

Montessori School of Denver
Summer Camp 2024



Busy. Buzzy. Brilliant.

MSD will be buzzing with excitement this summer!

Our Summer Camps combine the best of Montessori School of Denver, with an extra helping of adventure and fun. Diverse thinking, doing good in the world, and learning at full potential don't end when summer comes. Our Camps give your kids amazing experiences, wonderful memories, and plenty of mind-expanding adventures. Please note, MSD Camps are not an extension of the school year. Our Camps are grounded in Montessori principles, such as discovery, independence, collaboration, grace and courtesy, care of environment, play, and most of all, FUN!

Pre-Toddler Camps (Half-day 8:30-11:30am)

"Montessori Mornings in the Toddler Village"

**Students must be age 2 by 9/15/24*

- **S1: June 17-28 (9 days) - \$657**
 - **S2: July 8-19 (10 days) - \$730**
 - **S3: July 22-Aug. 2 (10 days) - \$730**
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PreK/Kindergarten Primary Camps (Half-day & Full-day options)

**PreK students must be 3 by 9/15/24 and toilet trained (no diapers or pull-ups)*

***K students must be entering their Kindergarten year in the fall of 2024*

- **S1: June 17-28 (9 days), "Planes, Trains, & Automobiles"**
Half-day 8:30-11:30am, \$551 / Full-day 8:30am-3pm, \$1,043
 - **S2: July 8-19 (10 days), "Birds, Beasts, & Bubbles"**
Half-day 8:30-11:30am, \$612 / Full-day 8:30am-3pm, \$1,158
 - **S3: July 22-Aug. 2 (10 days), "Amazing Artists & Authors"**
Half-day 8:30-11:30am, \$612 / Full-day 8:30am-3pm, \$1,158
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Elementary Camps (Full-day 8:30am-3:00pm)

**Rising Lower Elementary (1st-3rd) and Upper Elementary (4th-5th) students fall 2024*

- **S1: June 17-28 (9 days), "C.L.I.M.B. Camp" - \$1,043**
 - **S2: July 8-19 (10 days), "Summer Art Club" - \$1,158**
 - **S3A: July 22-Aug. 2 (10 days), "Environmental Explorers" - \$1,158**
 - **S3B: July 22-Aug. 2 (10 days), "Intro to Elementary" - \$1,158**
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**No Camp on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth*

**No Camp July 1-5 in observance of the week of 4th of July*



Pre-Toddler Camps

**Students must be age 2 by 9/15/24.*

Montessori Mornings in the Toddler Village

MSD's Toddler Camp experience is thoughtfully designed to introduce Montessori concepts to our youngest Campers. We will practice successful parent separation, building social skills and verbal communication, toilet learning, and supporting the Toddlers' burgeoning independence. Time will be spent daily both inside the classroom, using Montessori materials, singing, and playing movement games, as well as outside on the Toddler playground - including Friday water days! This is a great Camp for students who will be starting in the MSD Toddler program in the fall!

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- **S3: July 22-Aug. 2 (10 days) - \$730**



PreK/Kindergarten Primary Camps

**Primary students must be 3 by 9/15/24 and toilet trained (no diapers or pull-ups). Kindergarten students must be entering their Kindergarten year in the fall of 2024.*

Primary Campers will spend the mornings in smaller groups rotating through two classrooms of indoor work and multiple areas of outdoor work, they will enjoy snack and story time in smaller groups, and enjoy recess all together on our large Primary playground. Incoming Primary students will meet new friends and learn more about their new environment. Camp will help new students, or new to Primary students, feel much more comfortable with their new classrooms, peers, and playgrounds in the fall.

In the afternoons, incoming Kindergarten students will work with a lead Montessori teacher in an "Intro to Kindergarten" Camp. **We encourage all incoming Kindergarten students to sign up for at least one full-day session for the special "Intro to Kindergarten" time in the afternoons.**

All Primary Campers will enjoy water days each Friday morning with a splash pad, sprinklers, and water toys. Campers should arrive every Friday wearing bathing suits and water shoes. All full-day Campers need to bring a packed lunch everyday. **See next page for Camp themes.**

PreK/Kindergarten Primary Camp Themes

PreK/K Session 1: “Planes, Trains, & Automobiles”

S1: June 10-21 (9 days), 8:30-11:30am, \$551 / 8:30am-3pm, \$1,043

**No Camp on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth*

Join us on the MSD Express for two weeks this summer as we explore the many varied modes of transportation from things that fly, have wheels, can float, and even with our own two feet. We will study the science of movement, momentum, energy, design, and lots more! Campers will love combining science and art while constructing their own boats, planes, trains, cars, and more. We can't wait to get on board and take off on the imagination express! Choo-choo!

PreK/K Session 2: “Birds, Beasts, & Bubbles”

S2: July 8-19 (10 days), 8:30-11:30am, \$612 / 8:30am-3pm, \$1,158

Feathers or fur? Backbone or no backbone? Warm blooded or cold blooded? Legs or no legs? These are just a few of the differing characteristics we can use to classify the millions of animals in the largest kingdom of living things, the animal kingdom. Campers will learn about the six main animal groups (mammals, reptiles, fish, birds, amphibians, and invertebrates) and which traits determine how an animal is classified. After learning about the different groups, we will pick some of our favorites from each group and learn more about habitats, food, predators, the way they move, and other amazing characteristics. Our animal studies will inspire art and science projects, games, nature and outdoor related activities, and so much more.

PreK/K Session 3: “Amazing Artists & Authors”

S3: July 22-Aug. 2 (10 days), 8:30-11:30am, \$612 / 8:30am-3pm, \$1158

Throughout the centuries, famous creatives have inspired people of all ages to paint, draw, build, experiment, illustrate, and write! Campers will be inspired each day by a different artist or children's book author/illustrator and create their own unique work. Students will learn all about different styles, textures, and mediums in the art world and be inspired by their favorite children's books with writing activities and related arts and crafts projects. What a fun way to discover a child's favorite style!



Elementary Camps

**Rising 1st through 5th grade students.*

**Each Elementary Camp includes at least one field trip per session*

ELEM Session 1: "C.L.I.M.B. Camp"

S1: June 17-28 (9 days), 8:30am-3pm, \$1,043

Calling all climbers! Come explore the MSD climbing wall, tackle obstacle courses, balance on the slack line, play GaGa and lawn games, and lots more with our very own Coach Chris Bangs and Upper EI teacher, Kate Powell. Aside from developing climbing skills, the overall focus during this empowering Camp will be on **C**onfidence, **L**eadership, **I**ndependence, **M**indfulness, and **B**alance - a.k.a. **C.L.I.M.B.** Camp! A variety of "stations" will be set up every day for campers to choose from, whether they want to climb to the top of the climbing wall once, or multiple times a day, or maybe work on a puzzle or craft, the choice will be theirs. This Camp inspires students to trust, be brave, focus, and conquer fears while practicing creativity, logical thinking, teamwork, and confidence. Come climb to new heights this summer, physically and mentally! We will be spending one of our Camp days bowling. What fun!

ELEM Session 2: "Summer Art Club"

S2: July 8-19 (10 days), 8:30am-3pm, \$1,158

During this hands-on Summer Art Club, students will explore the joys of art making through unique and engaging projects. Based on students' interests, we will use various materials such as ink, paint, pencil, pastels, clay, printmaking, and more to explore creativity both independently and collaboratively. Students will learn skills such as sequencing the steps to create a project from their own imagination, discover their favorite medium, and most importantly, have fun! Campers will explore their creative impulses with MSD Art Teacher Elaina in the Art Barn and around campus. Emphasis will be placed on play and exploration and artists at any skill level are invited to join. Each Camper will decorate their own art smock to use during the two-week Camp and take home on the last day. Campers will have lunch, recess, and a bit of solo time each day in order to relax and reset their creative juices. We will have an art related field trip on one of the days of our two-week Camp - stay tuned!

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Elementary Camps (cont.)

ELEM Session 3A: “Environmental Explorers”

S3A: July 22-Aug. 2 (10 days), 8:30am-3pm, \$1158

We live in a beautiful state prime for spending time playing, hiking, gardening, or just relaxing outside! This session of MSD Summer Camp is all about enjoying the great outdoors! Campers will experience all things nature-inspired, such as outdoor exploration, art projects, gardening/botany lessons, creek fun, insect and wildlife research, and so much more! We will learn fireside stories and songs, the importance of “Leave No Trace,” and we will go on an easy hike at Lair o’ the Bear (only 30 minutes west of MSD). We can’t wait to have fun in the sun with our Elementary Campers! *It will be very important that Campers arrive each day with lots of sunscreen applied, wear good walking shoes, bring a sunhat, and healthy lunches to keep them energetic for a busy day spent mostly outside.

ELEM Session 3B: Intro to Elementary

S3B: July 22-Aug. 2 (10 days), 8:30am-3pm, \$1158

**This Camp is for rising 1st graders or students new to MSD’s Lower Elementary*

This two-week Camp is specially designed for Kindergarten graduates who have Elementary on the horizon and/or students new to MSD’s Lower Elementary program. Campers will spend the mornings exploring traditional Montessori materials (both inside and outside the classroom). Afternoons will be spent creating art, spending time outdoors, digging into a good book, building with LEGOs, and deciding on other fun activities as a group.

We will join the “Environmental Explorers” Campers on a field trip to Lair o’ the Bear (only 30 minutes west of MSD) on one of the days during our coinciding sessions of Camp. We will also have lunch and recess all together every day of Camp. What a great way to meet new Elementary friends!

This Camp offers the perfect jumping off point for a great start to the Elementary years -- students will be so excited for the first day of school, they’ll forget they were ever nervous!

