



NDA SUMMER CAMP

2026



What is NDA Summer Camp?

- NDA Summer Camp is Notre Dame Academy's summer program for NDA students entering grades 1 through 8.
- Students will participate in daily activities incorporating art, STEM, gardening, writing & language arts, music, theater, cooking, and sports.
- Our goal is to provide a safe, fun, and educational environment for students that reflects the mission and values of Notre Dame Academy.

When is camp offered?

- Mondays to Fridays, June 8 through August 21
- Open daily 7:30am - 5:30pm
- CLOSED July 3
- CLOSED July 20-24

How much does it cost?

- \$45 registration fee
- \$60 per day
- Field Trip and Beach Fees for each trip attended.
- Optional Hot Lunch fees.

Registration and camp fees will be billed to your TADS account in 1 or 2 installments. See registration for specific fee rates.

What does a typical day at camp look like?

- Mornings and afternoons consist of periods of indoor and outdoor free play and structured activities related to the weekly theme. Students may also visit the school library and play organized group games.
- Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided daily. Hot lunch will be offered this summer for an additional fee.
- See the daily schedule and weekly themes for more programming details. *(Programming is subject to change)*





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What about beach day and field trips?

- On Tuesdays, students will visit Shady Oak Beach. A beach fee will be charged to cover admission and transportation for each trip registered. Beach trips are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather.
- On Thursdays, students will go on a field trip. A field trip fee will be charged to cover admission and transportation for each trip registered. See the list of fields trips on the calendar page. Field trips are subject to change due to weather, attendance, etc.



How do I register?

- Simply fill out and submit the google form.
- Registration is due by Monday, May 18.



Questions?

Contact Mr. Stephens at
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Dates Offered

June

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

July

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

August

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Key

- Regular Camp Day
- Shady Oak Beach Day
- Field Trip Day
- Camp Closed
- Camp Closed IHM Totus Tuus

} Open 7:30am-5:30pm

Field Trips*

- June 18 MN Landscape Arboretum
- June 25 Gibbs Farm
- July 2 St. Louis Park Pool
- July 9 Minnesota Zoo
- July 16 The KUBE at Plymouth
- July 30 Bell Museum
- August 6 Sidekick Theater
- August 13 Science Museum of Minnesota
- August 20 Crayola Experience at MOA

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Typical Weekly Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Free Choice	Free Choice	Free Choice	Free Choice	Free Choice
9:30	Outside Play	Outside Play	Garden Time	Outside Play	Bike Time
10	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
10:15	Project	Project	Project	Gym Game	Project
11	Gym Game	Gym Game	Gym Game	Lunch	Gym Game
11:30	Mystery Reader	Lunch	Library		Library
12	Lunch		Lunch		Lunch
12:30	Recess		Recess		Recess
1	STEM Workshop	Beach		Field Trip	Tech Time
2			Activity of the Week!		
2:30	GoNoodle				Cooking
3	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
3:15	Mr. Stephens' Challenge	Mr. Stephens' Challenge	Mr. Stephens' Challenge	Mr. Stephens' Challenge	Friday Film
3:45	Free Choice	Free Choice	Free Choice	Free Choice	

Mystery Reader

A special guest will come to read us a story in the library!

Garden Time

Mrs. Gildner will lead students in tending the NDA Garden!


STEM Workshop

Work together to complete a STEM challenge or carry out a science experiment!

Mr. Stephens' Challenge

Students may work on math, reading or writing to earn stickers and prizes!

2026 SUMMER CAMP OVERVIEW

	M	T	W	TH	F
 Welcome Week	 8 Mystery Reader	 9 Rock Painting	 10 Minute to Win It	 11 S'mores	 12 Bike Day
 Great Outdoors Week	 15 Mystery Reader	 16 Shady Oak Beach	 17 iPad Scavenger Hunt	 18 MN Arb	 19 Bike Day
 Minnesota Week	 22 Mystery Reader	 23 Shady Oak Beach	 24 Carnival	 25 Gibbs Farm	 26 Bike Day
 America 250 Week	 29 Mystery Reader	 30 Shady Oak Beach	 1 Music Video	 2 SLP Pool	3 CLOSED
 Travel Week	 6 Mystery Reader	 7 Shady Oak Beach	 8 Olympics	 9 MN Zoo	 10 Bike Day
 Explore Week	 13 Mystery Reader	 14 Shady Oak Beach	 15 Treasure Hunt	 16 The KUBE	 17 Bike Day
 Totus Tuus	20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED
 Galaxy Week	 27 Mystery Reader	 28 Shady Oak Beach	 29 Space Bingo	 30 Bell Museum	 30 Science Museum
 Medieval Times Week	 3 Mystery Reader	 4 Shady Oak Beach	 5 Jester Comedy Show	 6 Sidekick Theatre	 7 Bike Day
 Weather Week	 10 Mystery Reader	 11 Shady Oak Beach	 12 Hurricane Tie-Dye	 13 Science Museum	 14 Bike Day
 Creativity Week	 17 Mystery Reader	 18 Water Day	 19 Colorful Cookout	 20 Crayola Experience	 21 Bike Day

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST



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Weekly Themes



Welcome Week

June 8 - 12

Welcome to another summer of fun at NDA! This week, enjoy traditional camp activities including rock painting, S'mores, friendship bracelets and some epic rounds of "Minute-to-Win-it" challenges! Meet some old friends and make some new ones! Join the fun!



Great Outdoors Week

June 15 - 19

Get ready for a week outside as we explore all that mother nature has to offer! Help us collect insects, identify leaves, go on an iPad Scavenger Hunt and enjoy a memorable trip to the [MN Landscape Arboretum](#). It's sure to be a breath of fresh air!



Minnesota Week

June 22 - 26

Can you hear the loon's call? It's Minnesota Week! Help celebrate the great state that we call home! Design crop art, learn Dakota and Ojibwe phrases, attend the annual NDA Carnival and take a trip to [Gibbs Farm](#) to experience some real Minnesota history! It's sure to be an exciting week, you betcha!



America 250 Week

June 29 - July 2

Happy Birthday America, 250 looks good on you! Join us this week to celebrate the USA's Semiquincentennial, it's sure to be one big patriotic party! Learn about our famous landmarks and leaders, help create an American Music Video, and take a trip to swim at the [St. Louis Park Pool](#)! USA! USA!



Travel Week

July 6 - 10

Pack your bags and get ready to take a trip around the globe! It's Travel Week! Explore other cultures and cuisines, try your hand at creating a national flag, and compete in the annual NDA Olympics! Finish off the week with a trip to the [MN Zoo](#) to see creatures from far and near! Bon Voyage!



Explore Week

July 13 - 17

Curious about the unknown or the undiscovered? Explore with us and see what hidden secrets we can uncover! Learn about great explorers, create your own map, go on the annual NDA Treasure Hunt and explore at the KUBE at the Plymouth Community Center! It's sure to be an adventure!



Totus Tuus

July 20 - 24

No NDA Summer Camp this week! Students are encouraged to register for Totus Tuus through IHM church. Wrap-around care will be offered for an additional fee each morning and afternoon.



Galaxy Week

July 27 - 31

To infinity and beyond! Get ready to traverse the universe and learn about the many wonders of outer space! Study the stars and planets, design a rocket, play some Space Bingo and even visit a real life planetarium at the Bell Museum. This week is sure to be out of this world!



Medieval Times Week

August 3 - 7

Calling all Lords and Ladies! You are hereby officially invited to a week of royal festivities at NDA! Travel back to the Middle Ages as we compete in scooter jousting, try to make the monarch laugh during the Jester Comedy Show! Top it off with a trip to Sidekick Theatre to see Robin Hood! Huzzah!



Weather Week

August 10 - 14

What makes the wind blow or the rain pour? Grab an umbrella as we study all things weather! Learn about the water cycle, build a kite, and create some hurricane tie-dye! Then, visit the Science Museum to learn even more about the fascinating world of meteorology! It will surely be en-lightning!



Creativity Week

August 17 - 21

Get ready to express yourself this week as we embark on a journey of creation! Prepare to engage in all things artistic: create a self-portrait, enjoy a colorful cookout lunch, and take a trip to Crayola Experience at MOA. This week is sure to get those creative juices flowing!