

# SUMMER @ RICKS

RICKS CENTER FOR GIFTED CHILDREN



## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Build, fly, explore, paint, design, get wet--Ricks offers so many exciting ways to spend the summer!

- Fun for all ages!
  - *Preschool - Kindergarten*
  - *First Grade - Third Grade*
  - *Fourth Grade - Sixth Grade*
- Camps run Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sunrise early care and Sunset aftercare programs are available. Details on the last page.
- Please complete the *pre-registration* form (\$0) necessary to capture the required medical, authorized release, and other information.
- Visit Ricks website for more important details and to register today: [www.du.edu/ricks/camp](http://www.du.edu/ricks/camp)

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# PRESCHOOL - KINDERGARTEN

June 12 - 16

## Shipwrecked

Do you have what it takes to survive a week of being shipwrecked at Ricks? Find out as you build your own boat, decode a pirate map, learn the stories of famous pirates, and search for buried treasure across campus. "X" marks the spot!

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June 19 - 23

## Widgets and Gadgets

Calling all junior engineers! Use your imagination to turn your ideas into widgets and gadgets. Design and build so many fun things using different kinds of materials from blocks to solo cups and everything in between.



June 26 - 30

## Builder Brigade

Caution: Campers at work! Fascinated with dump trucks, cranes, and front loaders? Learn how to build by using different materials each day and watch as the camp room transforms into a dedicated construction zone!

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July 10 - 14

## Summer Scientists

Try some super silly science experiments using gummy worms, dancing raisins, and bouncing bubbles to name a few. Explore the bubbly, stinky, sticky, and sometimes slimy side of science. Wear your old clothes and get ready to make a mess!





# PRESCHOOL - KINDERGARTEN

July 17 - 21

## Space Explorers

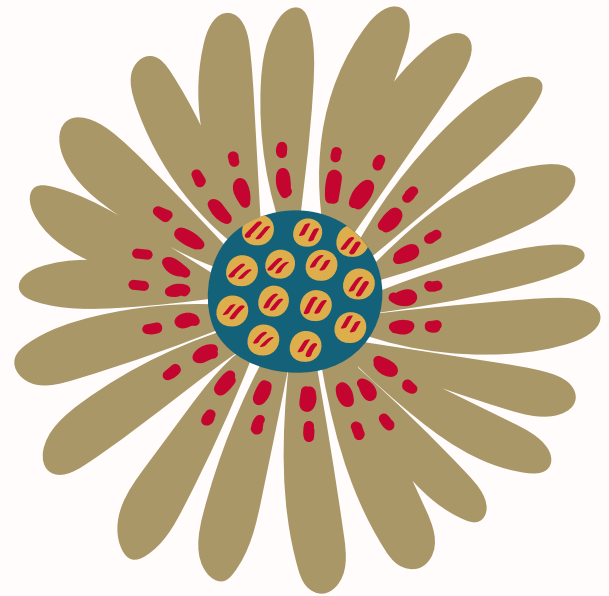
Blast off into summer with out-of-this-world fun! Imagine you are an astronaut and explore the planets, stars, sun, and moon through projects and stories. Create a mini solar system with your friends that will transform the camp room.

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July 24 - 28

## Art in Motion Jr.

Jump into some messy art fun combining creativity with motion to create one-of-a-kind masterpieces! Explore objects in action including rolling balls, splatting pom poms, moving marbles, and spinning tops to make these cool designs!



July 31 - August 4

## Kitchen Chemistry Jr.

Create sweet and savory memories! Measure and experiment with different mixtures of ingredients as well as cooking and cooling times. This culinary adventure highlights the fun world of "kitchen science" with yummy treats.



# FIRST GRADE - THIRD GRADE

June 12 - 16

## Treasure Hunters at DU

Decode a pirate's map and hunt for buried treasure on an adventure deep into the "wilds" of the University of Denver campus. Using your mapping and measuring skills, discover goodies of all shapes and sizes where "X" marks the spot.

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June 12 - 16

## Playwell LEGO: STEM & Minecraft

Build projects inspired by cool machines while applying concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture. Next, venture into the world of Minecraft--build a base, craft tools, harvest raw resources, and battle to stop the Ender Dragon!



June 12 - 16

## Chess Camp

A super-fun, high-energy chess experience where you can celebrate a new chess tactic each day with silly videos, music-driven puzzlers for prizes, colorful silicone Tactixbands, funny movies, and chess clock tournaments! Laughter, fast-clocks, and compelling teaching approaches make this camp the summer's highlight for the hundreds of kids who make up the awesome network of The Knight School's nationwide chess teams.

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# FIRST GRADE - THIRD GRADE

*June 19 - June 23*

## **Maker Space**

Explore a passion or take a risk and try something you've never tried before! Tinker and build in this STEM summer camp working with Cubelets, Dash robots, TinkerCad, LEGOs and more in this creative and innovative adventure.

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*June 26 - June 30*

## **Construction Zone**

Pyramids, bridges, arches and towers—humans have built them all and you will too! Investigate the shapes and structures all around, learn how major monuments were made, and apply those skills to design and build your own city.



*June 26 - June 30*

## **Playwell LEGO: Transportation Engineering**

Calling all LEGO® fanatics! Build projects inspired by cool machines such as steamboats, moon bridges, and bustling airports. Then break the sound barrier on a supersonic jet, deliver cargo by train, and explore a swamp by airboat.

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*July 10 - 14*

## **Ooey Goey Science**

Spend the week fizzling, sizzling, and oozing! Explore the gooey side of science and investigate some lingering mysteries around camp. Wear your old clothes because you are going to get messy experimenting with different materials.



# FIRST GRADE - THIRD GRADE

July 10-14

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July 17 - 21

## Journey Into Space

3-2-1 ... Blast off! As an astronaut preparing for your first mission to outer space, you will explore the concepts of robotics, rocketry, and aviation. Build your own earth-shattering rocket, and prepare to launch it at week's end.

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July 17 - 21

## Playwell LEGO: Mandalorian Training

Coming to a nearby galaxy! Using LEGOs, you will be guided through the skills and equipment needed to earn the title of a true Mandalorian. Build a gauntlet fighter ship to weave through the galaxy, try on a Z-6 jetpack and Mandalorian armor too.





# FIRST GRADE - THIRD GRADE

July 24 - 28

## Art in Motion

Using movement to create art, learn how to make your very own masterpiece appear as if in motion. Explore various objects in action including rolling balls, moving marbles, and spinning tops to create unique and amazing works of art!

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July 24 - 28

## Playwell Lego: STEM & Pokemon

Explore the vast world of Pokémon with Ash and Pikachu! Build and catch your favorite Pokémon, rescue Pikachu from Team Rocket, and take a ride on S.S. Anne to uncover rare and mystic Pokémon. Come along and catch them all!



July 31 - August 4

## Kitchen Chemistry

What happens when you mix cooking with science? Kitchen chemistry! Discover the science of making different types of food like cheese, ice cream in a bag, and many more fun recipes. Best of all--you can eat your delicious experiments.

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high-energy  
chess!"**

# FOURTH GRADE - SIXTH GRADE

June 12 - 16

## The Great Escape

After visiting a real escape room for inspiration, use mathematics, art, and engineering to design your own room. Solve a series of puzzles within a limited time to accomplish the goal. Invite parents and friends to test your design.

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June 19 - 23

## 3D Printing

Take your coding skills to the next level to code drones through mathematics and engineering design challenges. Learn how to design and print 3D models through innovative and inventive STEM challenges. The sky is the limit!



June 26 - 30

## Tiny Houses

Design a 300 sq. foot house and learn basic building concepts--choosing the right building platform, adding insulation, planning the interior, installing utilities, and more. Show off your design by building a scale model for your unique tiny house.

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July 10 - 14

## Grossology

You won't believe your eyes! Explore loads of horribly fantastic experiments that will focus on blood, bones and body bits. Don't forget your safety glasses, work gloves and apron because this is science with the squishy bits left in!





# FOURTH GRADE - SIXTH GRADE

July 17 - 21

## Rocket Science

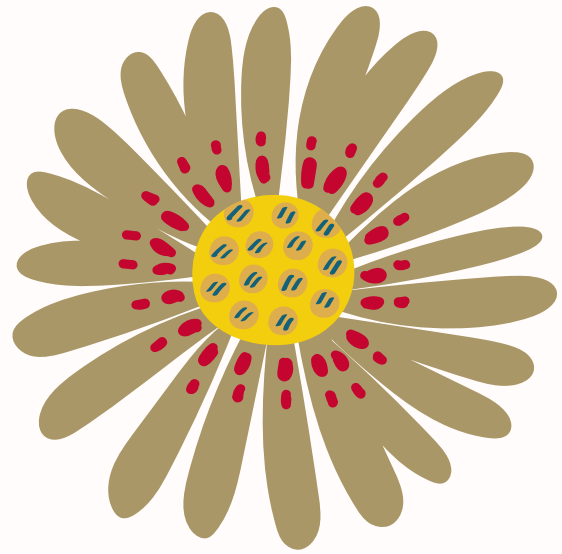
Explore propulsion, lift, drag, velocity and aerodynamics. Build and launch your own rocket starting with a paper model and moving to a more advanced model rocket. Get ready to blast off as you test your design and send it to the great beyond!

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July 24 - 28

## Color Explosion

Get messy with paint! Explore the artistic side as you apply paint, pigment and color to paper, canvas, and more. Explore new and exciting painting techniques such as splattering, dabbing, dripping, and sponging in the modern art style.



July 31 - August 4

## Kitchen Chemistry Sr.

From raw ingredients to a yummy dish, enjoy a week of culinary delights as you discover a lifelong love of cooking. Gain hands-on experience creating your own edible masterpieces that you can share with your friends and family!



# SCHEDULES AT A GLANCE

	JUNE 12 - 16	JUNE 19 - 23	JUNE 26 - 30	JULY 3-10
<i>Preschool - Kindergarten</i>	<b>Shipwrecked</b>	<b>Widgets &amp; Gadgets</b>	<b>Builder Brigade</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<i>Grade 1 - Grade 3</i>	<b>Treasure Hunters</b>  <b>Playwell LEGO: STEM &amp; Minecraft</b>  <b>Chess Camp</b>	<b>Maker Space</b>	<b>Construction Zone</b>  <b>Playwell LEGO: Transportation Engineering</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<i>Grade 4 - Grade 6</i>	<b>The Great Escape</b>	<b>3D Printing</b>	<b>Tiny Houses</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

	JULY 10 - 14	JULY 17 - 21	JULY 24 - 28	JULY 31 - AUG 4
<i>Preschool - Kindergarten</i>	<b>Summer Scientists</b>	<b>Space Explorers</b>	<b>Art in Motion Jr.</b>	<b>Kitchen Chemistry Jr.</b>
<i>Grade 1 - Grade 3</i>	<b>Ooey Gooney Science</b>  <b>Chess Camp</b>	<b>Journey into Space</b>  <b>Playwell LEGO: Mandalorian Training</b>	<b>Art in Motion</b>  <b>Playwell LEGO: STEM &amp; Pokemon</b>	<b>Kitchen Chemistry</b>  <b>Chess Camp</b>
<i>Grade 4 - Grade 6</i>	<b>Grossology</b>	<b>Rocket Science</b>	<b>Color Explosion</b>	<b>Kitchen Chemistry Sr.</b>





## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Sunrise early care is available from 7:30 am to 8:30 am for \$9 per day.
- Sunset aftercare is available from 4:00 pm- 6:00 p.m. for \$20 per day.
- Students enrolled at Ricks for the 2023-2024 school year are eligible for financial aid equivalent to tuition aid. Financial aid eligibility may be modified at the discretion of the Camp Director.
- General Health Appraisals are required for all campers, age five and younger.
- Immunization records are required.
- If your family received Denver Preschool Program (DPP) funding for the 2022 - 2023 school year, you may apply your tuition credit toward camp fees. You will need to complete summer registration.
- All campers must register online through RecTrac. Please visit our website, [www.du.edu/ricks/camp](http://www.du.edu/ricks/camp), to register.
- Before you can register for Summer at Ricks, you must complete the **pre-registration (prerequisite) form**.
- The Summer at Ricks pre-registration is a \$0 fee registration that allows you to enter your child's required medical, authorized release, emergency contact, and acknowledgment of risk information for Summer at Ricks 2023.
- Ricks is closed from **July 3 - 7**. No camp is offered during this week.
- Contact Maggie Wright with any questions at [Margaret.Wright@du.edu](mailto:Margaret.Wright@du.edu).