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Guide to the Best Summer Camps in Seattle, the Eastside and South Sound in 2025

Find your summer fun!

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Summer camp is an iconic childhood experience, both a rite of passage and an opportunity for explorations that simply aren't possible during the school year. Whether you opt for the classic experience portrayed in so many movies or an adventure as unique as your own child, our list has a camp for every kid.

We've found camps where kids can exercise their bodies while building sports skills; work out their brains through creative projects and science; spend time with animals; get ready for their close-up in the performing arts; explore the great outdoors; and even learn to sail at camps in the woods and on the water. We've also found camps for those with special needs and disabilities, as well as flexible camps where campers can drop in for a day.

Whatever camp you choose, your camper will reap the benefits, achieving more independence, making new friends, and gaining new skills and experiences. Explore our 2025 camp guide to plan your perfect summer activities.

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Seattle-Area Summer Camps in the Great Outdoors

Animal tracking, wild cooking, white water rafting and more!

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Time spent in nature can improve mental health as well as develop skills needed to lead an active lifestyle, but demanding school-year schedules and the liquid sunshine of Seattle winters make it hard for today's kids to have the kind of outdoor adventures previous generations took for granted. These summer camps offer incredibly cool activities, such as animal tracking, white water rafting, rock climbing and so much more. Whether you choose a day camp or overnight experience, your child will have a blast.

Trackers Seattle (<https://seattle.trackersearch.com/youth/camps/summer-camp/>) (Bellevue, Kirkland)

After parents drop campers off at “base camp,” campers are bused to farms, meadows and forests to learn wilderness survival skills in these award-winning day camps. They will make new friends while exploring nature and learning survival skills, archery, fishing, boating and more.

Grades: K–12

Cost: TBA

Camp Nor’wester (<https://www.norwester.org/summercamp>) (Johns Island in the San Juan Islands)

In both sessions of these monthlong camps, kids will learn outdoor skills as well as sailing, hiking, rock climbing, archery and other activities. Each session includes overnight trips, during which campers hone their wilderness survival skills. Sliding-scale tuition and financial assistance are available.

Ages: 9–16

Cost: \$6,300–\$7,300

Avid4 Adventure (<https://avid4.com/washington-summer-camps>) (Bellevue)

These weeklong day camps offer kids a chance to learn mountain biking, rock climbing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding and other outdoor sports. Campers will come home with skills to help them enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle in the years to come. Financial assistance is available.

Grades: K–7

Cost: \$600

Wolf Camp (<https://wolfcamp.org/youth/>) (Lake Sammamish, Puyallup, Mount Rainier)

These camps feature a 6-to-1 counselor-to-camper ratio. Each week focuses on a different wilderness survival skill set, such as herbology, wild cooking, foraging, animal tracking, animal search and rescue, ancient artisan skills and even advanced earth conservation. Wolf Camp offers both day and overnight camp experiences, as well as adult and family camps. Sliding-scale tuition is available.

Ages: 7–15

Cost: \$495–\$1,075

Wilderness Awareness School (<https://wildernessawareness.org/youth-programs/>) (multiple locations)

From day camps for younger kids to tween overnights and teen expeditions, Wilderness Awareness School uses its own “coyote mentoring” techniques, which blend ancient and modern ways of connecting with nature. With a small staff-to-student ratio, campers will learn about nature while also mastering practical lessons, such as survival skills, animal tracking, plant identification and more. Financial assistance is available.

Ages: 6–18

Cost: \$595–\$1,795

Camp Gallagher (<https://www.campgallagher.org/classic-camp/>) (Lakebay)

These 6- to 10-day overnight camps for middle school and high school students offer a variety of activities, including canoeing, sailing, swimming, games and crafts. Some camps feature an overnight excursion during which campers travel to another campsite and work as a team. Tiered pricing.

Grades: 6–12

Cost: \$935–\$1,973

Alpengirl (<https://www.alpengirlcamp.com/>) (multiple locations in the Pacific Northwest, Maine and Iceland)

Alpengirl camps, which run 6–14 days, include a variety of adventure activities, such as backpacking, horseback riding, whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, rock climbing and more. With 1-to-4 and 1-to-6 counselor-to-camper ratios, camps encourage girls to develop confidence and lasting friendships.

Ages: 11–17

Cost: \$1,895–\$4,995

Camp Fire Central Puget Sound (<https://campfireseattle.org/camp-sealth-overnight-camp/camp-descriptions/adventure-camps/>) (multiple locations)

For adventure-craving kids, Camp Sealth offers three overnight camps: Choose hiking and white water rafting at Cascades in Action; check out lava tubes and hike around Mount St. Helens at Volcano Venture camp; or add a couple of days of backpacking to a more traditional camp with Cascades Backpacking camp. Camps are gender inclusive. Tiered pricing.

Grades: 7–10

Cost: \$1,289–\$1,489

Arboretum Summer Camp

(<https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/education/youth-family/summer-camp/>)
(Seattle)

Campers will get dirty while playing and investigating the natural world at one of two camp locations: the Washington Park Arboretum or the Center for Urban Horticulture. They'll walk trails and learn to identify flora and fauna. Choose from one- or two-week camps. Enrollment is by lottery in December and January, so mark your calendar for next year. Teens 15–18 attend for free and earn volunteer hours.

Ages: 6–18

Cost: \$440–\$880

YMCA Outdoor Leadership Camps

(https://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx?idCamp=793&campCode=kuy&idLocation=2620&_ga=2.1139569.130782841674151576.1689479414) (multiple locations)

Boys & Girls Outdoor Leadership (BOLD & GOLD) offers tweens and teens amazing weeklong outdoor experiences while teaching leadership skills. Rock climbing at Mount Erie, hiking through the rainforest and backpacking on the beach are just a few samples of the types of camps offered. There are also all-gender options. Tiered pricing.

Grades: 9–12

Cost: \$1,115–\$2,195

Adventure Treks (<https://www.adventuretreks.com/teen-adventure-camp/>) **(multiple West Coast and international locations)**

Teens will face outdoor challenges such as rafting, climbing, hiking, biking, camping, kayaking and canoeing as a group in these camps that run from two weeks to one month. While having fun in beautiful places, teens gain confidence, leadership and outdoor skills that set them up for a successful future. The organization also offers family camps. Financial assistance is available.

Grades: 7–12

Cost: \$4,595–\$7,295

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2025 Seattle-Area Summer Sports Camps for Little Athletes

Let your kids burn off energy and learn new skills at a sports camp this summer

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If you've got an active kid, or your kid needs a nudge to move more, sports camp is just the ticket. Campers build skills, learn teamwork and have fun in these summer camp programs. From team sports at all skill levels to individual sports, such as fencing and rock climbing, there's bound to be an activity your kid will

enjoy.

NBC Camps (<https://www.nbccamps.com/about>) (multiple locations)

Specializing in intensive training in basketball, volleyball and lacrosse, nationwide organization NBC Camps offers both overnight and day camps in Washington state. Camp staff train the total athlete, teaching the power of attitude, visualization and mental training to win both on and off the court or field. Selective international camps are available for advanced athletes.

Ages: 8–18

Cost: \$415–\$6,650

Boys and Girls Clubs (<https://positiveplace.org/youth-summer-programs/>) (multiple locations)

Boys and Girls Clubs offer a variety of camps for kids and teens, including sports camps for beginner and intermediate athletes throughout the summer. Camps focus on skill building and teamwork, while helping kids grow socially, emotionally and academically. Camps include Summer Brain Gain, a hands-on learning program designed to keep kids sharp and engaged. Scholarships are available.

Grades: K–12

Cost: \$50–\$450

Challenger Sports Soccer (<https://challengersports.com/soccer-camps/>) (multiple locations)

Coached by international and U.S.-based staff, these weeklong half-day, full-day and even out-of-state soccer camps aim to improve your child's soccer skills while providing a unique cultural experience. Camps are designed for all ages and ability levels, from beginner to advanced players; choose from TinyTykes camp, foundational skills camp, creative skills camp or elite camp.

Ages: 2–19

Cost: Varies

Washington Fencing Academy (<https://www.washingtonfencing.com/>) (Issaquah)

Washington Fencing Academy offers half-day summer camps for beginner through intermediate fencers. For the beginner camp, no experience is necessary, and all equipment is provided. Campers will have fun learning the basics of fencing, including footwork, basic strikes and defenses. Continuing and intermediate-level camps are offered for students with prior experience.

Ages: 8–18

Cost: \$275–\$350

US Sports Camps (<https://www.ussportscamps.com/>) (multiple locations)

Sponsored by Nike, US Sports Camps offers multiple programs in two dozen different sports, including soccer, golf, swimming and tennis. Camps range from a few hours per day to overnight experiences.

Programs are open to players of all genders and abilities, and all are led by experienced staff. Use the site search to find a camp near you.

Ages: 5–15

Cost: Varies

PGA Junior Golf Camps (<https://pgajuniorgolfcamps.com/camp-locations/washington/>) (multiple locations)

These half- and full-day camps focus on developing skills such as full swing, short game, rules and etiquette. With a low teacher-to-instructor ratio, kids at all levels, from just beginning to those with advanced skill levels, can learn golf while having a good time. Each Washington location offers different camps.

Ages: 7–17

Cost: Varies by location

Arena Sports (<https://www.arenasports.net/skills-institute/#si-camp>) (multiple locations)

Arena Sports offers the Skills Institute soccer summer camp at all five locations. Focusing on developing campers' soccer skills and fundamentals, this is a weeklong half-day camp at which campers will improve skills and gain a better understanding of the game.

Ages: 5–12

Cost: Varies by location

Seattle Bouldering Project (<https://boulderingproject.com/youth-camps/>) (Seattle)

If your kids are climbing the walls, try indoor climbing at the Seattle Bouldering Project in Fremont and South Seattle. At these day camps, kids will dive deep into a sport that offers tangible and diverse physical and mental benefits. The instructors focus on skill building and youth development.

Ages: 6–15

Cost: \$525–\$595

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Kids STEAM and Science Camps in Seattle in 2025

Explore the world of science, technology, engineering, art and math this
summer

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Stop the summer slide at these knowledge-building science, technology, engineering, art and math camps, where complex concepts are seamlessly incorporated into a variety of activities so fun and engaging that kids might not notice they are educational.

XP League Redmond (<https://www.xpleague.com/washington-redmond/camps/>) (Kirkland)

If you've got a gamer, they are going to want to check these camps out. XP League Redmond offers weeklong camps (full- or half-day) with engaging themes that include "Content Creation for YouTube and Twitch," "Fortnite Bootcamp: Better Player, Better Person" and others. Daily activities include goal setting, team-based gaming practice, physical activity, and, of course, computerless games and snack breaks.

Ages: 7–17

Cost: \$225–\$449

Open World by DigiPen (<https://discoveropenworld.com/>) (Redmond and Bothell)

Open World workshops are designed to explore the STEAM fields of the future with cutting-edge technologies, programs and techniques that will be relevant in real-world industries. Subjects include robotics, art, animation, ceramics, video game development, sound design, programming, manga, drawing and so much more.

Ages: 6–18

Cost: \$899–\$1,599

YMCA Marine Biology

([https://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx?](https://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx?idCamp=793&campCode=kuy&lnkSubCategory1=Specialty+Camps&idLocal)

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(Orcas Island)

At Camp Orkila's Marine Salmon Center, campers study marine ecology, oceanography and conservation during a weeklong sleepaway camp. Campers will dissect a squid, explore the intertidal zone and visit The Whale Museum on San Juan Island. Tiered pricing and financial assistance are available.

Grades: 6–8

Cost: \$1,695–\$2,350

Chess4Life (<https://chess4life.com/programs/camps>) (Issaquah, Bellevue)

Students can choose from all-day chess or chess plus Lego, robotics or table tennis at these weeklong day camps. Beginner through advanced players are welcome and will rapidly improve their chess skills, learning critical mindsets for success while having a good time and making new friends. Extended day available as a camp add-on.

Ages: 6–12

Cost: \$425–\$525

Girls Rock Math (<https://www.girlsrockmath.org/in-person-camp.php>) **(multiple locations)**

This math camp allows campers to explore math concepts through art and nature. In small, collaborative groups, girls will discover and explore mathematical concepts through practical and engaging activities like fashion design, beading, creating codes and other projects. A leadership camp for middle school-age former campers is available.

Grades: 1–8

Cost: \$495

Design and Build (<https://www.cwb.org/summer-camps>) (Seattle)

The Center for Wooden Boats is hosting a unique woodworking camp for teens and tweens this summer. Each camper will start with an idea and move it through the design process, building whatever they can dream up with wood. They'll work with hand tools to construct something that's truly theirs. Financial assistance and member discounts are available.

Ages: 10–14

Cost: \$595–\$670

iD Tech Camps (<https://www.idtech.com/summer-camps>) (Seattle, Bellevue)

Campers learn from tech rock stars on the University of Washington (UW) and Bellevue College campuses with iD Tech's camps in tech, game development, AI, coding and more. Day camps last one week at Bellevue College; choose one- or two-week-long day or overnight camps at UW.

Ages: 7–18

Cost: \$1,149–\$5,699

Pacific Science Center (<https://pacificsciencecenter.org/education/camps/>) **(multiple locations)**

At PacSci's Camps for Curious Minds, kids will investigate, experiment and play with STEAM themes such as "Grossology," robotics, young veterinarians, kitchen chemistry, microbiomes, canoeing and many others. Offered at multiple locations in the Greater Seattle area, including Bellevue, these day camps fill up quickly. Full scholarships are available.

Grades: Pre-K–8

Cost: \$270–\$740

KidsQuest Children's Museum

(<https://www.kidsquestmuseum.org/programs/summer-camp>) (Bellevue)

Kids can play and have fun while learning STEAM-based concepts. In these half- and full-day camps, themes include space exploration, photography, sports and more. Campers are divided by age group into Explorer Camp and Adventure Camp. Members have early access to registration.

Ages: 4–10

Cost: \$350–\$525

Kids Science Labs (<https://kidsscience.com/camp-overview>) (Seattle)

Kids Science Labs is offering four unique sections of its Engineering University this summer, with each full-day camp featuring its own unique five-day experience, focusing on physics, design, inventions or chemistry. Hands-on projects keep kids engaged and curious.

Ages: 4–12

Cost: \$525–\$595

Sci-Fi STEAM Voyagers (<https://www.mopop.org/education/summer-camps>) (Seattle)

Described as science with a pinch of imagination, at this STEAM-themed camp at MoPOP, campers will experiment and explore engineering and science concepts so out there that the ideas will seem magical. July 21–25 only.

Ages: 7–10

Cost: \$420

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Summer Camps for Creative Kids in Seattle and Beyond

Let them explore their creative side with art, music and more

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Art is usually one of the first classes cut when school budgets become tight — and budgets are always tight — so most kids don't get to create a lot of art at school. Whether your child is a dedicated artist or just curious, summer is the perfect time to explore the arts. Campers can paint pottery, learn woodworking, turn recycled objects into art, draw, create mixed media, fuse glass, make mosaics or even sharpen their chef skills.

Pratt Fine Arts Center (<https://pratt.org/youthteensummer.php>) (Seattle)

Weeklong summer classes for ages 6–12 provide a variety of projects that will help kids develop their artistic voice and creativity. Teens can experiment in a variety of mediums, including painting, glassblowing and jewelry making. Financial assistance is available.

Ages: 6–17

Cost: Varies

Seattle ReCreative (<https://www.seattlerecreative.org/summer-camps>) (Seattle)

Located in Greenwood and Georgetown, Seattle ReCreative's small group summer camps focus on the magic of turning reused, reclaimed and recycled materials into beautiful art. All camps are led by two teachers and run in weekly Monday–Friday blocks, with each week featuring a unique theme.

Ages: 4–10

Cost: \$375

Illumination Learning Studio (<https://www.illuminationlearningstudio.com/summer-camps-2025/>) (Seattle)

With locations in Greenwood and Ballard, Illumination Learning Studio offers weeklong day camps (half-day camps for preschoolers) with creative themes that focus on drama, dance, visual arts and pop culture. Camps include field trips, engaging activities and outdoor playtime. Weekly music lessons can be added on.

Ages: 3–11

Cost: \$320–\$395

Museo Art Academy (<https://www.museoart.com/summer-camps.html>) (Issaquah)

Campers can choose half-day camps for three or four days a week or sign up for the full-day camp by adding a supervised lunch hour. With the focus on a different medium each week, kids will enjoy painting, sculpting, drawing, creating mixed media and more. One-day pottery camps are offered on Fridays.

Ages: 5–13

Cost: \$150–\$275

FrogLegs Cooking School (<https://froglegskca.com/summer-camps/>) (multiple locations)

These half-day camps run for four or five days, serving youngsters in the mornings and tweens in the afternoons at locations in Redmond, Kirkland and Seattle. Kids learn kitchen skills in the process of preparing themed recipes, including entrées and desserts, each day. Among the themes are “Pixar Party,” “Mad Food: Science of Yum,” “Galactic Grub” and a special farm-to-table camp in Snohomish. A daily drop-in option is available.

Ages: 4–14

Cost: \$375–\$675

Paint Away! (<https://paintawaynow.com/>) (Redmond)

Redmond’s popular Paint Away! is offering weeklong summer day camps again this year. Young artists will create a variety of art pieces in mediums such as pottery, painting, glass fusion, tie-dye and more.

Ages: 6–14

Cost: \$519

Woodworking at The Center for Wooden Boats (<https://www.cwb.org/summer-camps#woodworking-camps>) (Seattle)

Design & Build campers will learn to use hand tools safely and build small objects, such as a birdhouse or tool box. Quick & Daring campers will design, build and test a (hopefully) functional wooden boat. Center for Wooden Boats members get a \$75 discount.

Ages: 10–14

Cost: \$670

Arts & Camp (<https://campfireseattle.org/camp-sealth-overnight-camp/camp-descriptions/specialty-camps/arts-camp/>) (Vashon Island)

Offered Aug. 4–9 only, Camp Fire’s Arts & Camp gender-inclusive overnight arts camp will explore a mix of fine arts and traditional camp crafts and activities, with each cabin choosing projects from crafts such as batik, tie-dye, seed bead jewelry, basketry, wood carving and others. Tiered pricing. Financial assistance is available.

Grades: 6–8

Cost: \$1,089–\$1,289

Arts Aloft (<https://www.artsaloftforkids.com/camps.html>) (Seattle)

At day camps at Arts Aloft in Madrona, kids will create art in a variety of mediums. In addition to the studio’s familiar “Fairies,” “Harry Potter” and “Last Blast” themes, new offerings include “Percy Jackson,” “Narnia” and “Ancient Egypt.” Kids should bring lunch and a snack. A sibling discount is available.

Ages: From 5 and a half to 12

Cost: \$465

Rock 'n' Rolling Camp! at MoPOP (<https://www.mopop.org/exhibitions-plus-events/events/summer-camps/>) (Seattle)

Formed in a partnership between the Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) and Seattle Children's Theatre (SCT), teaching artists from both organizations help campers practice acting skills, songwriting techniques and learn about the history of music videos to help bring their own music to life. July 14–18 only.

Ages: 10–13

Cost: \$560

Young Chefs Academy (<https://covingtonwa.youngchefsacademy.com/culinary-camps>) (Covington)

Campers learn new techniques and seasonal recipes, preparing between 16 and 20 recipes during each four-day camp. At the end of each day, caregivers are invited to taste their campers' creations. At the end of the camp, young chefs receive a binder containing the week's recipes so they can re-create their favorites at home.

Ages: 7–15

Cost: \$395

Summer@Cornish (<https://plus.cornish.edu/summeratcornish>) (Seattle)

For students who are serious about art, Summer@Cornish is an intensive program offering high school students a taste of the college experience from July 7 to Aug. 1, with full-day, half-day and residency options. Students create and perform new work, with the opportunity to take electives beyond their primary medium. Financial assistance is available.

Grades: 9–12

Cost: \$730–\$8,950

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One-Day and Drop-In Camps for Seattle-Area Kids

Last minute work meeting? Bored kids bouncing off the walls? These one-day and drop-in camps are here to save the day!

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When there's a gap in your summer child-care plans, a last-minute work obligation pops up, or the kids have gotten bored at home, drop-in and single-day camps offer activities that last from an hour or two to a full day. Not only are these flexible activities lifesavers when it comes to scheduling, but they also offer kids a

chance to try something new without committing to a full week of camp.

Honeybee Camp (<https://thekeeperscollective.com/pages/about#bee-camp>) (Snoqualmie)

The Keeper's Collective offers unique camps for kids to learn all about bees and beekeeping. This year, its one-day camps will introduce these fascinating and important creatures to even more future bee stewards. Choose between Mighty Honeybee Camp and Native Pollinator Discovery Camp. Each camper takes home fresh honey, and bee-related swag.

Grades: 1–6

Cost: \$175

FrogLegs Culinary School (<https://froglegskca.com/summer-camps/>) (multiple locations)

An array of FrogLegs camps have drop-in, one-day options. With cute camp themes such as “Galactic Grub,” “Mad Food: The Science of Yum” and “Pixar Party,” kids will feel inspired to whip up something tasty. Note: Weeklong sessions are also offered.

Ages: 4–14

Cost: \$100/day

Emerald City Fired Arts (<https://www.emeraldcityfiredarts.com/classesworkshopscamps/>) (Seattle)

At this studio, kids can choose from a variety of art projects, including painting pottery, creating a mosaic, fusing glass and other creative activities. Camps are held in the afternoons with one-week, one-day and hourly options.

Day camp: You can drop off your kiddo at this half-day camp, and staff will arrange activities to fit your schedule. Creating art takes place noon–5 p.m.; kids should bring a box lunch.

Ages: 6 and older

Cost: \$95 per session

Pottery Painting: If you only need a couple of hours of child care or have a bored kid at home, you can drop off your child for a fun activity.

Ages: 5 and older

Cost: \$15/hour per child, plus materials; no hourly fee for kids 11 and older

Museo Art Academy (<https://www.museoart.com/summer-camps.html>) **(Issaquah)**

Museo Art offers a one-day pottery camp from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays in July. Kids will work with air-dry and low-fire ceramic clay, as well as learn the basics of the potter's wheel and hand building techniques.

Ages: 5–13

Cost: \$150/day

Animal Compassion Camp **(<https://www.pasadosafehaven.org/learn/school-programs/compassion-camp/>)** **(Sultan)**

Pasado's Safe Haven, an 85-acre animal rescue and sanctuary, offers one-day camp options in July, during which kids learn about the rescued animal residents. Activities include interacting with animals, hands-on projects, music, art and more. The day will be spent outside and around animals. Financial assistance is available.

Ages: 7–15

Cost: \$40

Steve & Kate's Camp (<https://steveandkatescamp.com/locations/>) **(Everett, Bellevue, Seattle and Bothell)**

Campers choose their own activities throughout the day, while parents can pick and choose the days their kids attend. Hours are 8 a.m.–6 p.m., and lunch and snacks are included in the price. Purchase any number of days or a pass for the whole summer and then just show up on the days you need child care. If you don't use up your passes, you'll be refunded the unused days at the end of the summer.

Ages: 4–12

Cost: \$124/day or \$3,720 for summer pass

Arena Sports School's Out Camp (<https://www.arenasports.net/schools-out-camp/>) **(multiple locations)**

Arena Sports camps are filled with active and age-appropriate activities, such as field games, ropes courses, laser tag, arts and crafts, inflatable fun zones and other activities kids love. Please note that offerings differ by facility. Parents love the flexible options for half days, full days, full or partial weeks, or even a single day of camp. Preregistration works best, but if the camp isn't full for the day, walk-ins are welcome as well.

Ages: 3–12

Cost: Varies by activity and location

Little Green Acres Farm (https://littlegreenacres.com/summer) (Redmond)

Drop-ins are welcome on a space-available basis at Little Green Acres Farm, where day campers learn STEM through nature activities, crafts, animal interactions and plenty of outdoor time.

Ages: 5–12

Cost: \$135/day

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Classic Summer Camp Experiences Around Puget Sound for 2025

Learn independence, make friends, reconnect with nature and more at these classic summer camps

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There is nothing quite like an old-fashioned summer camp experience – campfire stories and s’mores, singalongs, trying new things and running around outdoors. At a classic summer camp, kids learn independence, make friends, reconnect with nature and just relax after an action-packed school year. With stays lasting from a few days to a month, and sessions for first-graders through teens, there is a camp for every kid on this list.

Camp Sealth (<https://campfireseattle.org/camp-sealth-overnight-camp/camp-descriptions/classic-camp/>) (Vashon Island)

Camp Fire's Classic Camp on Vashon Island offers kids choices among a variety of traditional camp activities, including arts and crafts, outdoor cooking, singing, archery, bouldering, exploring and more. Like all Camp Fire camps, tiered pricing and financial assistance are available.

Grades: 1–10

Cost: \$726–\$1,242

YMCA Camp Orkila

(<https://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx?idCamp=793&campCode=kuy&lnkSubCategory1=Traditional&idLocation=261>) (Orcas Island)

YMCA's traditional camp at Camp Orkila gives kids a taste of the classic camp activities, including swimming in a pool, arts and crafts, a ropes course, visiting the Marine Salmon Center, sleeping under the stars and much more. At least one session in each age group offers all-gender cabins. Tiered pricing.

Grades: 3–10

Cost: \$990–\$2,350

Sunset Lake (<https://www.sunsetlake.org/camps>) (Wilkeson)

Sunset Lake is a nonprofit summer camp and retreat center owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Set in the foothills of Mount Rainier, the center offers a classic overnight summer camp experience. Horsemanship is an option that can be added. For kids not ready for overnight camp, a weeklong day camp is offered for ages 6–13.

Ages: 8–17

Cost: \$595–\$77

Black Diamond Camp (<https://www.blackdiamond.org/camps/day-camp/>) (Auburn)

The Christian faith-based Black Diamond Camp offers weeklong (and a few short-week) full-day camps filled with traditional camp activities. Kids can try indoor climbing, swimming, slingshots, drift trikes, rappelling and many other indoor and outdoor activities they can't always enjoy during the year. Extended day options and financial assistance are available.

Ages: 5–12

Cost: \$240–\$398

Camp Huston (<https://huston.org/summer-camp/>) (Gold Bar)

At the Episcopal Camp Huston in Gold Bar, summer camp involves team-building activities as well as traditional camp activities. Each week includes a campfire, a variety show and a dance. A Mini Camp (July 14–17) for kids in grades 1–5 is perfect for younger campers who aren't ready for a full week away from home yet.

Grades: 3–10

Cost: Varies

Four Winds * Westward Ho (<https://fourwindscamp.org/>) (Orcas Island)

This camp offers two monthlong sessions that feature a full program of old-school camp activities, trips and group living experiences, allowing campers to connect with nature and become comfortable in their own skin. Campers entering grade 9 or 10 can take a six-day canoeing, sailing, kayaking or backpacking trip off the camp property. Financial aid is available.

Ages: 9–15

Cost: \$8,000

Boys & Girls Clubs (<https://positiveplace.org/youth-summer-programs/>) (multiple locations)

Boys & Girls Clubs' summer day camps offer for kids in grades K–8, while traditional overnight camps serve grades 1–10. Campers experience a wide variety of activities and field trips in a safe, inclusive and engaging environment. Specialized summer camps are also offered. Volunteer opportunities for kids in grades 9–12. Tiered pricing and financial assistance are available.

Grades: K–8

Cost: \$50–\$450

Girl Scouts of Western Washington (<https://www.girlscoutsww.org/en/activities/camp/ways-to-camp/overnight-camps.html>) (multiple locations)

For registered Girl Scouts, staff-led overnight camps are held at Camp Robbinswold and Camp St. Albans, while volunteer-led community camps are hosted across the state. Campers can enjoy a traditional camp experience that includes boating, archery, campfires, singing, arts and crafts, and more. Affinity and family camps are also offered, and financial assistance is available.

Grades: K–12

Cost: Varies

Camp Zanika (<https://www.campfirencw.org/camp-zanika/>) (Wenatchee)

Camp Zanika, located on the shores of Lake Wenatchee, is owned and operated by North Central Washington Council of Camp Fire. The relaxed, traditional summer camp experience is based on themes like “Survivor” and “Color Splash” and takes place in a fun and safe environment. Choose from a mini week for younger campers to extended two-week stays for experienced campers.

Grades: 1–12

Cost: \$299–\$1,639

Camp Kalsman (<https://campkalsman.org/summer/>) (Kirkland)

Camp Kalsman, located on 300 acres near Kirkland, practices active Jewish education, incorporating Judaism into activities as campers learn new skills in athletic, aquatic, arts and nature programs. Sessions last from one to five weeks, focusing on different interests, such as kibbutz life, the arts, Hebrew immersion and outdoor challenges. Member discounts and financial assistance are available.

Grades: 1–11

Cost: \$2,025–\$6,750

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Summer Camps for Critter-Loving Kids in Puget Sound

Learn horsemanship, interact with rescued animals, learn about zoo animals and more!

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Most children love animals, but city life puts some limits on how much of that love families can express. Summer camp is a great place for city kids to explore their interest in all creatures great and small. Read on for camps where kids can learn horsemanship, interact with rescued animals, learn about zoo animals, or

discover the birds, insects and other critters in a park.

Wildwood Ranch (<https://wildwoodranch.co/>) (Fall City)

Kids enjoy exploring the natural world on this 20-acre camp property that features horse rides, campfire cooking, crafts and gardening. Older kids can learn all about wool, go on hiking adventures at special themed camps or take on leadership roles during select weeks. Attending gives kids a chance to disconnect from their devices, connect with nature and each other, and be their true selves.

Ages: 5–15

Cost: \$315–\$699

Little Green Acres Farm (<https://littlegreenacres.com/summer>) (Redmond)

The weeklong day camps at this Redmond farm use nature activities, crafts, animal interactions and plenty of outdoor time to make STEM learning fun. Siblings receive a discount, and drop-ins are welcome on a space-available basis.

Ages: 5–12

Cost: \$600

Woodland Park Zoo (<https://www.zoo.org/camps>) (Seattle)

These day camps teach STEAM skills, scientific inquiry, global conservation and, of course, all about the animals. Developmentally appropriate, standards-based curricula are specific to each program, divided into tiers by age. Note that campers do not interact with zoo animals. Extended day care and financial assistance are available.

Ages: 5–13

Cost: \$450–\$545

UW Botanic Gardens (<https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/education/youth-family/summer-camp/>) (Seattle)

Kids will explore either the Washington Park Arboretum or the Center for Urban Horticulture, get dirty while adventuring outdoors, and learn about bugs, birds and local flora at these day camps, most of which are two weeks long. The program fills quickly by a lottery that opened in December, so set a calendar reminder for next year. Extended day care is available.

Ages: 6–18

Cost: \$440–\$880

Camp Huston Horse Camp (<https://huston.org/summer-camp/>) (Gold Bar)

Camp Huston offers three horse camps each summer. These are weeklong, overnight camps at which campers are assigned their own horses to care for. They learn how to groom, saddle and ride safely. They also participate in traditional camp activities and chapel at this Episcopalian camp.

Grades: 1–10

Cost: Varies by camp

Red Gate Farm (<https://www.redgatefarmdaycamp.com/dates-prices>) (Sammamish)

This is the camp for a horse-loving camper who doesn't want to attend an overnight camp. Each camper partners with another to care for their assigned horse and learn horse care, grooming and even horse psychology. They also get daily riding lessons, as well as time for arts, crafts and horsey games. The week ends with a demonstration of their riding skills for family and friends.

Ages: 6–11

Cost: \$795

Sunset Lake (<https://www.sunsetlake.org/>) (Mount Rainier)

Sunset Lake is a nonprofit summer camp and retreat center owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It offers a horsemanship add-on to both its overnight and its day camps. Beginner through intermediate riders will progress through riding lessons, earning a certificate for completing each level. Campers will also participate in other camp activities.

Ages: 8–17

Cost: \$375–\$775

Camp Sealth Horse Camp (<https://campfireseattle.org/camp-sealth-overnight-camp/camp-descriptions/horse-camps/>) (Vashon Island)

From novice to advanced, campers will learn to care for, groom and ride horses, along with participating in lots of traditional camp activities. Staff evaluate riding ability at the beginning of the session and place campers in a riding group appropriate to skill level. Each camper will be matched with a horse for the week in these fun overnight camps on Vashon Island. Tiered pricing and financial aid are available.

Grades: 3–10

Cost: \$868–\$2,831

Animal Compassion Camp

(<https://www.pasadosafehaven.org/learn/school-programs/compassion-camp/>). (Sultan)

At Pasado’s Safe Haven, an 85-acre sanctuary for rescued animals, kids will learn about the resident animals. Activities include interacting with the critters, hands-on projects, music, art and more. In these one- and three-day day camps, each day will be spent outside and around animals. Campers may choose their camp week based on animal interests and age groups. Financial assistance is available.

Ages: 7–14

Cost: \$40–\$100

Shoofly Farm (<http://shooflyfarm.com/index.php>). (Sammamish)

Farm animals, such as sheep, goats and pigs, aren’t the only attractions campers will get to enjoy at this outdoor camp, which is focused on connecting kids to the natural world. Making crafts, helping to grow (and taste) veggies from the organic garden and interacting with horses are other camp activities.

Ages: 5 and older

Cost: \$730

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Seattle Performing Arts Camps for Kids in 2025

Let your little rock stars shine at these summer camps for kids who love the spotlight

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Some kids are natural hams, while others are shy in real life and only come into their own on stage. If you've got a budding singer, actor or rock star in your house, there is a camp for them. Campers can learn to play an instrument, act in a play, learn theater skills or sing their hearts out to show tunes under the spotlight.

Seattle Children's Theatre (<https://www.sct.org/education-programs/partnership-camps/>) (multiple locations)

Children expand their skills and meet new friends at Seattle Children's Theatre's summer camps and performance labs, held at Seattle Center and in many partner locations, including the Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP), the National Nordic Museum, The Meridian School, Villa Academy, St. Thomas School, MOHAI (Museum of History & Industry), and others in and around the Seattle area.

Ages: 3 and a half–18

Cost: \$150–\$1,000

Rain City Rock Camp (<https://www.raincityrockcamp.org/programs/youth-programs/summer-camp/>) (Seattle)

This one-week camp (July 7–11 for ages 8–12 and July 14–18 for ages 13–17) supports youths of marginalized genders in a safe and empowering environment that fosters leadership and encourages creativity. Campers learn the basics of playing an instrument and collaborate with bandmates to write a song. Other activities include workshops on topics such as identity, activism, body power and creating zines. At camp's end, campers perform their original songs for friends and family. Tuition is pay what you can.

Ages: 8–17

Cost: \$650 (suggested)

Broadway Bound Children's Theatre (<https://broadwaybound.org/camps-3/>) (Seattle)

Broadway Bound's weeklong musical theater day camps introduce kids to a variety of skills, from singing and movement for younger kids to audition tips, script analysis and theater etiquette for tweens and teens. Teens can attend Make Your Own Musical camp. Each camp ends with a 15-minute performance for friends and family that includes three Broadway songs.

Ages: 8–15

Cost: \$380–\$1,000

Stone Soup Theatre (<https://www.stonesouptheatre.org/summerstage/>) (Seattle)

At this camp, kids can have fun acting and performing outdoors. With options in North Seattle and South Seattle, campers spend one or two weeks preparing their own versions of familiar musicals and stories — like "Frozen" and "The Lion King" — for a final performance for families. Extended day options are available.

Ages: 5–17

Cost: \$475–\$850

School of Rock (<https://www.schoolofrock.com/music-camps>) (multiple locations)

School of Rock offers a wide variety of music camps for elementary school kids to high school students at its locations ranging from Kent to Lynnwood. Choose from a two-day Rookie Camp for the novice to songwriting and music production for expert-level musicians. With themes running the gamut from The Beatles to heavy metal, there is something for every music-minded kid. Most camps include a performance by campers.

Ages: 5–18

Cost: \$225–\$1,095

Summer String Academy (<https://summerstring.com/#string-academy>) (Ellensburg)

String Academy's summer camp (July 27–Aug. 1) connects middle schoolers with professional musicians. This program combines traditional camp activities with music education. Campers rehearse in both full orchestra and smaller ensembles, as well as learn music theory, rehearsal etiquette and more at the Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center.

Grades: 6–9

Cost: \$745

Youth Theatre Northwest (<https://youththeatre.org/>) (Mercer Island)

Taught by professional teaching artists, these camps explore creative problem-solving, character creation, musical theater training, imaginative play, scene study and performance training. Youth Theatre Northwest camps culminate in a sharing of work on the last day so that families can get a glimpse of the students' week.

Ages: Pre-K–12

Cost: \$80–\$675

Mode Music and Performing Arts (<https://www.modemusicandperformingarts.org/camps>) (Seattle)

Located in West Seattle, Mode offers weeklong camps in half-day sessions, during which kids learn from local working artists about how to play an instrument, do improv, write songs and more. All camps are pay what you can.

Grades: K–8

Cost: \$325 (suggested)

Village Theatre’s KidStage (<https://villagetheatre.org/youth-education/classes-camps/kidstage-summer-camps/>) (Issaquah, Everett)

Guided by theater professionals, your camper will explore acting, musical theater, writing and design in these day camps of various lengths. Whether it’s speaking in front of a crowd, nailing an audition or just feeling more confident, KidStage will help your little star shine. Discount for multiple camps; financial assistance is available.

Grades: K–12

Cost: \$275–\$900

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Kids can make the most of summer at these fun and supportive camps

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Everyone deserves a camp that fits their needs. Whether special needs are physical or developmental, or a child is dealing with issues such as cancer, grief or chronic illness, these specialized programs let kids relax and have a great summer camp experience among peers who understand what they are going through. Read on to find out about the variety of camps catering to special needs kids and adults. Many camps accept respite funds.

Lions Camp Horizon (<https://lionscamphorizon.org/camp/>) (Blaine)

Because everyone needs to get away sometimes, Lions Camp has no upper age limit. Adults and kids who are differently abled can enjoy new activities and healthy food with staff-to-camper ratios ranging from 1-to-1 to 1-to-5, and two registered nurses are present at each camp. Campers can choose between Base Camp and Adventure Camp. Financial assistance is available.

Ages: 12 and older

Cost: \$900–\$1,300

Kiwanis Camp Casey (<https://campcasey.org/>) (Blaine)

Kiwanis Club of North Central Seattle fully funds this camp for kids with mild to severe physical disabilities at Lions Camp July 27–Aug. 2. The disability must be primarily physical, and campers must be able to communicate either verbally or via assisted device. Volunteer counselors and nurses help make this “the best week of the year” for many differently abled kids.

Ages: 6–17

Cost: Free

Camp Goodtimes (<https://www.thegoodtimesproject.org/camp-goodtimes-1>) (Vashon Island)

At this weeklong overnight camp, cancer patients (receiving treatment or off treatment) and their siblings or bereaved siblings can enjoy activities in a medically supervised environment and just be kids. Cancer patients must be cleared by their doctor to attend. Financial assistance is available for the ferry ride to Vashon Island.

Ages: 8–17

Cost: Free

Camp Leo for Children With Diabetes (<https://www.campleo.org/>) (Auburn)

Camp Leo offers the only camp in Western Washington dedicated to children with Type 1 diabetes. At camp, kids living with diabetes can relax and enjoy summer camp activities while making friends with others who understand what it is like to live with diabetes. Medical staff includes pharmacists, physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and dietitians. One session per age group. Financial assistance is available.

Grades: 3–12

Cost: \$900–\$1,150

Sunset Lake Abba’s Child Grief Camp (<https://www.sunsetlake.org/camps>) (Wilkeson)

Kids who have experienced a major loss can spend mornings with certified grief counselors and then take part in traditional camp activities in the afternoon at this fully funded camp held at Sunset Lake. Abba’s Child approval required prior to registration.

Ages: 9–17

Cost: Free

Camp Beausite Northwest (<https://campbeausitenw.org/2025-camp-calendar/>) (Chimacum)

Camp Beausite Northwest provides a summer camp experience for children and adults with disabilities that range from mild to severe. Campers ages 10–99 participate in traditional camp activities in a developmentally appropriate format. The camp has up to four spots available for wheelchairs per camp. It also offers a One-to-Fun Camp for children and adults who require 1-to-1 or 1-to-2 care ratios.

Ages: 10 and older

Cost: \$1,400–\$2,500

Camp Korey (<https://www.campkorey.org/>) (Mount Vernon)

Camp Korey provides a safe haven for families experiencing life-altering medical conditions. It's a place where kids with serious medical conditions can just be kids – and it's completely free. Campers spend their week living in cabins with other campers who are navigating similar medical journeys. They take part in archery, arts and crafts, equestrian activities, campfires, stage night, fishing and boating, outdoor exploration, pool parties and more.

Ages: 7–17

Cost: Free

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Seattle's Most Unique Summer Camps for Kids in 2025

Try circus arts, learn French, master high ropes courses and so much more!

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Not everyone wants a traditional summer camp experience. Quality education is personalized, so why shouldn't summer camps be, as well? And what better time than summer to try out something completely new? Your camper can try circus arts, learn French, master ropes courses, be a ninja warrior, explore queer history and more at these out-of-the-ordinary camps.

High Trek Adventures (<https://www.hightrekeverett.com/youth/overview>) (Everett)

For the active kid who isn't excited about competitive sports, High Trek Adventures offers day camps that run Monday–Wednesday. The program is full of vigorous indoor and outdoor activities, such as a high ropes course, zip lines, a climbing wall, laser tag, mini golf, a bouncy obstacle course and, for older kids, archery.

Ages: 7–15

Cost: \$350

Seattle Rhythmic Gymnastics (<https://www.seattlerhythmic.com/camps/>) (Seattle)

Multilingual coaches teach rhythmic gymnastics during weeklong camps. Campers will learn ballet, ribbon, hoops and tumbling, as well as participate in more traditional camp activities, such as free play and arts and crafts. Only one week of camp in July is offered for each age division.

Ages: 4–11

Cost: \$350–\$475

Kong Academy (<https://www.kongacademy.org/summercamps>) (Seattle)

Kong's wildly popular day camps are held at Seward Park and Carkeek Park. Kids will learn parkour and other fun activities connected through a story. This year, the Carkeek theme will be an Atlantis fantasy, while ninjas will rule at Seward Park. Extended care is available.

Ages: 6–12

Cost: \$545

SANCA (<https://sancaseattle.org/camps/>) and Emerald City Trapeze Arts Circus Camps (<https://emeraldcitytrapeze.com/>) (Seattle)

Campers of all skill levels are introduced to age-appropriate circus and acrobatic skills, including juggling, aerial arts, trampoline, tumbling and tightwire. Circus camps help young people develop physical skills, build confidence and self-esteem, and get physically fit. Full-day camps are offered at both SANCA in Georgetown and Emerald City Trapeze Arts in SoDo, the latter of which will also feature the flying trapeze.

Ages: 6 and older

Cost: \$339–\$590

Canoe Island French Camp (<https://www.canoeisland.org/>) (Orcas Island)

In these two- and three-week sleepaway camps, kids will learn about French culture and speak French with native speakers, along with participating in a multitude of classic camp activities tied to the camp theme. For more information, there is a free open house for new families on June 21. Financial assistance is available.

Ages: 9–16

Cost: \$2,800–\$4,900

Proud 2 Be Me (<https://campfireseattle.org/camp-sealth-overnight-camp/camp-descriptions/specialty-camps/proud-2-be-me/>) (Vashon Island)

Camp Fire's weeklong sleepaway camp focuses on the needs of LGBTQIA2S+ teens. It features gender-inclusive cabins, staff-facilitated discussions about identity and queer history, together with classic camp favorites such as archery, arts and crafts, and more. Campers will find a safe space to try on new names, identities or pronouns. With only one session for middle school and one for high school, early registration is recommended. Tiered pricing and financial aid are available.

Grades: 6–12

Cost: \$1,089–\$1,289

Nocturnal Camp (<https://campfireseattle.org/camp-sealth-overnight-camp/camp-descriptions/specialty-camps/nocturnal/>) (Vashon Island)

At Nocturnal Camp, young night owls get a chance to learn about the nighttime world, exploring Camp Sealth through night hikes, astronomy, night photography, night canoeing, night stand-up paddleboarding and more. Nocturnal campers will stay up late each night and sleep in every morning. Tiered pricing and financial aid are available.

Grades: 7–10

Cost: \$1,216–\$1,416

Summer Filmmaking Camp at MoPOP (<https://www.nwfilmcamp.com/seattle-mopop>) (Seattle)

Each of three weeklong filmmaking day camps at the Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) has a theme: screencraft, with a focus on digital short filmmaking; storycraft for directing and screenwriting; and cinecraft to learn cinematography and editing. Alumni will be invited to join the year-round Teen Filmmaker Lab for free.

Ages: 12–17

Cost: \$450

Drag-tastic: The Art of Drag Camp at MoPOP (<https://www.mopop.org/education/summer-camps>) (Seattle)

Self-expression is the theme of this MoPOP camp. Campers learn the history of drag, and get to create their own drag persona, including a name and stage presence. The week ends with a private showcase for families. There are two sessions: July 28–Aug. 1 for ages 12–18 and Aug. 4–8 for ages 14–18. The second is performance focused.

Ages: 12–18

Cost: \$420

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