Camp Themes & Schedule

Summer 2027

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.). If you need to drop off earlier or pick up later, you can add Extended Care to your registration.

Theme Descriptions

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, bake cornbread and churn butter, and learn how to play games Native American 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: *The Stolen Jolly Rancher Recipe*! 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 has taken this History Mystery theme (*Jolly Rancher*) before the culprit changes each year.

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 wikiups, 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.

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 Science and Engineering 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

Themes are half day except for Silent Stars. If you need a full day schedule (9 a.m to 4 p.m.), **make sure to sign up for a morning and afternoon session**. 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 7 – 11

- Ages 6-8: Pioneer Kids (AM) and Art Explorers (PM)
- Ages 9-12: Science & Engineering (AM) and Home & Hearth (PM)

June 14 – 18

- Ages 6-8: Dirty Jobs (AM) and History Mystery *The Stolen Jolly Rancher Recipe* (PM)
- Ages 9-12: Silent Stars (Full Day)

June 21 – 25

- Ages 6-8: Pioneer Kids (AM) and Art Explorers (PM)
- Ages 9-12: Science & Engineering (AM) and Home & Hearth (PM)

June 28 – July 2

- Ages 6-8: Dirty Jobs (AM) and History Mystery *The Stolen Jolly Rancher Recipe* (PM)
- Ages 9-12: Silent Stars (Full Day)

July 5 – July 9: Break Week

July 12 – 16

- Ages 6-8: Pioneer Kids (AM) and Art Explorers (PM)
- Ages 9-12: Science & Engineering (AM) and Home & Hearth (PM)

July 19 – 23

- Ages 6-8: Dirty Jobs (AM) and History Mystery *The Stolen Jolly Rancher Recipe* (PM)
- Ages 9-12: Silent Stars (Full Day)

July 26 – 30

- Ages 6-8: Pioneer Kids (AM) and Art Explorers (PM)
- Ages 9-12: Science & Engineering (AM) and Home & Hearth (PM)

August 2 – 6

- Ages 6-8: Dirty Jobs (AM) and History Mystery *The Stolen Jolly Rancher Recipe* (PM)
- Ages 9-12: Silent Stars (Full Day)

Sample Weekly Schedules

Schedules subject to change.

Pioneer Kids AM/ Art Explorers PM (Ages 6-8)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Picaria The Stick Game Choose Your Wagon On the Trail	Laundry, Butter Making Woodstove Cooking Picture Frames	Pioneer Clothes Schoolhouse Lesson Recess Games	Honey Infusions Pollination Gardening Chickens	Weaving Clothespin Dolls Canyon Games
Lunch	**Lunch**	**Lunch**	**Lunch**	**Lunch**
Let's Talk About Color Watercolor Salt Painting	Clay Creations Flower Forage Thaumatropes	Instruments Painting Clay Dance Party	Sign Art Scrapbooks	Vaudeville Improvisation Radio Show

Science Engineering AM/ Home & Hearth PM (Ages 9-12)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Field Notebooks Walking Tour Candle Making	Water Filters Field Trip: Golden Water Treatment Plant	Field Trip: Mines Museum of Earth Science	Medicinal Plants Hispano Metal Art Blacksmith Demo	Woodstove Cooking Recess Games Structures
Lunch	**Lunch**	**Lunch**	**Lunch**	**Lunch**
Braided Rugs Flower Forage Ice Cream in a Bag	Water Wheels Milling by Hand Split Twig Figurines Chickens	Pottery Windmills Erosion	Flower Bookmarks Miners Pickels Paint Pottery	Morse Code Bracelets Apples & Sugar Measuring Honey Infusion

Dirty Jobs/ History Mystery (Ages 6-8)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gardening Chickens Cowboy Roping Leather Tooling	Clay Creations Pickling Laundry	Canary in the Coal Mine Cooking Mining Gold Panning	Fired Brick Beads Blacksmith Demo Brick Making	Paint Clay Creations Print Headline Soda Fountain Soda Experiments
Lunch	**Lunch**	**Lunch**	**Lunch**	**Lunch**
Intro to the Mystery Create the Detective Agency Training Academy Find Clues	iSpy, iSmell, iFeel, iHear Scavenger Hunt Find Clues	Morse Code Activity Invisible Ink Look for Clues Reveal Clue	Fingerprinting Fingerprint Peacock Read Clue	Puzzles and Riddles Final Clue Obstacle Course Identify the Culprit! Silent Stars Premiere

Silent Stars FULL DAY (Ages 9-12)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Film History Silent Film Research Location Scouting Story Brainstorming Story Outlines Assign Roles Costume Design	Storyboards Film Schedule Film Basics Boot Camp Begin Filming	Filming	Intro to Editing Editing Film Movie Posters Movie Invitations Movie Tickets	Final Edits Intertitles Credits Music Get Ready for Premiere **3:15 Movie Premiere**