Good Old Days Camp:
Summer Sampler Programs

The 19th-century village setting provides a one-of-a-kind journey to the past. Children play graces, walk on stilts, collect eggs and cook up “bubble and squeak,” to name a few of the time-honored amusements your child can enjoy during camp.

Weeklong adventures take place Monday through Friday, with the first session beginning the week of July 8 and the last session beginning the week of August 12. Take a trip back in time and embark on your full-day adventure from 10 am to 4 pm. Half-day adventures (morning or afternoon sessions) are offered for younger campers. Programs fill quickly and advance registration is required.

Supervised camp bus and extended care are available. Details are available on the registration form. Each child is loaned a costume, which becomes their outfit for the week. A cash deposit of $40 is required, and will be refunded when the costume is returned.

Classes Include...

Fairy Tales & Fables (ages 4-6)
July 29 - August 2
AM Session 10 am – 12:30 pm Fee: $115/week
PM Session 1:30 – 4 pm Fee: $115/week

Children will enjoy stories from long ago. Delight in Babe the Blue Ox, The Three Little Pigs, and other children’s classics. Activities may include role-playing fun, creating crafts and artwork, playing games, and singing songs.

Wilder Adventures (ages 6-8)
July 15 - 19 or August 12 - 16
$250/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 22 - 26 or July 29 - August 2 or August 5 - 9

$260/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 8 - 12 or July 15 - 19 or July 22 - 26 or July 29 - August 2 or August 5 - 9 or August 12 - 16

$250/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)**

July 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 15 - 19

$250/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.
All the Village a Stage  (ages 8-11)
August 12 - 16
$250/week
Activate your voice, body and imagination. During this theater themed class campers will learn how to use props and invent their own characters while practicing body language and personal expression. They will then use their new skills around the village, and put on a performance at the historic Davis Opera House. The upstairs was an elegant performance hall where musicians, lecturers and the occasional bear could be seen. This camp will allow your young thespian to learn, and perform, like those who came before us.

Sea to Shining Sea  (ages 7-13)
July 8 - 12
$270/week
Sea to Shining Sea is the story of famous American trailblazers that have had an impact on our great culture. Rosa Parks, Helen Keller, Jackie Robinson and Abraham Lincoln are all featured in this original children’s musical theater production! From acting and choreography to scenery and costume design; each camper will explore the creativity and process behind producing a musical while bringing to life the stories of these, and many more, inspirational Americans. This camp will culminate with a presentation of Sea to Shining Sea providing each young participant with the opportunity to showcase their talent, creativity and hard work for their family. Don’t let your aspiring actor or actress miss this unique summer musical theater camp experience!

1857 American Girl’s Book by Miss Eliza Leslie  (ages 10-12)
August 12 - 16
$260/week
In 1857, Miss Leslie compiled a collection of “light and exhilarating amusements for the purpose of unbending the mind, exercising the body, and interesting the attention.” Explore Victorian pass times while doing handwork (crafts), acting out dramatic sketches, playing 19th-century games and reading stories. Make your own reticule (purse), ribbon bookmark, cloth doll and Victorian doll clothes!
**Girls Academy (ages 10-15)**

*July 22 - 26*

$260/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.

**Quilting (ages 10-15)**

*August 5 - 9*

$250/week

Have you ever admired your grandmother’s quilts? Have you ever wished you could create one yourself? Learn the techniques of piecing, appliqué, joining various geometric shapes and the art of hand quilting. Your finished project will be a pillow with a quilted top of your own design. Come and see what you can create!

**School of the Soldier (ages 10-15)**

*July 22 - 26 or August 5 - 9*

$260/week

Re-enacting is a great way to learn history, and many thousands of people engage in this hobby each year. Using the Camp of Instruction organized in 1839 by the American Army and codified in *School of the Soldier*, you’ll learn about the structure, skills and customs of the military during the Civil War. You’ll also examine uniforms and equipment, and play games to pass the time between skirmishes.
**Beginning Hearth Cooking** *(ages 11-14)*

July 16 - 19 or July 22 - 26 or August 12 - 16  
$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.

**Preparing a Meal** *(ages 12-15)*

July 29 - August 2  
$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.

**Confections** *(ages 12-15)*

July 8 - 12 or August 5 - 9  
$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.

**New Un-Costumed Cooking Class!**

**Plant Based Gluten Free Cooking & Baking for Teens** *(ages 11-14)*

July 22 - 26  
$270/week

This camp will focus on educating the whole person through experiential farm to table cooking and baking. Students learn the basics of gluten free and plant based cooking and baking through hands on garden and agriculture experiences, Q&A, demonstration, art and more. This class is perfect for students who are interested in culinary arts, baking, and learning through food.

**This is NOT a costumed camp.** Participants will spend time in both the museum’s modern kitchen and historic buildings, but will not be provided with a costume.
Earth Camp: Nature Programs
The Best Nature Camp on Earth!

GCV&M has over 600 acres for exploration and play for children who love having fun outdoors. Spend time wading in the creek, cooling off in the shade of the forest, or searching for newts in one of our many ponds.

Weeklong adventures take place Monday through Friday, with the first session beginning the week of July 8 and the last session beginning the week of August 12. Get wild and embark on your full-day adventure from 10 am to 4 pm. Half-day adventures (morning or afternoon sessions) are offered for younger campers. Programs fill quickly, so sign up soon. Advance registration is required.

Supervised camp bus and extended care are available. Details are available on the registration form. Each child receives one Earth Camp T-shirt on the second day of camp.

Classes Include...

Adventures in Neverland (ages 4-6)
July 8 - 12
AM Session 10 am – 12:30 pm  Fee: $115/week
PM Session 1:30 – 4 pm  Fee: $115/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; $40 refundable Neverland costume deposit required.

Animal Adventures (ages 4-6)
July 15 - 19 or July 22 - 26
AM Session 10 am – 12:30 pm  Fee: $115/week
PM Session 1:30 – 4 pm  Fee: $115/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.
Woodland Fairy & Elf Academy (ages 4-6)

August 12 - 16
AM Session 10 am – 12:30 pm Fee: $115/week
PM Session 1:30 – 4 pm Fee: $115/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; $40 refundable costume deposit required

Salamander Squad! (ages 6-8)

July 8 - 12 or July 29 - August 2

$260/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.

New!

Wild Play (ages 6-8)

August 5 - 9

$260/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.

Earth Artisan (ages 7-10)

July 22 - 26

$260/week

Explore the museum’s Nature Center and village grounds, and make art that reflects your experiences. Visit the potter, museum print maker and other village artisans. Collect natural materials and use them to design your own handmade paper. Learn how to write in calligraphy, and practice your new skill.
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 July 29 and August 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.

**New!**

**Woodland Fairy & Elf Academy: Fairy Finishing School (ages 7-10)**

July 8 - 12  
$260/week

This advanced version of Woodland Fairy and Elf Academy brings together children who enjoy using their imaginations in outdoor settings. Campers will be immersed in a fantasy playworld based upon caring for the environment around us and taking care of our fellow woodland residents and neighbors. Campers will time travel to the 1800s and visit the historic village to learn elven cooking and Victorian fairy gardening techniques. Each participant will be issued an elf or fairy costume for the week and create and take home a special piece of fairy lore and legend.

This is a costumed camp; $40 refundable Neverland costume deposit required.

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

July 15 - 19 or August 5 - 9  
$260/week

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.

**School of Witchcraft & Wizardry**

(ages 7-10) July 29 - August 2  
(ages 10-12) August 12 - 16  
$270/week

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**Adventure Play (ages 11-15)**  
August 5 - 9  
$260/week  
The 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, older campers will be able to choose from a variety of crafts, games and activities. Play in the creek, build a shelter, go fishing, search for salamanders, or build a fire! Who knows what the day’s adventure will be? This is a good choice for children who prefer less structure.

**Outdoor Survival: Wilderness Skills (ages 11-15)**  
July 15 - 19 or July 29 - August 2  
$260/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)**  
August 12 - 16  
$270/week  
In this introductory class for girls and boys, learn the skills needed to identify, catch and prepare fish. Make your own fishing pole and lures. 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.

**Wild Craft (ages 11-15)**  
July 22 - 26  
$260/week  
Forage for and use natural materials to create fun and useful items. Learn about the local plant community and plant uses. Emphasis will be on use of invasive plants, downed wood and other abundant, easily found materials. Find the perfect walking stick, and carve designs into your work. Create a leather sling for target shooting. Make these and many other natural crafts from forest-found materials. Perfect class choice for any crafty wild child!
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