



Summer 2022 Brochure

June 13th through June 24th 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. The program will be closed on June 20th in observance of Juneteenth. 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 20th. 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.

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 20th. 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.

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: Parents and Guardians should review the full RCDS Health and Safety policies, which include sections on travel, illness, and COVID exposure prior to the start of camp.

ABSENCE: If your child is unable to attend camp due to illness, please notify Nancy Gordon, School Nurse, at 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

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 7th, no refund will be made.

SNACKS: Campers will be provided a mid-morning snack. The cost of snacks 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 detrimental to the group's general welfare.

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Week 1 Offerings for Campers Entering Grades K-2

Wildcat Dance Camp

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructor: Jourdan Layne

Do you dream of being a hip-hop superstar, jazz performer, or just like to get your body moving? At Wildcat Dance Camp, we will spend the week learning about the origins of particular dances, playing fun dance games, and participating in exciting activities! Each day we will interpret stories and familiar music through dance routines that emphasize technique in various styles of dance. We will even create our own choreography. There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

Sports and Games Junior

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 13th-17th

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!

Camp Wildcubs

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructors: Sandy Castagna and Laura Festo

Fun and friends, arts and crafts, games, and much more! 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.

Puppet Performers

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 13th-17th

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 during week 2.

Theater Camp

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructor: Heather Lentini

Do you love performing? Then join us for a week of theater camp! We will play theater games and activities that promote self-awareness, public speaking, teamwork, and more. Throughout the week, we will work together to rehearse, design sets and costumes, and perform a play. Bring your energy and enthusiasm to the world of theater! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

Crafty Kids

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 13th-17th

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, including watercolor, Dot Art, and glitter paint. We will design jewelry using a variety of beads, decorate wooden objects, sculpt with Model Magic, design mandalas, and play lots of fun outdoor games. Children will be inspired to create, paint, and design unique projects. Let's have an amazing week together! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

RCDS Academy for Witchcraft and Wizardry

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructors: Kailyn Lazarus and Charlotte Fleischman

Are you looking for a great adventure? Well, it's time for you to head off to Wizarding Camp for the summer session! Rye Country Day School of Witchcraft and Wizardry opens its doors to transport witches and wizards (perhaps using a vanishing cabinet or a broom) into the MAGICAL and SPELL-tacular wizarding world. At the Academy, campers will be assigned to their houses, and the weeks will be filled with wand-making, sorcery games, spell casting, and much more. Register now to ensure an owl delivers your acceptance letter! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

Week 2 Offerings for Campers Entering Grades K-2

Wildcat Soccer Plus

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 2: June 21st-24th

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, and shoot in a variety of 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.

Yoga Stars

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 2: June 21st-24th

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 and peaceful week together! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

Camp Friendship

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 2: 21st-24th

Instructors: Charlotte Fleischman and Kailyn Lazarus

Spread kindness and joy through Camp Friendship. Have fun socializing with friends as you create heartfelt crafts, weave colorful friendship bracelets, plant flowers for a favorite person, and design a photo frame for a memorable photo. Fun cooperative games and collaborative play-based activities will fill our day. Join us at Camp Friendship and let the fun begin! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

Read It! Paint It!

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 2: June 21st-24th

Instructor: Heather Lentini

Do you like to paint? Do you love to read? We do! 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.

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Encanto: Sing!

Campers entering grades K-2

Week 2: 21st-24th

Instructor: Jessica Zamek

Do you love to sing? If so, join experienced music teacher Jessica Zamek for a week of fun! We will have a blast singing, acting, and dancing our way through all of your favorite parts of "Encanto"! At the end of the week, we will present a one-of-a-kind showcase! Join us as we experience the tale of the extraordinary family, the Madrigals! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

Week 1 Offerings for Campers Entering Grades 3-5

Wildcat Soccer 3-5

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructor: Fran Davia

Would you like to learn the game of soccer with your friends? Former collegiate player, Coach Davia, will be your instructor. The week is 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, and shoot in a variety of drills and games. There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

In It To Win It!

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 13th-17th

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.

The Amazing Race

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructor: Julianne Arcamone and Emilie Johnson

Are you interested in competing in an amazing race around the world? You and your team will put your minds together to deduce clues and perform physical and mental challenges while learning about many unique places around the world. You will be tasked with challenges like completing scavenger hunts, navigating obstacle courses, solving riddles, and putting your memory to the test in trivia games. Each day, you will face a new course in a new location like the Grand Canyon, the pyramids in Egypt, or the Great Wall of China with pitstops, detours, and celebrations along the way. Do you have what it takes to win it all? Join us to find out. There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

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Around the World

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructor: Andréa Catalano

Travel the globe with Ms. Catalano this summer! Every day campers will "virtually" visit a new country. Together, we will study the country of the day's culture and 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.

Fun with a Twist: Balloons and Yarn

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructor: Elvira Rebate

Tie yourself in knots this summer! Develop new skills and entertain your friends and family with balloon twisting and yarn arts! Campers will learn the principles necessary to twist and bend balloons into animals, hats, flowers, and more. With yarn, you will learn how to make cords, stuffed creatures, and pom-poms and have so much fun doing it all. You can even learn to knit and crochet! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp. This camp is also offered during week 2.

Full STEAM Ahead

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructor: Kristin Kassay

Explore fun STEAM activities with Ms. Kassay! Campers will engage in projects focusing on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. You will have the opportunity to complete STEAM challenges while working together. If you enjoy being creative and have a growth mindset, this is the camp for you! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

Carnival Games

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 13th-17th

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.

Young Naturalists Camp

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructor: Nicole Zazzarino

Do you love plants, animals, birds, bugs, butterflies, and the great outdoors? Then this camp is for you! We will focus on different nature and science topics related to what we can experience and identify in our backyards. What grows and lives here in New York? What changes can we notice as each season passes? Each day we'll have lecture time & some videos, scavenger hunts, and make nature-themed crafts to take home. Over the course of the week, we will gain more understanding and appreciation for our local natural resources! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

Digital Design

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructor: Whitney Turner

This summer the computer lab and campus will become our design studio. We will utilize an array of design tools and equipment to help bring your innovative ideas to life. You will have the opportunity to code video games, build 3D worlds using Minecraft and Sketchup, make LEGO comics, compose digital music synced with animations, or perhaps design and execute your own unique project for the week. Learn, create, collaborate, problem-solve, and have fun with technology this summer! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

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Sports and Games

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Instructor: Alin Andrei

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Camp Wildcubs Seniors

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 2: 21st-24th

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.

Yoga and Mindfulness

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 2: 21st-24th

Instructor: Kristin Kassay

Would you like to strengthen and stretch your body? Are you looking for ways to relax and be more mindful? If you answered yes, then this is the camp for you! Experienced yoga instructor Ms. Kassay will lead you through a daily yoga practice, guided visualizations, and breathing exercises. You will also complete projects that teach you how to be more mindful. There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

Papier-Mâché Workshop

Campers entering grades 3-5

Week 2: 21st-24th

Instructor: Lauren Behar

Dive into the art of papier-mâché! It is messy, it is slimy, and it is fun! Create your own larger-than-life ice cream cone, vase, dinosaur, or volcano... whatever you can imagine! Work alone, with a partner, or on a large group project. We will begin by researching, planning, and building the underlying structures. Then, we'll cover them with layers of papier-mâché. After the objects are dry, we'll paint the final works of art! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

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Week 1 Offerings for Campers Entering Grades 6-8

Summer Games

Campers entering grades 6-8

Week 1: June 13th-17th

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! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp.

Strength, Speed, and Agility Camp

Campers entering grades 6-8

Week 1: June 13th-17th

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.

Kid Coders: Microbit Madness

Campers entering grades 6-8

Week 1: June 13th-17th

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! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp. This camp is also offered during week 2.

Summer Art Camp

Campers entering grades 6-8

Week 1: June 13th-17th

Instructor: Sue Keown

Summer fun with an artistic twist! This camp is all about making your favorite summer arts and crafts. Spend your day exploring different art activities, from making friendship bracelets to tie-dying a t-shirt. We will paint outside, make giant bubble wands, create our own sketchbooks, and more! What will you make? Join us in the Cohen Center Middle School Art Studio! There is a \$20 supply fee for this camp. This camp is also offered during week 2.

Three-Dimensional Gaming: Fantasy Adventures

Campers entering grades 6-8

Week 1: June 10th-14th

Instructor: Stephen Tofano

Did you ever wonder what 3-D Gaming is all about? Then here is your chance to find out from master game designer, Mr. Tofano. Learn about miniature game design, scenery building, rule, character, and story development--everything it takes to design and play fun and interesting games. Week 1 and week 2 offer different gaming experiences or one ex. Veteran gamers or new adventures are all welcome!

Week 1 is all about fantasy adventures. Imagine traveling into a dark and dangerous maze of caverns, chambers, and ancient ruins in search of gold, jewels, and powerful magical treasures. Perhaps, dangerous creatures, powerful wizards, mythological gods, kings and queens, warriors, and a host of villainous savages await you as you navigate through the most awesome and amazing miniature scenery you will ever encounter. We will combine *Heroscape*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, *Magic the Gathering*, and other imaginary miniature gaming systems that are easy to learn and full of action. This camp is also offered during week 2.

Week 2 Offerings for Campers Entering Grades 6-8

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Three-Dimensional Gaming: History

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History buffs who enjoy tactical games will love week 2. Gaming subjects may include scenarios based on actual historical events from ancient Greece and Rome, Vikings, Huns, Celts, or

Normans. Strategize small groups of determined troops through the horse and musket periods of early America and Napoleonic Europe. Re-enact scenarios of the British Empire in India or Africa, or delve into the armored battles of World War Two. During the week, campers will recreate historical conflicts using 3-D miniatures, beautiful scenery, and easy-to-play rules. We may even get into future adventures on distant planets using gaming figures from "Warhammer" and other science fiction gaming systems. Do you have what it takes to change the course of history? This camp is also offered during week 1.