ability to power motors and other electronic devices. It is a fun and effective way to learn about electronic circuits and computer programming. Join us as we learn how to code for the Microbit with a simplified version of Python, create a video game controller out of fruit and wires, design our own interactive games, and get the Microbit to respond to button presses, gestures, and even wireless messages from other Microbits! This is an excellent opportunity for those who are new to programming and those who have programmed in Scratch and wish to learn more. Learning to code helps us become better problem solvers and logical thinkers, but most importantly, it is also a lot of fun!

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# Offerings for Campers Entering Grades 6-8

## VEX IQ Robotics

Campers entering grades 6-8

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Gail Sestito

Are you ready for a "hands-on, minds-on" experience? Join Robotics! VEX IQ is a programmable, snap-together robotics system that uses familiar block-based programming. Watch code come alive on a physical robot and learn essential STEM skills that easily transition into the real world as you learn how to design, engineer, build, and program a remote-controlled and autonomous robot. We will also create custom obstacle courses and use official VEX IQ game challenges to demonstrate our innovation and creativity! All levels welcome! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp. This camp is also offered in week 2.

## Improv Comedy Workshop

Campers entering grades 6-8

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Don Fitzroy

Do you enjoy theater games and acting? Do you have a wacky sense of humor or a quick wit? Improvisational comedy is a great way to improve communication skills, learn to think on your feet, and build self-confidence. This middle school group will focus on the basic tools, rules, and skills that lead to developing characters, exploring spontaneous moments, and collaborating with others to make up scenes on the spot! Don't think you are funny? Don't know how to act? Not a problem! Improv comedy is about learning how to be in the moment and is an excellent option whether you are interested in furthering your drama skills or brand new to the theater world! Those with performing experience and those new to performing will be equally at home here. Join us to experience the laughter, challenges, and camaraderie of improv comedy!

## Strength, Speed, and Agility Camp

Campers entering grades 6-8

Week 1: June 14th-18th

Instructor: Ray McGhee

Strength, Speed, and Agility Camp is an elite training program designed to educate athletes on effective training techniques. You will learn proper weight lifting techniques from *Bigger Faster Stronger* and the *National Strength & Conditioning Association*. Knowing the correct exercises, sets, repetitions, and rest periods will positively affect your program. Improving speed, agility, and quickness can make anyone a better athlete. All training is age-appropriate. This camp is also offered in week 2.

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## General Information

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Online registration for camp, including the Early Bird Program, is available on the RCDS website, as well as an attachment to e-notes. Registration closes on Friday, May 28th. Registration should be submitted before this day. Enrollment for each camp is on a first submitted, first enrolled basis. Shortly after registering, you will receive an email confirming that your registration has been received. Specific camps do have maximum numbers. If a camp or the Early Bird program cannot be offered because of insufficient enrollment, you will be notified as soon as possible, and your account will not be charged.

**CURRENT FAMILIES:** Please ensure that your child's medical information is up to date in Magnus before they begin camp. Our instructors will rely on the information available within Magnus for emergency contacts/allergy information/etc.

**NEW FAMILIES:** In order to participate in Wildcat Mini-camps you will need to complete all components of Magnus, Rye Country Day's online health management system. If you have any questions about accessing Magnus or have concerns about your ability to complete the required paperwork before camp begins, please contact Nancy Gordon, School Nurse, at [nancy\\_gordon@ryecountryday.org](mailto:nancy_gordon@ryecountryday.org).

**PAYMENT:** Please do not send payments by check, as all camp fees will be charged to your school account. The fee is \$300.00 per camp per week. In addition, there may be a \$20 supply fee depending upon the nature of the camp. The Early Bird Program fee is \$30 per week. This fee will also be charged to your school account.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL:

**Pool Testing:** All campers will be required to participate in weekly saliva pool testing the week prior to attending camp. The cost of Pool Testing is included in the overall registration fee.

**Daily Health Screening:** Each morning campers must submit the COVID-19 Daily Screening questionnaire upon arrival. Please email Nurse Gordon at [nancy\\_gordon@ryecountryday.org](mailto:nancy_gordon@ryecountryday.org) if you have any questions.

**Masks:** Students and employees are required to wear face coverings while on campus. Acceptable face coverings include cloth-based face coverings and surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose and do not have vents or valves. Bandanas and neck gaiters are not acceptable face coverings and will not be permitted.

**Additional Policies:** Parents and Guardians should review the full [RCDS Health and Safety](#) policies which include sections on travel, illness, and exposure, and quarantine prior to the start of camp.

**CANCELLATION:** If a camp or the Early Bird program cannot be offered because of insufficient enrollment, you will be notified as soon as possible, and your account will not be charged.

**WITHDRAWAL:** If a camper withdraws from a registered Mini-camp after Tuesday, June 8th, no refund will be made.

**ABSENCE:** If your child is unable to attend camp due to illness, please notify Nancy Gordon, School Nurse, at [nancy\\_gordon@ryecountryday.org](mailto:nancy_gordon@ryecountryday.org). If the absence is for personal reasons, please notify Camp Coordinator, Nicole Leath, at (914) 967-1417 X4427 or email [wildcatminicamp@ryecountryday.org](mailto:wildcatminicamp@ryecountryday.org)

**SNACKS:** Campers will be provided a mid-morning snack. The cost of snack is included in the overall price of camps, and you will not need to send any additional money for the snack.

**BEHAVIOR:** All campers are expected to follow the guidelines for behavior at Rye Country Day School as outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook. In consultation with a parent, Wildcat Mini-Camp may require the withdrawal of any camper whose behavior, in the opinion of the staff of a specific camp, is considered to be detrimental to the general welfare of the group.

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