



Children's House of Los Altos



Our Mission

To foster child independence, a love for learning, and an environment that encourages our diverse population of children to play and solve problems together.

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2009 Summer Camp Descriptions



Art Camp, Campers will learn about different artists and their techniques. The children will make hand and foot prints, clay beads, coffee filter water color flowers, and much, much more. Anything goes in this imagination friendly camp. Using various art supplies, we will create different pieces of art work and learn new art vocabulary. At the end of the week the children will have made many beautiful pieces that will have incorporated many different elements of art.

Build, Build, Build - During the week we will teach some building basics. We will give children the opportunity to do plenty of problem solving and creating. For example, one of our projects will be drawing a mini city model plan, discussing ideas and suggestion for the plan, and following through with the construction. We will be using a large variety of materials to make: houses, bridges, towers, offices, stores, schools, and other buildings every community needs. We will need lots of boxes, so please begin saving them for our first day of camp! We would love a variety of shapes and sizes, so any and all boxes are perfect! We will end our week sprinkles!



Carnival Capers Camp - Children will walk the tightrope, participate in face painting, create carnival games, and try mastering the skills of juggling! Throughout the week the children will brainstorm and prepare games to create for their carnival on Friday. We will also design our own clown faces as well as different types of masks to wear at the carnival at the end of the week.

Children's Theater - Campers will participate in creating masks, puppets, and props that can be used to create the ultimate theater experience! We will make 3-D masks using balloons and paint. We will also make other types of masks and puppets using different types of materials. The children will learn words to express dramatic feeling, such as confident, nervous, and confused. We will also introduce the children to theater vocabulary (ex. auditioning, improvisation, and obstacles). The possibilities are endless and the children will have such a wonderful time using their creativity and imagination!



Fabric Construction is a camp designed to teach children about the basics of sewing, quilting, and crocheting. We will start by teaching the children how to thread a yarn section onto a plastic needle, and continue with needlepoint activities using canvas and other pieces of fabric. Working with the different types of fabric and tools will help the children improve their coordination and thinking skills. The children will also work with fabric and yarn through a variety of art projects. Throughout the week we will work together to design our own classroom quilt. Each child will create his/her own square to help complete a unique and memorable quilt!



Kitchen Chemistry your child will be conducting simple experiments with hands-on activities. They will be investigating chemical reactions by making apples turn brown, making home made glue, and making a volcano erupt. Cooking with children introduces the skills they need to succeed in math and science. Following directions, conducting research, and predicting outcomes allow children to feel more confident. We will learn how to measure liquid and solids by making different recipes. We will also make oobleck, watch a liquid turn into a solid, and make clean mud!

Let's Get Fit - Exercise and nutrition go hand in hand in making our body healthy and your child will learn about both aspects this week in camp. We will practice Yoga, kickboxing, jumping rope and how to stretch properly. In order to track our progress, we will keep a log of how far we run each day, as well as how many sit-ups and push-ups we do. We will be discussing the food pyramid and what it means to eat a balanced diet and how important it is to stay well hydrated. Your child will learn how to prepare fun and simple food such as fruit smoothies, pineapple salad, and yogurt pops. At the end of the week, each child will create a healthy recipe book to take home.



Little Scouts - This camp is filled with outdoor activities, games, and crafts. We will go on hikes, have a scavenger hunt, and create a wilderness obstacle course. We will also play games that promote teamwork, sing campfire songs, tell stories, roast marshmallows, and earn scout badges for the skills we accomplish. At the end of the week, we will have a Friday evening camp-out from 6:00-8:30pm (therefore, we will not be meeting earlier on Friday). It's sure to be an exciting evening of stories, songs, s'mores, and more! Don't forget to bring your sleeping bag and a flashlight to the evening camp-out, because they will be used for some fun games!

Magic and More - Bippity-boppity-BOO! During Magic and More camp, we will observe and experiment with illusions and tricks! From broken pencils to the illusion of balance, we will discuss and hypothesize different outcomes and reactions to the experiments we try. The children will learn several card tricks, how to turn old dirty pennies into shiny new ones, and how to separate pepper with their very own finger!



Magical Moments - Escape to never-never land & create a magical world with clay, paper, paint & mixed media! Whether wizard, pirate or princess, you will make new friends & share fun with lots of wonderland creatures!

Mini Olympics - We will learn about many different games and sports. At the beginning of our week we will have everyone run with our Olympic torch. We will learn the basic rules and safety information for baseball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, hockey and other team sports. The children will be placed into teams and each team will create a flag for their country. This flag will serve as representation of each team, in the Olympic races that occur at the end of the week.



Mouthwatering Math and Science - Children will become little scientists and mathematicians! They will get to see how fun, exciting, and tasty science and math can be! Some of the activities will include edible experiments that involve measuring, mixing, counting and observing. We will make ice cream and use our math skills to run an ice cream shop. We will also make a rainbow in a jar! Your little scientists and mathematicians will measure liquids with measuring cups and conquer fractions with the help of a pizza pie! What better way to keep your child's math and science skills sharpened this summer than our Mouthwatering Math and Science Camp? This camp will involve eating items that your child will create, so please include a list of allergies he/she may have.

Magic of Electricity - Children will be experimenting with the effects of invisible forces such as, static electricity and magnetism. We will make simple electrical circuits and learn about static electricity using balloons, plastic rulers, as well as pepper and salt! Materials needed for the first day of camp are as follows and can be purchased at Radio Shack:

Screw based lamp RS Part #272-1133

Miniature lamp holder RS Part # 272-357

Insulated Test/Jumper Leads RS #278-1156

One 9-volt Battery

(Please send these items in a bag labeled with your child's name)





Music Exploration: Young children's musical growth occurs best in a playful, musically rich, and developmentally appropriate setting free of direct instruction and performance pressure, where learning activities are accessible, interesting, and fun! When your child has active experience with a wealth of interesting songs and rhythmic movement before the age of five, he or she is likely to have an excellent music and movement vocabulary for the rest of life. So I am going to bring lots of music into your child's life! Each day we will begin with our "Hello Song." This will help us learn our friend's names and warm up our voices for lots of fun! The

children will participate in musical jams, the creation of their own instruments, free movement to music, develop rhythmically and sing lots of new melodies.

Pottery Camp - Children will learn the techniques of making different types of pottery. The children will also have the opportunity to create their own pieces of pottery using a variety of tools commonly used when working with clay. Throughout the week, we will introduce the children to clay definitions such as wedging, kiln, greenware, bisque, glaze, and cone. The children will make coil pots, pinch pots and even glaze a piece of pottery. The children will love participating in the process of working with raw clay, painting it with glaze, and seeing it after it has been fired!



Puppets and Plays - Children will be inspired & create wonderful puppet characters based on cultural & imaginary themes! Explore basic puppeteering & make puppets from wood, papier mâché and found objects. Throughout the week, we will learn to use "pretend voices," make our own script, and perform a culminating puppet show! The possibilities are endless and the children will have fun using their creativity and imagination!

Team Sports - We will learn the basic rules and safety information for baseball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, hockey and other team sports. The children will learn the proper techniques for hitting, kicking, and throwing a ball. Also, the children will learn about the different equipment needed to play each of the games. While participating in a number of different team sports, the children will learn team building skills as well as the importance of sportsmanship.



To Infinity and Beyond! - During our week of adventures we will journey to outer space via science experiments, art projects, games, and movement activities. Travel beyond the milky-way for an out-of-this-world party. Explore the universe while you paint, draw, invent & sculpt! Send postcards from planets you encounter along the way & create a fantastic collection of outer space artwork in a variety of media!

Trains, Boats and Planes Camp – Children will be introduced to three different types of transportation. Your child will be able to make his/her own train, boat or plane. Investigate & imagine things & how they work. Be inspired by different kinds of houses around the world & many kinds of transportation. Explore the work of farms & fire stations & design your own candy factory! Draw, paint, sculpt. **Please let us know if your child has any food allergies.**



Underground Vibrations - Throughout the week we will learn about animals and insects that love to dig and live in dirt! Hands on activities will help teach the children about animals that spend their entire lives underground, as well as those who spend a portion of their life cycle underground. During the week we will sing songs about bugs, design an underground insect, and even prepare and eat Wiggle Worm Dirt Pudding! This camp will involve some eating of items that your child will create, so please include a list of allergies he/she may have.

Water, Water, Water - In this camp, children will become familiar with several water basics, such as: types of water, where water exists, and what we use water for. Along with learning about water basics, the children will play many water games like duck, duck, splash. Children will discover ways to conserve water and how they can take part in keeping our water clean. During our Water, Water,

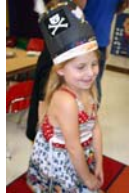


Water Camp, we will have a water balloon toss and water relays. We recommend that children wear a bathing suit, water shoes, and sunscreen. Please bring along a towel and a change of cloths to wear home.



Wild Wild West Camp, your child will experience what it was like to live in the Wild West of the United States during the second half of the 19th century. We will build a western town, create covered wagons, sculpt horses, draw your route on old maps, find gold! Be an adventurer & travel unknown land! Paint brilliant sunsets & sunrises in fantastic landscapes! We will roast marshmallows on our last day, so please let us know if your child has any food allergies.

Yo, Ho, Ho! To Pirate Camp I Go! During this camp, your child will be transported to a magical world of high seas and pirates! We will be making pirate gear to wear that will help us get into character for our map making, as well as, burying and searching for treasure. We will make a necklace out of our treasure and make wave bottles to take home. If your child has any pirate themed clothing, feel free to have them wear it, but please leave any weapons at home as Children's House is only a home to friendly pirates.



New for Summer 2010!

Reading, writing, math and thinking skills:

For children who are socially and emotionally ready for kindergarten, thinking skills that encompass knowledge phonics, numbers and pre-writing have been identified as the greatest predictor of success in school. This summer program is available to children who are ready to boost their early reading, math, writing and thinking skills. We take a comprehensive approach to learning in order to reach every child's learning style and boost self confidence. Children will explore these important concepts through cognitive exercises, games, songs, and movement.

