2022 Summer Camp Program

Three types of experiences, countless ways to make summer memories that last a lifetime!

**19th-CENTURY SUMMER SAMPLER:** With the GCV&M Historic Village as the setting for adventure, campers dressed in period clothing are immersed in lives and times of young people of the 19th-century. Campers discover the Pioneer Farm and sample Village life or dive deeper into 19th century trades, skills, and key historical events.

**EARTH CAMP:** Budding naturalists and outdoor adventurers will love exploring more than 600 acres of environmental preserve. Campers gain valuable knowledge of the natural world through hands-on exploration of the Nature Center ponds, woodlands, and meadows. Play in the creek, catch your first fish, hike the trails, or learn how to build a campfire.

**ART CAMP:** For children who love art we now offer camps out of the John L. Wehle Art Gallery! Spend time exploring the gallery, experimenting with colors, discovering new media, and creating one-of-a-kind works of art.

**FUN AND LEARNING FOR ALL AGES!**

Morning, afternoon, or full-day sessions introduce our youngest campers, ages 4-6, to the Pioneer Farm and local wildlife.

Children ages 6-10 enjoy full-day adventures that introduce them to the Historic Village where they can do pioneer chores, play 19th-century games, cook, and meet the Village tradespeople. Or they can explore the Nature Center though group play, trail hikes, and wading in the creek.

Youth ages 10-15 select from more immersive learning experiences and can hone their 19th-century cooking and baking skills, create works of art, or learn outdoor survival skills.

Returning campers ages 14-18 can apply to serve as a Volunteer Camp Assistant and gain valuable leadership and life skills under the mentorship of an experienced Summer Camp Teacher.

**Important Camp Information**

- Week-long day camps Monday through Friday, 10 AM – 4 PM July 11-August 26, 2022
- Half-day: $125 / week; Full-day: $270 / week (10% discount for GCV&M Members)
- Before and after care available from 8 – 10 AM and 4 – 6 PM for an additional fee
- Camp bus provided daily with multiple convenient Rochester stops
- Camp nurse provided, verification of immunizations & Health History Report required
- Healthy lunch options available
- Advance registration required for all camps & programs fill quickly

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Summer Sampler

Complete Class List

The 19th-century village setting provides a one-of-a-kind journey to the past.

With the GCV&M Historic Village as the setting for adventure, campers dressed in period clothing are immersed in the lives and times of young people of the 19th century. Each child is loaned a costume, which becomes their outfit for the week. An additional fee of up to $50 will be charged for any unreturned or damaged costumes.

Fun on the Farm  (ages 4-6)

AM Sessions: July 11 - 15 or July 25 - 29 or August 8-12 from 10 AM - 12:30 PM
PM Sessions: July 18 - 22 or August 1 - 5 from 1:30 - 4:00 PM
$ 125/ week

During this unique class, our youngest campers will be introduced to the Pioneer Farm and the animals that live there. Collect eggs, grind corn, listen to stories, sing songs, play games, and more. Visiting a farm has never been more fun!

Full-Day GCV&M Sampler  (ages 4-6)

July 11 - 15 or July 18 - 22 or July 25 - 29 or August 1 - 5 or August 8 - 12
$ 270/ week

Participants in this full day class will be introduced to everything GCV&M has to offer. Half of the day will be spent at the Pioneer Farm and the other at the Nature Center. Collect eggs, grind corn, hike the trails, look for salamanders, listen to stories, sing songs, play games, and so much more!
Wilder Adventures (ages 6-8)
July 11 - 15 or August 1 - 5
$270/week
Journey back to Wilder days as you re-live life as Laura and Almonzo Wilder would have in the Little House series. Spend time in a one-room school house, barter in the general store, learn what life was like living in a log cabin, play with toys that Laura and Almonzo might have owned, and make crafts from long ago. Boys and girls welcome!

Quills, Slates, & Graces (ages 7-10)
July 11 - 15 or August 1 - 5
$270/week
This summer we’re going old-school! Participate in authentic 19th-century lessons at the school house, barter for supplies at Altay Store and play games from the past. Meet with Village craftspeople, and make your own 19th-century projects to take home. You won’t want to cut this class! This is a great choice for an introduction to summer camp at GCV&M!

Farm Kids (ages 7-10)
July 11 - 15 or July 18 - 22 or July 25 - 29 or August 1 - 5 or August 8 - 12 or August 15 - 19 or August 22 - 26
$270/week
You can bet the farm your children will have fun at this camp! Spend a week learning and doing at the Pioneer Farm. Help with animal care, collect eggs, tend crops, grind corn, and horse around! Plant the seed for a lifelong love of learning.

Wonderland (ages 7-10)
August 8 - 12
$270/week
Tumble down the rabbit hole to this exciting camp. Play croquet with the Queen of Hearts, learn how to dance a lobster quadrille, and discover how the Caterpillar became a butterfly. On Friday, join us for a tea party with The Hatter. You’d be MAD to pass this up.
**History Play**  (ages 7-10)

**July 18 - 22 or August 15 - 19**

$270/week

Campers help choose the day’s journey in this free-play program. Play old-fashioned games, build a fort, or make up a new adventure. Work together with your fellow campers to plan each awesome day. Who knows what the journey will be? This is a great choice for children who prefer less structure.

**Huck Finn Adventures**  (ages 10-15)

**July 11 - 15 or July 18 - 22 or July 25 - 29 or August 1 - 5 or August 8 - 12 or August 15 - 19 or August 22 - 26**

$270/week

Both boys and girls will enjoy living the adventures of Huck Finn during this one-of-a-kind camp! Learn what life was like for a child living in the 1840s. Set up camp, gather firewood, a light a fire using flint and steel. Explore the forest, help villagers with chores, make your own fishing pole, and so much more. Who knows what other adventures are in store?

**Dancing Through Time**  (ages 10-15)

**July 18 - 22 or August 15 - 19**

$270/week

What did people do to pass time before television, phones, and computers? They danced! Learn the importance of dancing in the Genesee Valley in the 1800s, practice the steps to classics like the Virginia Reel and Boston Tea Party, and show off your new skills during daily dances at the Town Hall. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to learn from the Genesee Country Village & Museum's dance master, Mr. Huff!
Girls Academy  (ages 10-15)
July 25 - 29 or August 22-26
$270/week
Notice is hereby given that the Genesee Country Village & Museum will be opening an academy for the instruction of young ladies at the Romulus Female Seminary in Mumford, NY. Instruction will be given in the art of sewing, dancing, penmanship, tea etiquette, and the general arts of becoming a 19th-century lady.

Beginning Hearth Cooking (ages 11-15)
July 18 - 22 or August 1 - 5 or August 15 - 19
$270/week
Have fun learning open-hearth cooking during this hands-on class for girls and boys. Explore the museum gardens, and bring seasonal ingredients back to the kitchen. Learn how to correctly build a fire for open-hearth cooking and make simple 19th-century dishes. During the week students will also make their very own receipt (recipe) book to bring home.

Confections  (ages 12-15)
July 11 - 15 or August 8 - 12
$270/week
A 19th-century adventure in decorative confections! Create fancy sweets such as candies, marzipan, cookies, pies and cakes. Record the receipts in your receipt book, so you'll be able to make masterpieces at home, as well.

Preparing a Meal  (ages 12-15)
July 25 - 29
$270/week
Let’s get cooking, 19th-century style! Both boys and girls will enjoy this hands-on class, preparing several full meals made from fresh and seasonal ingredients. Learn how to make “toad in the hole,” Scotch eggs and chicken noodle soup from stock and noodles. Take home your own receipt (recipe) book with all the delicious dishes you learned during the week.
Earth Camp

Complete Class List

The Best Nature Camp on Earth!

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Animal Adventures (ages 4-6)

AM Sessions: July 18 - 22 or August 1 - 5 from 10 AM - 12:30 PM
PM Sessions: July 11 - 15 or July 25 - 29 or August 8 - 12 from 1:30 - 4 PM
$ 125/week

Dig up your passport and get outfitted for a safari expedition. Set up your safari camp, and go on a bug hunt. Through hikes, crafts, games, and stories we’ll spend the week in deep exploration and adventure.

Full-Day GCV&M Sampler (ages 4-6)

July 11 - 15 or July 18 - 22 or July 25 - 29 or August 1 - 5 or August 8 - 12

$ 270/week

Participants in this full day class will be introduced to everything GCV&M has to offer. Half of the day will be spent at the Pioneer Farm and the other at the Nature Center. Collect eggs, grind corn, hike the trails, look for salamanders, listen to stories, sing songs, play games, and so much more!
**Woodland Fairy & Elf Academy** (ages 4-6)

AM Session: August 15 - 19 from 10 AM – 12:30 PM  
PM Session: August 22 - 26 from 1:30 – 4 PM  
$125/week

This camp is an opportunity for your child to get in touch with their inner fairy, or elf, and gain outdoor experiences that will last a lifetime. Participants will make friends with nature as they explore the enchanted woodlands, discover interesting plants and animals, and see how far their imaginations can take them. On Friday, join us for a forest festival with refreshments, and plenty of fairy fun and elf entertainment.  
This is a costumed camp.

**Adventures in Neverland** (ages 4-6)

AM Session: August 22 - 26 from 10 AM - 12:30 PM  
PM Session: August 15 - 19 from 1:30 – 4 PM  
$125/week

Join Peter Pan for an adventure in Neverland. Get outfitted at the “lost boy” camp. Take part in a pirate treasure hunt, walk the plank, and create a mermaid lagoon. Off to Neverland we go!  
This is a costumed camp.

**Full-Day Enchanted Sampler** (ages 4-6)

August 15 - 19 or August 22 - 26  
$270/week

This full day class will be magical! Half the day will be spent with the fairies in the forest and the other in Neverland learning with the lost boys and girls. This is a costumed camp.

**Salamander Squad!** (ages 6-8)

July 25 - 29  
$270/week

Amazing amphibians are all around us, you just need to know where to look. Spend a week searching for these cold-blooded creatures around the nature center. Learn how to safely locate, document, and protect each species. Use field guides, nets and magni-viewers to study specimens up close. Listen to stories, sing songs, create salamander crafts, and so much more!
The great outdoors is great for kids. Many studies have shown that children who play outside do better in school and generally lead happy, healthy lives. During this free-play nature program, campers will be able to choose from a variety of crafts, games, and activities. Play in the creek, build a fort, search for salamanders or cool off in the sprinkler. Who knows what the day’s adventure will be? This is a good choice for children who prefer less structure.

**Wild Play** (ages 6-8)

*July 18 - 22 or August 8 - 12*

$270/week

This camp is perfect for the wild child in your life! During this free-play nature program, campers will explore the trails and ponds, play in the forest, build a fort, search for creatures, or cool off in the sprinkler. Who knows what wild adventure each day will bring? This is a good choice for children who prefer less structure.

**Nature Play** (ages 7-10)

*July 11 - 15 or July 18 - 22 or July 25-29 or August 1 - 5 or August 8 - 12 or August 15-19 or August 22 - 26*

$270/week

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**School of Witchcraft & Wizardry**

*(ages 7-10) August 15 - 19
(ages 10-14) August 1 - 5*

$270/week

We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted to the Genesee Country Village & Museum’s School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. You will need no books or equipment, just your love of all things magical. Terms begin August 3 & 12. We await your owl, or application, no later than the end of June. Don’t miss your opportunity to attend potions class, study the care of magical creatures, design a wand, learn about astronomy, and embrace all things Potter.
Foraging, Food & Flames  (ages 11-15)

July 11 - 15 or August 22 - 26
$270/week

One of the coolest parts of camping is cooking over an open fire. Collecting wood, sparking a flame, and watching the fire burn until you are ready to cook! This camp will teach you everything you need to know to safely forage for supplies, create a fire, and cook over an open flame. Every day campers will help to create a delicious treat. Roast marshmallows, make a mountain pie, and so much more!

Outdoor Survival: Wilderness Skills  (ages 11-15)

July 18 - 22 or August 1 - 5 or August 15 - 19
$270/week

Gain confidence and comfort in being outdoors during this basic survival skills adventure. Become proficient at hands-on activities such as fire lore, camp cooking, tracking, fishing, navigation, shelters, useful plants, camp crafts and other fun survival experiences. Practice how your ancestors may have lived and enjoy nature to the fullest.

Fishing  (ages 11-15)

July 25 - 29 or August 8 - 12
$270/week

In this introductory class for girls and boys, learn the skills needed to identify, catch and prepare fish. Become skilled at baiting hooks, identifying aquatic insects, and cooking your catch over an open fire. Practice your newly learned skills while exploring fishing ponds and the Oatka Creek located on the museum’s private property.
Imagination and exploration are instinctive. At our new Art Camp we will help campers shape and express their creative ideas by looking at things in new ways and trying different techniques with a variety of media – all culminating in a gallery exhibition for their families and friends.

**Rainbows** (ages 8-12)

July 11 - 15 or July 18 - 22 or July 25 - 29 or August 1 - 5 or August 9 - 13 or August 15 - 19

$270/week

What can you paint with besides a brush... How about fabric, a stick, a cluster of leaves, or a blade of grass? How does light and shadow affect the shade you see and how might you paint or color it? Go on a hunt for art in the Historic Village and learn how we care for and display paintings and artifacts in the Gallery. And then craft your own masterpiece.

Also, campers will learn some of the theory and techniques behind visual art expression – and ways to explore and stretch their skills. They will learn a bit about color theory and design principles as they see examples all around them and apply themselves to their own imaginative 2D and 3D creations. Behind the scenes visits to the John L. Wehle Gallery and close up shadowing of Museum professionals will help them see – and create – in new ways. This camp is all about staying curious, giving things a try, and nurturing the creative spirit in budding artists.
# 2022 Quick Reference Class List

**Ages 4-6 / Ages 6-10 / Ages 10-15**

Exact age ranges can be found in the class descriptions above. If your child does not fall into the exact age for the class they are interested in, please contact the camp office at 585-294-8261 and we will do our best to accommodate.

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