

ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC CAMP Adventure Theatre MTC’s summer camp is a full-day musical theater program. Campers work with local theater professionals and finish up their summer by performing in a full-scale production. Adventure Theatre also offers a three week musical theater training program for teenagers. Ages 6 to 18. Adventure Theatre MTC. 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. $800–$850. June 19–Aug. 25. [301] 634-2270. adventuretheatre-mtc.org.

AFDC SUMMER CAMPS Elementary schoolers can practice their French skills at this week-long program that combines language learning with hands-on activities and field trips. Teenage students can take beginner classes or prepare for the AP and SAT 2 exams during two-week long courses. Ages 5 to 18. Alliance Française de Washington. 2142 Wyoming Ave. $600–$700. July 3–Aug. 11. [301] 774-3032. berrenddancencentre.com.

BETHESDA BIG TRAIN SUMMER CAMP This co-ed camp focuses exclusively on baseball. Campers receive instruction in the fundamentals of the game as well as the opportunity to play in a live game each day. Special sessions focus on pitching and advanced skills; celebrity camp features appearances by players from the Washington Nationals. Ages 5 to 12. Bethesda Big Train. 10600 Westlake Drive, Bethesda. $200–$330. June 19–Aug. 11. [301] 477-1222. bigtrain.org/summercamp.

CALLEVA SUMMER CAMPS Calleva is a day camp centered around outdoor sports and education. Activities range from kayaking and rock climbing to horseback riding and exploring the property’s farm. Ages 4 to 17. Calleva Farm. 13015 Riley’s Lock Road, Poolesville. $500–$1045. June 12–Sept. 1. [301] 216- 1248. calleva.org.

CAMP ARENA STAGE Camp Arena Stage is a D.C. day camp dedicated to theater, music, visual arts, and dance. Campers choose their own activities, which range from knitting to a cappella to stop motion animation, and attend a daily show featuring the work of faculty, guest artists, and fellow campers. Ages 8 to 15. Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. 1524 35th St., NW. $1950–$2500. June 26–Aug. 4. [202] 554–9666. arenasstage.org/education/camp-arena-stage.

CAMP ARISTOTLE Camp Aristotle is a day camp for students with social and communication challenges. Activities range from crafts to science experiments and are designed to foster self-awareness and social success. Ages 5 to 15. Auburn School. 9545 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. $300–$600. July 3–Aug. 11. [301] 568-8048. theauburnschool.org/camp.cfm.

CAMP GAN ISRAEL Camp Gan Israel is a traditional day camp for Jewish children. Campers have the opportunity to participate in sports, crafts, drama, and swimming. Ages 2 to 10. American Friends of Lubavitch Center. 210 Leroy Place NW. $250–$470. June 26–Aug. 4. [202] 332-5600. ganisraeldc.org.


CAMP INVENTION Camp Invention is a series of week-long programs designed to foster interest in science, technology and mathematics. Camps will be held at Model Secondary School for the Deaf and a number of other schools in the D.C. area, in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Collegiate Inventors Competition. Ages 6 to 11. Model Secondary School for the Deaf, 800 Florida Ave. NE. $255. July 10–July 14. (800) 968-4332. campinvention.org.


Every year right around this time, there is a predictable epidemic: Parents break out in cold sweats, suffer panic attacks, and check their bank balances. It’s not fear of an impending doom—although this year, there is that too—but the realization that it’s summer camp sign-up time. Sure, they want their little spawn to be challenged, to have fun, and to learn, but mostly they need to figure out where the rugrats can go while they’re at work. We’ve produced a little antidote to that annual anxiety. Ready your circling pens.

—Liz Garrigan

KIDBALL BASEBALL Kidball offers half- and full-day programs focusing on learning the fundamentals of baseball and a variety of sports. Other activities include flag football, basketball, and floor hockey. Ages 4 to 12. Cabin John Middle School. 10170 Gainsborough Road, Potomac. $90–$235. June 26–Aug. 11. (301) 983-0543. kidballbaseball.com.


LANGLEY SUMMER STUDIO Campers take a variety of classes in extracurricular categories like photography, robotics, and cooking, as well as academic categories like Spanish and chemistry. This immersive camp hosted by the Langley School. Ages 3 to 14. Langley School. 1411 Hills Road, McLean. $220–$495. June 2–Aug. 4. (703) 356-1920. langleyschool.org.

LONGACRE Longacre is an overnight teen leadership camp located in central Pennsylvania. Campers choose from an array of activities ranging from swimming and crafts to carpentry and interacting with farm animals. Ages 8 to 18. Longacre. 6514 Creek Road, Newport, PA. $2254–$2709. June 25–Aug. 16. (717) 567-3349. longacre.org.


MAD SCIENCE Mad Science is a day camp, hosted at the Hill Center and other locations around the area, that gives kids hands-on opportunities with science. Activities range from learning about life in the form of cells and organs to learning how physics allows rockets to escort the atmospheres. Ages 6 to 12. Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital. 921 Pennsylvania St. NE, Vienna. $395–$675. June 26–Aug. 4. (703) 983-0543. madscience.org.

MARYLAND YOUTH BALLET SUMMER PROGRAMS The Maryland Youth Ballet offers a range of summer workshops for dancers of all ages and experience levels. Young children can take weekly introductory--


PLAY BY PLAY BROADCASTING CAMPS Play By Play is both a day and overnight camp centered on the art of sports broadcasting. Campers are taught by professionals who work as journalists, sideline reporters, and in-game announcers. Ages 10 to 18. Notre Dame of Mary Washington University. 4701 North Charles St., Baltimore. $625–$1275. June 26–June 30. (800) 319-0884. playbyplaycamps.com.

POTOMAC HORSE CENTER SUMMER HORSE CAMP Potomac Horse Center offers a day camp for young, horse-friendly riders. In addition to riding multiple times a day, campers will also learn about horse breeds, anatomy, and grooming techniques. Ages 5 to 12. Potomac Horse Center, 1421 Qine Orchard Road, North Potomac. $550–$5300. June 19–Aug. 25. (301) 206-0200. potomachorse.org/summer.htm.

REDDEN ME EQUESTRIAN CAMP Reddemeanor offers a horseback riding day camp, with activities ranging from daily riding lessons to hands-on experiences with grooming and handling, as well as time for arts and crafts and interactive discussions. Ages 7 to 14. Reddemeanor Equestrian Center. 1701 Ednor Road, Silver Spring. $470–$875. June 19–Aug. 25. (301) 421-4481. reddemeanor.com.

ROUND HOUSE THEATRE SUMMER PROGRAMS Students in elementary school use their imaginations to tell stories in the Summer Destinations program, with an upcoming focus on the art of storytelling. Middle school students learn how to write and design a performance in the Summer Theatre Artists program, and high school students participate in a variety of intensive institutes covering directing, improv, and musical theatre at this long-running series of theatre camps. Ages 5 to 18. Round House Theatre Education Center. 925 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring. $250–$300. June 19–Sept. 1. (301) 679-1225. roundhousetheatre.org.

SILVER STARS GYMNASTICS CAMP The local gymnastics training center offers this day camp program, where kids can learn tumbling exercises, navigate the monkey bars, and climb the ropes. Ages 3.5 to 15. Silver Stars Gymnastics. 2701 Pitman Drive. Silver Spring. $260–$320. June 12–Sept. 1. (301) 589-0393. gosilverstars.com.

SPORTROCK CLIMBING CAMP These indoor climbing camps offer day-long courses that introduce students to climbing techniques, as well as week-long day camps that send advanced students outside to climb at Great Falls National Park and Harpers Ferry. Ages 6 to 16. Sportrock Climbing Center Alexandria. 5308 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Sportrock Climbing Center Sterling. 49390 Maries Road, Sterling. $80–$450. June 19–Aug. 25. (703) 212-7625. sportrock.com.

STONE RIDGE SUMMER CAMPUS Stone Ridge offers a co-ed day camp featuring a range of traditional and new campus activities, including sports, crafts, and swimming, as well as programs that take campers off campus to explore D.C. sites, participate in community service activities, and complete outdoor activities. Ages 4 to 16. Stone Ridge School. 9101 Rockville Pike, Bethesda. $149–$458. June 19–July 28. (301) 657-4322. stoneridgesummercampus.org.

STRATHMORE FINES ARTS CAMP Strathmore offers two separate fine arts day camps for kids and teens this summer. Older campers will create art, visit the Glenstone contemporary art museum, and learn to talk about their work, while younger campers will express their creativity in a variety of mediums. Ages 6 to 17. Strathmore Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. $388–$448. July 31–Aug. 18. (301) 581-3100. strathmore.edu/education/for-children/art-camps.

STU VETTER’S BASKETBALL CAMP Stu Vetter’s Basketball Camp is a day camp that teaches kids the fundamentals of basketball at locations in Maryland and Virginia. Campers have the privilege of learning under one of the most iconic and respected high school basketball coaches in America. Guest speakers also discuss basketball with attendees. Ages 6 to 17. Stu Vetter’s Basketball Camp, 1849 Clover Meadow Drive, Vienna. $75–$235. June 19–Aug. 11. (301) 770-6645. stuvetternationalbasketballcamp.com.


SUMMER ART CAMP The Art League offers full- and half-day camps that span the visual arts. Participants can choose to focus on a specific medium or dab in a range of projects, from printmaking to sculptural and jewelry making. Ages 5 to 11. The Art League School–Madison Annex. 305 Madison St., Alexandria. $115–$345. June 19–Aug. 20. (703) 683-2323. theartleague.org.

SUMMER AT SANDY SPRING Camp at Sandy Spring is a co-ed day camp focused on academics and recreation. Children may register for the general camp or specialty sports and arts programs. Ages 4 to 14. Sandy Spring Friends School. 16923 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring. $75–$495. June 19–Aug. 11. (301) 714-7465. sandypringss.org.

SUMMER AT WES Summer at WES is a co-ed day camp offering a range of traditional and enriching activities, from swimming and sports to cooking and robotics. WES also offers a week-long sleepaway camp at West Virginia’s Timber Ridge Camp. Ages 4 to 14. Washington Episcopal School. 5600 Little Falls Parkway, Bethesda. $295–$1095. June 12–Aug. 11. (301) 652-7818. w-e-s.org.

TENNISTAR SPORTS CAMPS TenniStar camps are dedicated to the teaching and practicing of various sports. Other offerings include basketball, lacrosse, and field hockey. Incoming Georgetown Visitation freshman can attend the VisStar orientation program. Tennis instruction is also offered at Sport & Health in Bethesda. Ages 3 to 15. Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. 1624 35th St. NW. $175–$375. June 12–Aug. 4. (301) 530-5472. tennistar.com.


TIC SUMMER CAMP TIC is a day camp that strikes a balance between sports and technology. Activities range from soccer and original outdoor games to digital photography and web development. Camps are also offered at Georgetown Day High School in Friendship Heights, Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, and St. John Academy in McLean. Ages 7 to 15. Georgetown Day Lower and Middle School. 4530 MacArthur Blvd. NW. $480. June 19–Aug. 15. (703) 876-2868. TICCamp.com.

TIMBER RIDGE CAMP Timber Ridge is a traditional co-ed overnight camp in the Shenandoah Mountains. Activities include sports, visual and performing arts, and water activities like swimming, canoeing, and tubing on the Shenandoah River. Ages 6 to 16. Timber Ridge Camp, Route 1 Box 470, High View, Virginia. $920. June 17–Aug. 11. (800) 258-2267. ticmpamps.com.

US PERFORMING ARTS CAMPS Students can learn about acting and directing for the camera, study vocal performance, or participate in musical theater courses at this camp, offered at locations around the country. Residential and commuter options are available at Georgetown, Ages 12 to 18. US Performing Arts. WES.edu/student-life/passport-to-summer.

VALLEY MILL CAMP Valley Mill offers the experience of a traditional sleepaway camp without the night stay. Participants in both the boys and girls programs take part in activities ranging from boating to drama to athletics with other campers their age. Co-ed junior camp and counselor-in-training programs are also available. Ages 4 to 11. Valley Mill Camp, 1510 Seneca Road, Germantown. $540–$4860. June 19–Aug. 25. (301) 948-0220. valleymill.com.

WABA BIKE CAMP Campers will volunteer in the community, gain confidence riding in the city, and learn the basics of bicycle repair and maintenance at this week-long day camp. Location to be announced at a later date. Washington Area Bicyclist Association. 2599 Ontario Road NW. $350. July 3–28. (202) 518-0524. waba.org.