

# Life in the Valley

## MID-VALLEY SUMMER CAMPS

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Is more than 200 summer camps excessive? No, it just means options! Here are some summer learning options in the Mid-Valley:

### The Abbey Art Center Art at the Farm

Ages 9 through middle school will work on a mural and ceramic tiles for the Marion-Polk Food Share Youth Farm, 2 to 5 p.m. June 24-28, Camp will be held at the Farm behind Chemeketa. \$160.

**Drawing:** Ages 6-10 will learn to draw and learn shape, line, value shading and a bit of color in and outside of the classroom, 9 a.m. to noon July 15-19, The Abbey Art Center, 331 State St. \$120.

**Drawing and Painting:** Lessons tailored to skill for ages 10-17 (limited to eight students) focused on paint, charcoal, colored pencil, graphite or pen/watercolor, 1 to 4 p.m. July 15-19, The Abbey Art Center, 331 State St. \$190.

**More information:** theabbeyartcenter.weebly.com/summer-camp-2019

### Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Marion and Polk Counties

Early Riser Summer Learning Camp features daily activities and programming, weekly field trips, lunch and a T-shirt provided. Weekly themes include:

- June 17-21: Sports
- June 24-28: Around the World
- July 1-3: Storybook
- July 8-12: Great Outdoors
- July 15-19: Comics
- July 22-26: Sea
- July 29 to Aug. 2: Dinosaurs
- Aug. 5-9: Space
- Aug. 12-16: When I Grow Up
- Aug. 19-23: Inventors' Workshop

**When:** 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Early Riser Campers are welcome to stay for a daily free lunch and join Member Hours in the afternoon from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. for no additional cost.

#### Locations/ages:

- Grades 2-5: Knudson Branch, 1395 Summer St. NE
- Grades 2-8: West Salem Branch, 925 Gerth St. NW
- Grades 2-8: Swegle Branch, 1711 Aguilas Court NE
- Grades 2-8: Keizer Branch, 4840 Noren Avenue
- Grades 6-8: Wipper Branch, 1395 Summer St. NE

**Cost:** \$500 full summer (10 weeks), \$250 full scholarship rate. Payment plan available.

**More information:** bgc-salem.org/programs/summer-programs

### CCTV

#### Summer Video Camp:

- July 15-19: Video production basics
- July 22-26: Digital animation
- July 22-26: Studio production
- Aug. 12-16: Animation
- Aug. 19-23: Production and special effects

**Ages:** Going into grades 6-8

**Location:** CCTV, 575 Trade St. SE

**Cost:** \$99 per week

**More information:** cctvsalem.org/summer-video-camp

### Chantal Barton YogaKids Yoga Summer Camp

Four days to explore nature, create art and discover mindful movement, this is a time for children to step away from the distractions of life and into moments of connection views from the treehouse, hands making creative projects, group activities with new friends and more, June 17-20 and Aug. 5-8, Historic GeerCrest Farm, 12390 Sunnyview Road NE. \$300 per child, per camp. chantalbartonyoga.com/summer-camp.

### City of Salem

Dozens of weeklong day camps featuring activities, games and crafts organized around a theme including carnival, Olympics, science, talent and wild animals.

**When:** Noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 24-Aug 15

#### Location:

- Englewood Park
- Highland Park
- McRae Park
- Sumpter Park
- Sunnyslope Park

**Cost:** \$40 per week, fee waivers available for qualified city of Salem residents

**Information:** 503-588-6261 or register online at egov.cityofsalem.net/



The Gilbert House Children's Museum is offering a variety of preschool camps throughout the summer. GILBERT HOUSE STAFF



CCTV summer camps offer video production basics, animation and more. CCTV

### ParksRec

### Corban University

**Theatre Camp:** Two-week theatre camp for students entering grades 4-12 who will write/rehearse short plays, learn songs and dances and participate in theatre seminars, 8:30 a.m. to noon July 22 to Aug. 3, Corban University, 5000 Deer Park Drive SE. \$175; partial scholarships available (deadline is June 15).

### Create-A-Memory

Camps include materials, education and snacks at Create-A-Memory, 270 Commercial St. NE. \$250 per student, per camp; \$50 early registration discount if registered before June 15. Register at the studio or by calling 503-375-3664.

**Mixed Media:** Ages 6 and older will explore art with different mediums/techniques, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25-28 and July 30 to Aug. 2

**Clay:** Ages 6 and older will learn sculpting, carving, molding and hand building techniques, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 16-19

**Fused Glass:** Ages 6 and older will use tools and learn techniques for fusing glass to create art, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 13-16

**More information:** createamemory.org/camps

### CreativiTEE

**Colorful Scientist Kids Camp:** Students entering grades 1-4 will learn to explore how art and science are connected where they will be able to experiment, create in multiple hands-on ways and leave with a hand-designed Colorful Scientist T-shirt, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 18-19, CreativiTEE, 110 Commercial St. NE. \$60, only 15 slots available. 971-301-5277, www.eventbrite.com or email rofedesigns@gmail.com.

### Enlightened Theatrics

**Teen Summer Camp:** Participants will spend four weeks honing their acting, singing and dancing skills culminating in four performance of “Honk! JR.,” 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 29 to Aug. 22; performances 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22-24 and 2:30 p.m. Aug. 25, 187 High St. NE Suite 209. \$395, limited number of scholarships available.

**More information:** enlightenedtheatrics.org/teen summercamp

### Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum

**Asteroid Day:** Ages 7-11 will learn about asteroids, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 26. \$15 members, \$20 non-members; 25 capacity.

**Rocketry Camp:** Ages 9-14 will spend the week building, learning and design-

ing rockets, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 8-12. \$150 members, \$200 non-members; 25 capacity.

**We Can’t Win Without Them!:** Ages 7-16 will learn about Digging for Victory, WASPs, who Rosie the Riveter really was, and how the Homefront helped when the war through fun activities, interactive demonstrations, a special tour, and guest speakers, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 26. \$15 members, \$20 non-members; 25 capacity.

**Men in Black Training:** Ages 8-12 will learn about espionage, exoplanets, and aerospace mysteries, 5:30 p.m. to 9 a.m. Aug. 8-9. \$54 members, \$60 non-members; includes a snack, breakfast, IMAX movie, activities and museum admission the following day.

**It’s a Bird! It’s a Plane! It’s a Dirigible?:** Ages 9-14 will learn everything aviation including restoring planes, unmanned aircraft, weather balloons and drones, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 12-16. \$89 members, \$99 non-members; 25 capacity.

**Time Warp:** Ages 9-14 will learn about time, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 28. \$15 members, \$20 non-members; 25 capacity.

**Location:** 500 NE Capt. Michael King Smith Way, McMinnville, OR

**More information:** evergreenmuseum.org

### Gilbert House Children’s Museum

**Preschool Camp Schedule:** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., choose Tues/Thurs camp or M/W/F camp

**Ages:** 3-5

#### Themes/dates:

- July 8-12: Time Travelers Camp
- July 22-26: Detective Camp
- July 29 to Aug. 2: Zoology Camp
- Aug. 5-9: Storytelling Camp
- Aug. 19-23: Best-Of Camp

#### Cost:

■ \$85 members, \$100 non-members Monday/Wednesday/Friday preschool camp

■ \$75 members, \$90 non-members Tuesday/Thursday preschool camp

**Check availability:** acgilbert.org/summer-camps

### Jordan Kent Skills Camp

**Jordan Kent Skills Camp — Salem Multi-Sport Camp:** Weeklong camps offered by University of Oregon Hall of Famer Jordan Kent providing training in either football, soccer or basketball, along with agility training, games and nutrition education, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 22-25, Straub Middle School. \$129.95 half days, \$159.95 full days; both include T-shirts and post-camp goodies. Open to boys and girls ages 6-12. jordankentcamps.com/salem-camps.

### OSU Extension Service & 4-H Youth Development

**Mission Earth STEM Summer Camp:** Four-day camp for ages 14-17 focusing on environmental science and

remote sensing featuring hands-on activities, exploring the outdoors and more, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 17-20, 1320 Capitol St. NE #110. Free, registration is required. https://bit.ly/2WyWPS3.

### Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center

More than 50 summer camps with a variety of themes including science, art, food, sports, adventure and theater taking place June 17 to Aug. 23, Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, 1865 Bill Frey Drive NE. Range from \$145 to \$320 for members and \$175 to \$350 for non-members. Camps range from ages 4-13, a junior leadership camp for ages 13-15 is also offered. salem.kroccenter.org/day-camp.

### RiverCity Rock Star Academy

**Kid’s Rock Camp:** Weeklong camps for beginner, intermediate and advanced music students ages 6-12, June 24-28, July 15-19 and Aug. 12-16. \$400, 20% off until June 16 (\$320); lunch is included daily and includes a concert at the end of camp. Additional discounts for multiple family members and multiple camp enrollments are available.

**Teen Rock Camp:** For beginner, intermediate, and advanced music students ages 13-18, July 10-12 and Aug. 7-9. \$150, 20% off until June 16 (\$120). Additional discounts for multiple family members and multiple camp enrollments are available.

**Location:** 2769 19th St. SE

**More information:** rrockstaracademy.com/summer-camp

### Salem First Baptist Church

**Skills Camp:** Variety of activities including basketball, soccer, arts, baseball, track and field, theater, robotics, volleyball, ballet and cheerleading for kids in ages 4 to grade 6, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 8 through 12, Blanchet High School, 4373 Market St. NE. \$50; sibling discounts available. fbcsealem.org/skillscamp.

### Salem-Keizer Education Foundation

More than 50 camps including basketball, chemistry, robotics, soccer, arts, fitness, water, garden, chess and more.

**Schedule:** 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. morning camp and 12:30 to 6 p.m. afternoon camp, camps run from June 17 through Aug. 23

**Location:** Grant Community School, 725 Market St. NE and Wright Elementary School, 4060 Lone Oak Road SE

**Cost:** \$100 per camp, \$80 for July 1-5 camp (no camp July 4); registration deadline is Wednesday prior to camp start date by 5 p.m.

**More information:** skeducationfoundation.org

### South Salem Church of Christ

**Vacation Bible School:** Open to all ages 2 and older and the theme is “Marooned: Steady Faith in Shifting Sands,” 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. July 15-19, 310 Ewald St. SE. 503-362-691.

### Summer S.K.I.T.

**S.K.I.T. L’s Camp:** Students in grades 1-5 completed will learn acting, singing and dancing with Disney’s “101 Dalmatians,” 8 a.m. to noon (show at 10:30 a.m. July 13) or 1 to 5 p.m. (show at 2 p.m. July 13) July 8-12.

**S.K.I.T. Camp:** Students in grades 6-12 completed will act, sing, dance and do improv scenes to “So You Want to be a Super Hero?,” 1 to 5 p.m. July 15-19, show 2 p.m. Saturday, July 20.

**Cost:** \$100 before July 1, \$120 after

**Location:** Salem First Free Methodist, 4455 Silverton Road NE

**More information:** skittheatre.com/summer-skit

### Willamette Humane Society

**Camp Paw Paw:** Five days of learning about animals and community service with animal-themed games, outdoor activities, guest speakers and other projects.

#### Time/dates:

- Grades 4-6: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 15-19
- Grades 4-6: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 5-9
- Grades 4-6: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 12-16

**Cost:** \$190; includes T-shirt and take home projects

**More information:** whs4pets.org/youth-programs; classes are filling up, check for availability.