



Camp Themes & Schedule

Summer 2024

Structure

If you need full day care, make sure that you register for a morning (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and an afternoon (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) theme. Campers signed up for a full day enjoy a supervised lunch break outside. Silent Stars for ages 9-12 is the only theme that is full day only (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Theme Descriptions

Camp themes for 2024 are the same as 2023 themes with minimal changes.

Pioneer Kids (ages 6-8; morning)

Travel back to the wild and woolly Golden of the mid-1800s. You'll learn a lesson in the Guy Hill Schoolhouse, make butter, and learn how to play games like picaria. The Pioneer Kids morning theme is paired with the afternoon theme Art Explorers.

Art Explorers (ages 6-8; afternoon)

Examine various forms of art from the modern era through centuries past. Experiment with different types of mediums to create your own masterpieces ranging from hand-woven crafts to colorful pottery. The Art Explorers afternoon theme is paired with the morning of Pioneer Kids.

Dirty Jobs (ages 6-8; morning)

Try your hand at some of the dirty jobs that kept this town alive. Pan for gold, make your own bricks, and serve up some pickles. See if you have what it takes. The Dirty Jobs morning theme is paired with the History Mystery afternoon theme.

History Mystery (ages 6-8; afternoon)

Put on your thinking cap and grab your magnifying glass as you step back in time to solve a history mystery! Campers will discover the magic of invisible ink, send messages to each other in code, and hunt for clues. The History Mystery afternoon theme pairs with the Dirty Jobs morning theme. If your child took History Mystery in 2023, the culprit of the mystery changes each year.

Frontier Explorers: Science & Engineering (ages 9-12; morning)

Explore how early inhabitants used science and engineering skills to survive. You'll compare pioneer cabins to American Indian wickiups, dig for minerals, dip candles, and build water filters. Includes walking field trips to the Golden Water Treatment Plant and Mines Museum of Earth Science. The Science and Engineering morning theme pairs with the Home & Hearth afternoon theme.

Frontier Explorers: Home & Hearth (ages 9-12; afternoon)

Explore the importance of food and how early peoples made their homes. Make ice cream, learn about milling flour by hand, how early peoples stored their food, and how bees make honey. The Home & Hearth afternoon theme pairs with the Frontier Explorers morning theme.

Silent Stars (ages 9-12; full day only)

Kids will form production teams to write, direct, film, and star in their own silent movie, just like the type shown in theaters in the 1920s. After editing footage and producing the final cut,

campers will host a fun premiere the Friday of camp and see their work on the big screen with family and friends!

Dates

Make it a full day! Campers signed up for a full day of sessions will have lunch all together in the History Park from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. supervised by camp staff. Half day only campers should be picked up or dropped off at the Golden History Museum so that they can be checked into and out of summer camp.

June 3 – 7

- Ages 6-8: Pioneer Kids and Art Explorers
- Ages 9-12: Frontier Explorers Science & Engineering and Home & Hearth

June 10 – 14

- Ages 6-8: Dirty Jobs and History Mystery
- Ages 9-12: Silent Stars

June 17 – 21

- Ages 6-8: Pioneer Kids and Art Explorers
- Ages 9-12: Frontier Explorers Science & Engineering and Home & Hearth

June 24 – 28

- Ages 6-8: Dirty Jobs and History Mystery
- Ages 9-12: Silent Stars

July 1 – July 5: Break Week

July 8 – July 12

- Ages 6-8: Pioneer Kids and Art Explorers
- Ages 9-12: Frontier Explorers Science & Engineering and Home & Hearth

July 15 – 19

- Ages 6-8: Dirty Jobs and History Mystery
- Ages 9-12: Silent Stars

July 22 – July 26

- Ages 6-8: Pioneer Kids and Art Explorers
- Ages 9-12: Frontier Explorers Science & Engineering and Home & Hearth

July 29 – August 2

- Ages 6-8: Dirty Jobs and History Mystery
- Ages 9-12: Silent Stars