



summer explorations

Needham Community Education



Summer Explorations 2019 // Week at a Glance

Join us for some summer fun this July!

The Needham Community Education Summer Explorations program offers students entering grades 1–9 more than 90 exciting weeklong, morning, afternoon and full-day enrichment classes during the first four weeks of July. There are classes in science, sports and fitness, cooking, fine and performing arts, culture, crafts, technology, engineering and more to appeal to the inquisitive, active, and creative child!

Program dates:

Week 1: July 1–3

Week 2: July 8–12

Week 3: July 15–19

Week 4: July 22–26



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The relaxed and fun setting of Summer Explorations provides an excellent opportunity for children to develop new skills and to explore new interests!

Students participating in both morning and afternoon sessions, or full-day classes **bring their own lunch** from home and stay for a supervised lunch period with their friends at their program site. The program runs for four weeks in July and students may register for classes in any or all of the weeks.

Program Locations:

The Broadmeadow School will have classes for rising grades 1–5 and the High Rock School will have classes for rising grades 3–9. Our “Summer Theater Variety Show” and “Theater Set Design and Construction” programs will be held in Week 4 at the Broadmeadow School. No transportation is provided between locations.

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- **Class descriptions and pricing is available in the Summer Explorations 2019 online catalog available on the NCE website at:**

www.needham.k12.ma.us/community_ed

(under the Summer Explorations tab).

- **Register online* beginning at 7:00am on Thursday, March 14th.** Use this link to register: <http://needham.schoolpay.com/link/NCEsummer2019>
**Scholarship registrations cannot be taken online. Please contact NCE for assistance at 781-445-0400 (option 5).*

- **Please review all class details carefully before registering.** Week at a Glance classes are subject to change. There may be revisions to the classes or schedule as it appears in this flyer. Final information will be listed in the catalog and on the registration page.

- **Grade Ranges:** Grade ranges represent the grade the child will be entering in the fall of 2019.

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Needham Non-Discrimination Policy

The Needham Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, active military/veteran status, ancestry, genetic information or national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, and other administered programs and activities. In addition, students who are homeless or of limited English-speaking ability are protected from discrimination in accessing the course of study and other opportunities available through schools.

Needham Community Education

Needham Community Education (NCE) is an office of the Needham Public Schools and combines a number of out-of-school time programs into one administrative office. Programs are self-sustaining and include elementary and middle school after school programs, Adult Education, Summer Explorations and other summer programs, Kindergarten Enrichment (KASE) and more. We hope to provide quality lifelong learning experiences that are accessible to children, teens and adults. We seek to offer interesting educational, cultural, and skill-building classes at a reasonable cost.

Contact Information:

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1330 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02492

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Web: www.needham.k12.ma.us/community_ed

Office Hours: 8:00am–4:00pm, Monday–Friday

Broadmeadow School (morning) // 8:45am–11:45am		Instructor(s)
Sports of All Sorts I	Grades: 1–2	Paula Kelley
Sensational Scientists	Grades: 1–3	Ellen Porter
Stars and Stripes Forever	Grades: 1–3	Laurie Kraemer and Jen Priesing
Superheroes with a Twist	Grades: 1–3	Beth Batchman
Let's Chill: Winter in July	Grades: 1–3	Tracy Gay and Caitlin MacDonald
Beginning Coding	Grades: 2–4	Nicole Piatelli and Kelly Robinson
Breakfast Club (<i>cooking class</i>)	Grades: 3–5	Elaine McKenna and Christine Shelly
Sports of All Sorts II	Grades: 3–5	Moore Dodge
Yarn Art	Grades: 3–5	Laura McGovern and Liddy Demirjian

Broadmeadow School (afternoon) // 12:15pm–3:15pm		Instructor(s)
Beginning Coding	Grades: 1–3	Nicole Piatelli and Kelly Robinson
Bugs, Butterflies and Blossoms	Grades: 1–3	Tracy Gay and Caitlin MacDonald
Planes, Trains and Automobiles	Grades: 1–3	Ellen Porter
Yarn Art	Grades: 1–3	Laura McGovern and Liddy Demirjian
Basketball and More II	Grades: 3–5	Moore Dodge and Glen Hopkins
Breakfast Club (<i>cooking class</i>)	Grades: 3–5	Elaine McKenna and Christine Shelly
Printing and Stamping	Grades: 3–5	Jen Priesing Laurie Kraemer

High Rock School (morning) // 9:00am–12:00pm		Instructor(s)
Best of Summer Camp Crafts and Games	Grades: 3–5	Joanna Caliman
Einstein's Workshop: Minecraft Architecture	Grades: 3–5	Einstein's Workshop staff member
Glass Art	Grades: 3–5	Michel L'Huillier
Baseball Games and Skills	Grades: 3–6	Steve Blomberg
Artistic Poetry	Grades: 4–7	Laura Sechovicz
Brunch Bunch (<i>cooking class</i>)	Grades: 6–9	Jen Tutelman
Festive Fourth of July Decorations	Grades: 5–9	Jennifer Maw
Geocaching & Scavenger Hunting	Grades: 5–9	Karen Vona McIntyre and Joanne Sullivan
Volleyball and More	Grades: 5–9	Kathryn Kardelis and Rosie Calland

High Rock School (afternoon) // 12:30pm–3:30pm		Instructor(s)
Einstein's Workshop: Robotics w/LEGO Mindstorms	Grades: 3–5	Einstein's Workshop staff member
Festive Fourth of July Decorations	Grades: 3–5	Jennifer Maw
Minute to Win It	Grades: 3–5	Joanna Caliman
Impressionism and Beyond	Grades: 4–6	Laura Sechovicz
Challenges and Games	Grades: 5–9	Paula Kelley
Improv and Acting Workshop	Grades: 5–9	Kate Donnelly and Kayla Sweeney
Patriotic Treats and Cupcake Decorating	Grades: 5–9	Karen Vona McIntyre and Joanne Sullivan
Glass Art	Grades: 6–9	Michel L'Huillier

High Rock School (FULL DAY) // 9:00am–3:30pm		Instructor(s)
Virtual Reality Video Making	Grades: 5–9	Josh Yankell and Natalie Guthrie

> Week at a Glance updated March 8th:

Week 3 PM Broadmeadow: Kitchen Science replaced No-Bake Baking

Week 3 AM High Rock: 3D Art and Clay grades ranged changed to grades 6–9

Week 4 AM High Rock: Inside Look at the Medical Profession grade ranges changed to grades 6–9

Broadmeadow School (morning) // 8:45am–11:45am		Instructor(s)
Sports of All Sorts I	Grades: 1–2	Paula Kelley
Across the Universe	Grades: 1–3	Julie Evans
Art Explorations	Grades: 1–3	Damon Burnard
Dino-mite Dinosaurs	Grades: 1–3	Tracy Gay and Sara Hill
Fairies and Sprites	Grades: 1–3	Ellen Porter
LEGO Fever!	Grades: 1–3	Vicky Neale
Mini Bakers	Grades: 1–3	Kayla Bedigan and Liz Storer
Baseball Games and Skills	Grades: 3–5	Steve Blomberg
Duct Tape Creations	Grades: 3–5	Jen Priesing and Laurie Kraemer
MathMagicians	Grades: 3–5	Elaine McKenna and Christine Shelly
Sports of All Sorts II	Grades: 3–5	Moore Dodge
Snack Attack	Grades: 3–5	Caitlin Concannon and Katelyn Distaso

Broadmeadow School (afternoon) // 12:15pm–3:15pm		Instructor(s)
Basketball and More I	Grades: 1–2	Moore Dodge
It's a Small World	Grades: 1–3	Tracy Gay and Sara Hill
Sensational Scientists	Grades: 1–3	Ellen Porter
Snack Attack	Grades: 1–3	Caitlin Concannon and Katelyn Distaso
Star Wars	Grades: 1–3	Laurie Kraemer and Jen Priesing
Art Explorations	Grades: 3–5	Damon Burnard
Baking for Beginners	Grades: 3–5	Elaine McKenna and Christine Shelly
Basketball and More II	Grades: 3–5	Glen Hopkins and Michael Marcojohn

High Rock School (morning) // 9:00am–12:00pm		Instructor(s)
3D Art and Clay	Grades: 3–5	Jennie Bates
Make Your Own Dreamhouse	Grades: 3–5	Caitlin MacDonald and Kristie Griffin
Science in a Jar	Grades: 3–5	Erin McElhinney
A Week At Hogwarts	Grades: 3–6	Tracy Ahrens and Mollie Baker
Improv and Acting Workshop	Grades: 4–6	Kate Donnelly and Kayla Sweeney
Mission: Escape the Room	Grades: 5–9	Karen Vona McIntyre and Amy Sweeney
Robotics	Grades: 5–9	Nicole Piatelli and Kelly Robinson
Team Sports	Grades: 5–9	Mike Ciccolella
Glass Art	Grades: 6–9	Michel L'Huillier
Mind, Body and Soul: Crafting Your Inner Self	Grades: 6–9	Sascha D'Angelo and Julianne Pizzi
Pockets, Pockets, Pockets (<i>cooking class</i>)	Grades: 6–9	Jen Tuttelman and Jeff Weinstein

High Rock School (afternoon) // 12:30pm–3:30pm		Instructor(s)
Are You up for the Challenge	Grades: 3–5	Karen Vona McIntyre and Vicky Neale
Glass Art	Grades: 3–5	Michel L'Huillier
Make Your Own Treehouse	Grades: 3–5	Caitlin MacDonald and Kristie Griffin
Design Your Own Board Game	Grades: 3–6	Tracy Ahrens Mollie Baker
Creative Writing: Fiction Fun!	Grades: 5–8	Laura Sechovicz
Challenges and Games	Grades: 5–9	Paula Kelley
Engineering: Chaos Tower	Grades: 5–9	Nicole Piatelli and Kelly Robinson
3D Art and Clay	Grades: 6–9	Jennie Bates
Pockets, Pockets, Pockets (<i>cooking class</i>)	Grades: 6–9	Jen Tuttelman and Jeff Weinstein

High Rock School (FULL DAY) // 9:00am–3:30pm		Instructor(s)
Virtual Reality Video Making	Grades: 5–9	Josh Yankell and Natalie Guthrie

Broadmeadow School (morning) // 8:45am–11:45am		Instructor(s)
Sports of All Sorts I	Grades: 1–2	Paula Kelley
Across the Universe	Grades: 1–3	Julie Evans
American Girls: Past and Present	Grades: 1–3	Rosemary Calland and Theresa Levy
Cool Jewelry	Grades: 1–3	Sarah Donovan
Dino-mite Dinosaurs	Grades: 1–3	Tracy Gay and Sara Hill
LEGO Gizmos, Gadgets and Gears	Grades: 1–3	Vicky Neale
Mini Bakers	Grades: 1–3	Kayla Bedigan and Liz Storer
Art Explorations	Grades: 3–5	Damon Burnard
Gotta Dance	Grades: 3–5	Alexa LeGuyader
Mad Scientists	Grades: 3–5	Elaine McKenna and Christine Shelly
Scrapbooking for Kids	Grades: 3–5	Katrina Martyn
Sports of All Sorts II	Grades: 3–5	Moore Dodge

Broadmeadow School (afternoon) // 12:15pm–3:15pm		Instructor(s)
Basketball and More I	Grades: 1–2	Moore Dodge
All About Pets	Grades: 1–3	Tracy Gay and Kayla Bedigan
Art Explorations	Grades: 1–3	Damon Burnard
Kitchen Science	Grades: 1–3	Caitlin Concannon and Katelyn Distaso
Story Makers	Grades: 1–3	Janine Everts
Baking for Beginners II	Grades: 3–5	Elaine McKenna and Christine Shelly
Basketball and More	Grades: 3–5	Glen Hopkins and Michael Marcojohn
Duct Tape Creations	Grades: 3–5	Jen Priesing and Laurie Kraemer

High Rock School (morning) // 9:00am–12:00pm		Instructor(s)
Make Your Own Dreamhouse	Grades: 3–5	Caitlin MacDonald and Kristie Griffin
A Week At Hogwarts	Grades: 3–6	Tracy Ahrens
Magical Art	Grades: 3–6	Jonathan DiNapoli
Engineering Bridges	Grades: 4–6	Tamara Hosford Keough
Kids Can Cook	Grades: 5–7	Cathy Herndon and Jen Murray
Earthquake Towers	Grades: 5–9	Nicole Piatelli and Kelly Robinson
Team Sports	Grades: 5–9	Mike Ciccolella
3D Art and Clay	Grades: 6–9	Jennie Bates
Dungeons and Dragons	Grades: 6–9	Cristian Marano
Intro to A Cappella	Grades: 6–9	Kayla Sweeney
Screenplay Writing	Grades: 6–9	Joanna Caliman

High Rock School (afternoon) // 12:30pm–3:30pm		Instructor(s)
3D Art and Clay	Grades: 3–5	Jennie Bates
Einstein's Workshop: Code Kingdoms	Grades: 3–5	Einstein's Workshop staff member
Minute to Win It	Grades: 3–5	Joanna Caliman
Sew Fun	Grades: 3–5	Jasmine Sanders
Printmaking Studio	Grades: 5–9	Anne Nydam
Robotics	Grades: 5–9	Nicole Piatelli and Kelly Robinson
Challenges and Games	Grades: 5–9	Paula Kelley
Hamilton: The Musical	Grades: 5–9	Tracy Ahrens and Vicky Neale
Magic: The Gathering	Grades: 6–9	Cristian Marano
Kids Can Cook	Grades: 6–9	Jen Murray and Caitlin MacDonald

High Rock School (FULL DAY) // 9:00am–3:30pm		Instructor(s)
iMovie	Grades: 5–9	Karen Vona McIntyre and Gabe Guerra

Broadmeadow School (morning) // 8:45am–11:45am		Instructor(s)
Sports of All Sorts I	Grades: 1–2	Paula Kelley
Cool Jewelry	Grades: 1–3	Sarah Donovan
LEGO Fever!	Grades: 1–3	Vicky Neale
Let's Build: Water Engineering	Grades: 1–3	Liz Lee
Let's Chill: Winter in July	Grades: 1–3	Tracy Gay and Caitlin MacDonald
Mini Bakers	Grades: 1–3	Kayla Bedigan and Liz Storer
Superheroes with a Twist	Grades: 1–3	Beth Batchman
Fantasy World Creation	Grades: 3–5	Ellen Porter
Science in a Jar	Grades: 3–5	Erin McElhinney
Sports of All Sorts II	Grades: 3–5	Moore Dodge

Broadmeadow School (afternoon) // 12:15pm–3:15pm		Instructor(s)
All About Pets	Grades: 1–3	Tracy Gay and Kayla Bedigan
Art, Paint, Create	Grades: 1–3	Mackenzie Beard
Story Makers	Grades: 1–3	Janine Everts
Trains, Planes and Automobiles	Grades: 1–3	Ellen Porter
Basketball and More II	Grades: 3–5	Moore Dodge and Glen Hopkins
No Bake Baking	Grades: 3–5	Caitlin Concannon and Katelyn Distaso
Sew Fun Too	Grades: 3–5	Jasmine Sanders

Broadmeadow School (FULL DAY) // 8:45am–3:15pm		Instructor(s)
Summer Theater Variety Show	Grades: 3–7	Kristen Mazzocchi and Theresa Blume
Theater Set Design and Construction	Grades: 4–7	Sally Tomasetti

High Rock School (morning) // 9:00am–12:00pm		Instructor(s)
Mad Scientists	Grades: 3–5	Elaine McKenna and Christine Shelly
Magical Art	Grades: 3–6	Jonathan DiNapoli
Intro to Cheerleading	Grades: 4–6	Kate Donnelly and Kayla Sweeney
Kids Can Cook	Grades: 5–7	Cathy Herndon and Jen Murray
Inside Look at the Medical Profession*	Grades: 6–9	Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital Staff
<i>*Inside Look at the Medical Profession will take place at Beth Israel Hospital Needham</i>		
Printmaking Studio	Grades: 5–9	Anne Nydam
Volleyball and More	Grades: 5–9	Kathryn Kardelis and Rosie Calland
Earthquake Towers	Grades: 6–9	Nicole Piatelli and Kelly Robinson
Speech and Debate	Grades: 6–9	Paul Wexler

High Rock School (afternoon) // 12:30pm–3:30pm		Instructor(s)
Explorers and Expeditions	Grades: 3–5	Kathryn Kardelis
Best of Summer Camp Crafts and Games	Grades: 3–5	Joanna Caliman
Astronaut Training	Grades: 4–6	Angela DiNapoli and Jonathan DiNapoli
Decorative Painting	Grades: 4–6	Jen Murray and Caitlin MacDonald
Baking, Beyond the Basics	Grades: 5–9	Elaine McKenna and Christine Shelly
Improv and Acting Workshop	Grades: 5–9	Kate Donnelly and Kayla Sweeney
Engineering: Chaos Towers	Grades: 5–9	Nicole Piatelli and Kelly Robinson
Challenges and Games	Grades: 5–9	Paula Kelley

High Rock School (FULL DAY) // 9:00am–3:30pm		Instructor(s)
iMovie	Grades: 5–9	Karen Vona McIntyre and Gabe Guerra
Making Masterpieces (art class)	Grades: 6–9	Jennifer Maw

Important Information

Wait Lists:

If you would like to add your child to a wait list for a full class, please email Carolyn Colonna, NCE Program Director, carolyn_colonna@needham.k12.ma.us. Include the class name, week, AM/PM, your child's name and your best daytime phone number. If a spot becomes available, you will be contacted right away.

Non-Residents:

Non-residents are welcome to participate.

Confirmations:

Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email from School Pay. Your child is confirmed in the class upon receipt. If you don't receive your receipt, please check your SPAM folder. NCE will be happy to assist if the receipt cannot be located.

Scholarship Assistance:

Is available for students who receive free or reduced lunch. Please call NCE for details, 781-455-0400 (option 5).

For Parents of Students with Special Needs:

Summer Explorations classes are open to all, and every effort will be made to accommodate students with special needs. Please contact Carolyn Colonna, NCE Program Director, carolyn_colonna@needham.k12.ma.us if you would like guidance as to which programs may be the best fit for your child.

For Students with IEPs:

Summer Explorations staff members have no access to IEPs. Please provide any relevant information when registering your child.

Allergy / Medical Considerations:

The Summer Explorations Nurse will review all Summer Explorations registrations on which special medical/allergy concerns are indicated, and will coordinate medical arrangements. **If your child will require direct medical or support services, please register your child prior to April 15 to enable ample time to coordinate the required services.**

Behavior Policy:

We expect our students to follow their teacher's instructions and to treat each other and staff with respect. If your child does not meet these expectations we will communicate with you to discuss the behavior. If your child's behavior does not improve, we will ask you to withdraw your child from the class and no refund will be given. If your child exhibits threatening behavior toward others in the class, they will be withdrawn immediately and no refund will be given. All school policies outlined in the school Student Handbook apply to NCE Summer Explorations classes.

Supervised Lunch:

Students enrolled in both a morning AND an afternoon class, OR a full-day class, will enjoy a supervised lunch in the Broadmeadow or High Rock cafeteria. Lunches must be brought from home. No transportation is provided between program locations.

No Transportation Provided:

No transportation is provided for Summer Explorations.

Registration Policies:

Refund Policy:

Withdrawals (minus a \$30 processing fee) will be accepted until May 3, 2019. Refunds will be made by check from the Town of Needham, and may take up to three weeks in the mail.

No refunds or credits will be issued after May 3, 2019.

Minimum Enrollment Policy:

If the minimum number of students required for a class is not met, the class will be canceled. Parents of all registrants in canceled classes will be notified by or before June 3, and every effort will be made to place the child in another class of their choice. Tuition will be refunded if the class is canceled by NCE. Refunds will be made by check from the Town of Needham, and may take up to 3 weeks to arrive by mail.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Drop Off:

There will be no adult supervision until 15 minutes prior to the start of class. At each Summer Explorations location, students will gather in a designated waiting area. The On-Site Coordinator will supervise the children until the instructors arrive to take attendance and to escort the students to their classrooms.

Absence:

If your child will be absent, please call the Community Education Office, 781-455-0400 (option 5), **before 8:30am**.

Prompt Pick-up:

For safety reasons, students must be picked up promptly at dismissal time.

If you are delayed, there is a 5-minute grace period before late charges begin. Delays beyond 5 minutes will result in a charge of \$1.70/each additional 5-minute period that the On-Site Coordinator remains with your child. Needham Community Education will bill you for the charges.

More detailed instructions regarding drop-off and pick-up will be emailed a week prior to the start of each program week.

Policies:

All school policies outlined in the school Student Handbook apply to the NCE Summer Explorations program.

Contact Us:

If you have any questions regarding registration, please feel free to contact: Carolyn Colonna
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