THE FRIENDS SCHOOL
OF ATLANTA

Summer Camps

2026 CAMP GUIDE

Important information

We are excited to welcome your children to Friends School Summer Camp! To ensure a smooth and efficient experience, please review the following procedures for Summer Camp.

Drop-Off Procedures

- Doors Open: 8:45 a.m.
- Camp Starts: 9 a.m.
- Location: Front entrance (cars must loop around the parking lot for a seamless exit).
- Parents are permitted to park and walk their campers inside.

First Day (Monday) Check-In/Registration

- Registration on Monday includes providing the camper with a name tag and ensuring medication drop-off.
- Medication must include: child's name, date of birth, prescription details, and administration times.
- For questions, email mcanty@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

Daily Check-In

- Every morning, families will be greeted at the door for a smooth transition.
- Assistant teachers will escort campers to their assigned classrooms.

Pick-Up Procedures

- Camp ends: 3 p.m.
- Pick-up window: 3-3:15 p.m. (cars must loop around the parking lot for a seamless exit).
- Carpool procedures: Print camper's first name with last initial and the camp they are in on a piece of paper; affix the paper to the passenger-side raised window for ease of viewing; follow signage in the parking lot upon arrival.
- Please note: Critter Camp also has a separate carpool line behind the building. Disregard that line and drive around the parking lot to the front of the building for pick up.

Aftercare details

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• Please be sure to pack a snack for your camper's time in aftercare.

• Please pick up from the gym in the back right corner of campus between 3-6 p.m. (late fees will be charged after 6:01 p.m.).

• Late fee schedule: 6:01-6:15 p.m. — $10 per child, then $1 per minute per child after 6:16 p.m.

Additional Information

• Families must pack a morning snack and lunch (no kitchen available).

• Please do not pack nuts, peanuts, or peanut butter to be mindful towards our friends with nut allergies.

• Please bring filled water bottles daily.

• Please provide an afternoon snack if your child will be attending aftercare.

• Campers are welcome to bring a phone to camp but note they will not be allowed to use it during the camp day.

• We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a fantastic summer camp experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

• Summer Camp/Aftercare Phone 404-735-3309.

Camp Finder (2026 Summer Camps) — Weeks & Grades

Camp	Rising Grades	Lead	W1 6/1	W2 6/8	W3 6/15	W4 6/22	W5 7/6	W6 7/13	W7 7/20	W8 7/27
Sportsmania	Multiple grade bands	Xian Lopez	K-1st	2nd-4th	5th-9th	K-1st	2nd-4th	5th-9th	K-1st	2nd-4th
Summer Step Stools**	PK4	Laura MacNorlin & Team	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Adventure Explorers	K-2nd	Jermia Williams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Artsy & Eats	K-2nd	Wanda Hammonds		●	●	●	●	●		
Dino Camp	K-2nd	Sofia Ayer	●	●		●	●		●	
Friendship Formulas	K-2nd	Courtney Kiser & Sheera Looney		●	●	●		●	●	●
Kids Take The Stage!	K-4th	Katie Jefferies					●			
Life's a Game	K-3rd	Julia "J" Thomas	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Little Leaders Academy	K-1st	Joanna Darby	●	●	●	●				
Mindful Movers	K-3rd	Zakaya Mayson	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Whacky Science	K-5th	Moriah Roundtree	●	●	●	●				
Super Crafters	2nd-4th	Erin Collins								●
Little Sparks Spirit Camp	2nd-5th	Alexis Garrett & Kristen Clayton							●	
Sensory Lab	4th-6th	Kristen Clayton								●
Tech Titans	4th-9th	Jennifer Wardell Smith			●					
Theater Camp	4th-9th	Katie Jefferies	●							
Experimental Music Camp	5th-9th	Clay Munsterman						●		
Financial Literacy	5th-9th	Katie Jefferies		●						
Physics Explorer	5th-9th	Doreen Allen	●				●			
Math & Robotics	6th-9th	Kenneth Rochester					●			
Poetry Writing Camp	6th-9th	Connor McMahon			●					
Storytelling Camp	6th-9th	Connor McMahon							●	
Zinemaking Camp	6th-9th	Connor McMahon		●			●			

***Month-long sessions (not week-specific): Summer Step Stools (PK4) — June & July.*

Camp Descriptions (A–Z)

Adventure Explorers

Lead: Jermia Williams

Grades: K-2nd

Weeks offered: W1 (Jun 1), W2 (Jun 8), W3 (Jun 15), W4 (Jun 22), W5 (Jul 6), W6 (Jul 13), W7 (Jul 20)

Adventure Explorers Summer Camp is an action-packed experience designed for curious, energetic kids who love the outdoors and discovering new challenges. With a different theme each week campers will explore through exciting adventures, team challenges, outdoor games, creative problem-solving, and hands-on exploration. Each day encourages teamwork, confidence, and leadership while fostering a love for adventure and the natural world. Guided by enthusiastic counselors, campers will build friendships, develop new skills, and create unforgettable summer memories—all in a safe, supportive, and fun environment.

Artsy & Eats

Lead: Wanda Hammonds

Grades: K-2nd

Weeks offered: W2 (Jun 8), W3 (Jun 15), W4 (Jun 22), W5 (Jul 6), W6 (Jul 13)

Does your little artist enjoy creating arts and crafts but loves a great snack in between? Artsy & Eats Summer Camp is the perfect fit! Artsy & Eats Young campers will participate in creative and fun art activities while preparing kid-friendly STEAM-inspired snacks two to three times a week.

*Please note any allergies or dietary restrictions your child may have.

Dino Camp

Lead: Sofia Ayer

Grades: K-2nd

Weeks offered: W1 (Jun 1), W2 (Jun 8), W4 (Jun 22), W5 (Jul 6), W7 (Jul 20)

Calling all Dino Lovers! Join us for an exciting adventure into the world of dinosaurs! This camp sparks curiosity through hands-on activities, games, and crafts. Campers will learn about different dinosaur species, explore how these amazing creatures lived millions of years ago, and create fun dinosaur-related crafts.

Experimental Music Camp

Lead: Clay Munsterman

Grades: 5th-9th

Weeks offered: W6 (Jul 13)

Whether you play an instrument or not, whether you sing or not, join us for a fun and experimental week of music making. In addition to the opportunity for instrumentalists and singers to perform, we will also work on digital music production, including loops and sampling. We will have a performance on Friday afternoon for family and friends.

Financial Literacy

Lead: Katie Jefferies

Grades: 5th-9th

Weeks offered: W2 (Jun 8)

Financial Literacy for Middle Schoolers - Learn how to manage a bank account, budget for wants vs. needs, explore how credit works, and calculate percentages for tips, markups and discounts.

Friendship Formulas

Lead: Courtney Kiser & Sheera Looney

Grades: K-2nd

Weeks offered: W2 (Jun 8), W3 (Jun 15), W4 (Jun 22), W6 (Jul 13), W7 (Jul 20), W8 (Jul 27)

Explore, create, and grow at Friendship Formulas Summer Camp, where social and emotional development is taught through play, activities, games, arts and crafts, and science experiments. A new theme each week helps your child succeed in any environment. Each camper will receive visual materials to take home. *$75 additional fee towards the costs of supplies. Operated by an external company at FSA; however, the camp will operate at FSA during the hours listed. To learn more about their services and the unique growth opportunity visit https://www.friendshipformulas.com

Kids Take The Stage!

Lead: Katie Jefferies

Grades: K-4th

Weeks offered: W5 (Jul 6)

No one is too young to experience the fun of theater. Children will learn the basics of stage movement and terminology through a series of fun games and activities. This is an excellent introduction to drama, and each child will have the opportunity to perform a play we develop together at the end of the camp on Friday afternoon for family and friends.

LIFE'S A GAME (Regulatory Activities)

Lead: Julia "J" Thomas

Grades: K-3rd

Weeks offered: W1 (Jun 1), W2 (Jun 8), W3 (Jun 15), W4 (Jun 22), W5 (Jul 6), W6 (Jul 13)

Life's A Game: Focus, attention, positive social interactions, and overall well-being rely on a regulated nervous system. In this camp we will spend some time learning fun sensory regulation strategies/games that can be used at home or in the classroom to regulate the nervous system. These strategies will be practiced throughout the week as we transition into group games.

Little Leaders Academy

Lead: Joanna Darby

Grades: K-1st

Weeks offered: W1 (Jun 1), W2 (Jun 8), W3 (Jun 15), W4 (Jun 22)

Little Leaders Academy is a hands-on, joy-filled enrichment program designed to equip young children with the essential life skills they need to thrive—socially, emotionally, and independently. Through playful instruction, daily routines practice, and age-appropriate challenges, children build real confidence, real independence, and real leadership. This academy supports the whole child and provides families with meaningful, lasting outcomes. Throughout the program, children will: • Learn to identify, express, and manage their emotions • Practice calm-down strategies and problem-solving routines • Explore manners, etiquette, and eating politely with friends • Learn how to use utensils properly and keep shared spaces clean • Build independence through tasks like tying shoes, cleaning up, and caring for their belongings • Strengthen social skills such as turn-taking, teamwork, and polite communication • Participate in leadership roles that teach responsibility and confidence The entire experience is built around fun, creativity, and confidence-building challenges—so children feel proud of themselves while practicing the real-life skills that prepare them for school and beyond.

Little Sparks Spirit Camp

Lead: Alexis Garrett & Kristen Clayton

Grades: 2nd-5th

Weeks offered: W7 (Jul 20)

Little Sparks Spirit Camp is an energetic and uplifting experience that blends cheerleading and tumbling skill-building with meaningful activities focused on confidence, connection, and community. Campers will learn age-appropriate cheer and tumbling fundamentals while also participating in exercises designed to help them recognize and celebrate the light within themselves and others. Through affirmations, team-building games, and reflective activities, campers will strengthen not only their physical skills but also their sense of belonging, self-expression, and teamwork. This camp is perfect for young athletes who want to move, cheer, and shine—together.

Math & Robotics

Lead: Kenneth Rochester

Grades: 6th-9th

Weeks offered: W5 (Jul 6)

During this week-long camp, students will dive into engaging math concepts while building and programming their own robots. Through hands-on math activities, they will explore patterns both visually and algebraically. Students will also revisit key ideas from brain research to learn why everyone is a “math person” and how a growth mindset can boost their success.

Mindful Movers

Lead: Zakaya Mayson

Grades: K-3rd

Weeks offered: W1 (Jun 1), W2 (Jun 8), W3 (Jun 15), W4 (Jun 22), W5 (Jul 6), W6 (Jul 13), W7 (Jul 20), W8 (Jul 27)

Mindful Movers combines playful yoga, breathing exercises, and creative activities to help children build confidence and emotional awareness. Campers learn healthy ways to manage big feelings, develop focus, and strengthen coordination. All while having fun and making new friends. Our supportive environment encourages kindness, teamwork, and curiosity, giving children practical skills they can use at home and in school.

PHYSICS EXPLORER: The Summer of Wow!

Lead: Doreen Allen

Grades: 5th-9th

Weeks offered: W2 (Jun 8), W5 (Jul 6)

Physics Explorers, is an exciting, hands-on physics camp designed for students ages 10 –14 who love to explore how things work. Throughout the week, campers dive into engaging STEM activities that introduce concepts like motion, energy, and forces in a fun and approachable way. Each day brings a new experiment or building challenge that encourages teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving. Students will test ideas, make predictions, and learn through trial and error as they create simple models and mini-inventions. A week-long adventure where students discover the forces, motion, energy, and mysteries of the physical world through creative, hands-on experiments. By the end of camp, they’ll leave inspired, confident, and eager to keep exploring the science behind everyday life.

Poetry Writing Camp

Lead: Connor McMahon

Grades: 6th-9th

Weeks offered: W3 (Jun 15)

In Poetry Writing camp, young friends will develop skills of writing poetry in an active, collaborative, and fun space! Poetry camp will focus on learning about the many different forms of poetry that exist and give friends the opportunity to experiment with different poetry forms through guided prompts and various free write activities. Friends will also engage in a workshop style feedback process, learning how to act as a creative community to help develop their peers' writing and use peer feedback to develop their own. Lastly, friends will learn how to find poetry contests and publications accepting submissions in their age range and can choose to submit their work!

Sensory Lab: Create, Explore & Reset

Lead: Kristen Clayton

Grades: 4th-6th

Weeks offered: W8 (Jul 27)

Welcome to Sensory Lab, a hands-on camp designed for curious minds and busy bodies! Throughout the week, campers will explore creative, tactile activities like slime-making, sensory bottles, and other DIY sensory projects that are as fun as they are calming.

Using a mix of science, creativity, and mindfulness, campers will experiment with textures, colors, and movement while learning how sensory experiences can help us focus, regulate emotions, and reset our minds. Each day blends high-energy creativity with moments of reflection, giving campers space to unwind, connect with peers, and enjoy the simple joy of making things with their hands.

This camp is perfect for students who love to create, tinker, and explore — and for those who could use a relaxing, joyful space to recharge.

Sportsmania

Lead: Xian Lopez

Grades: Multiple grade bands

Weeks offered: See grade bands

Sports Mania Camp is an action-packed summer camp designed for kids who love to move, play, and discover new athletic skills. Each day is filled with high-energy activities, friendly competition, and teamwork as campers explore a wide variety of sports in a fun and supportive environment.

Rising K-1st: Jun 1, Jun 22, Jul 20 Rising 2nd-4th: Jun 8, Jul 6, Jul 27 Rising 5th-9th: Jun 15, Jul 13

Storytelling Camp

Lead: Connor McMahon

Grades: 6th-9th

Weeks offered: W7 (Jul 20)

In Storytelling camp, young friends will develop skills of writing poetry in an active, collaborative, and fun space! Storytelling camp will focus on learning short story writing, using guided prompts and various free write activities. Friends will also engage in a workshop style feedback process, learning how to act as a creative community to help develop their peers' writing and use peer feedback to develop their own. Lastly, friends will learn how to find writing contests and publications accepting submissions in their age range and can choose to submit their work!

Summer Step Stools - Rising PK4 Camp

Lead: Laura MacNorlin and team

Grades: PK4

Weeks offered: June & July (month-long sessions)

Give Your Child a Step Up This Summer! Is your 4-year-old ready to take the next big step? Introducing Summer Step Stools, a hands-on summer camp designed specifically for rising Pre-K students to build independence, confidence, and lasting friendships! Build the Foundation for Success At Summer Step Stools, we focus on the whole child. Through a growth-mindset approach, we meet every camper where they are, helping them blossom in a supportive, playful environment. We go beyond typical childcare by introducing essential life skills through guided, playful routines. During our month-long sessions, your child will engage in our daily adventures, with a new theme each week. Our Daily Adventure (9 AM - 3 PM) includes: • Hours of indoor and outdoor free play: Building creativity and imagination while exploring all environments. • Structured games: Building teamwork, self-regulation, and turn-taking skills. • Guided instruction: Learning skills in problem-solving and school readiness. • Independence challenges: Practicing 'big kid' tasks like cleaning up and caring for belongings. • Focus: School readiness, social-emotional growth, problem-solving, and self-awareness. Help your child blossom, grow, and step into their potential!

Super Crafters

Lead: Erin Collins

Grades: 2nd-5th

Weeks offered: W8 (Jul 27)

Transform your summer from "ordinary" to "extraordinary" at Super Crafters! We're diving into a world where everyday recyclables and brand-new materials collide to create super fun, one-of-a-kind art projects.

Tech Titans

Lead: Jennifer Wardell Smith

Grades: 4th-9th

Weeks offered: W3 (Jun 15)

Get ready for a week of hands-on creativity, problem-solving, and all-around tech fun! During this full-day camp (9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.), rising 4th–9th grade campers will dive into a variety of STEAM experiences designed to build skills and spark imagination. Your camp leader is Jennifer Wardell Smith, FSA's Innovation Lab teacher.

Campers will explore intermediate-level Scratch coding, taking on challenges that involve variables, conditionals, parallel processes, animations, and interactive game design. Campers who are new to Scratch or coding may choose a beginner-level project. Students will also engineer and program robots using LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Prime kits—building custom bots, experimenting with sensors, and completing robotics challenges.

For some screen-free fun, students will design, build, and test their own obstacle courses, blending creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving in an exciting "unplugged" way.

Project ideas will be offered, but student choice drives the week—campers can focus on Scratch, robotics, or both! Whether they want to explore a mix of tech tools or dive deep into a single project, this camp gives every student the flexibility and guidance to invent, experiment, and create.

Join us for a week of tech adventures where curiosity leads the way!

Theater Camp

Lead: Katie Jefferies

Grades: 4th-9th

Weeks offered: W2 (Jun 8)

Students will learn to express themselves using their voices and bodies, develop and express creativity, and work together to solve problems and develop empathy. They will also participate in the fun, fast-paced, and often ridiculous world of improvisatory theater. We will play lots of games, develop our creative thinking and performance skills, and culminate with a Friday afternoon performance for family and friends.