Summer Camp Themes 2020
Register at CampsAtTheDurham.org

Around the World
Can you travel around the globe in only five days? You can at The Durham Museum! We will “visit” all seven continents and five oceans exploring cultures, landmarks and much more. Get ready to set sail for adventure!

Bringing Books to Life
Have you ever wished you could bring your favorite stories to life? Join us during this picture-perfect week of camp. We’ll bring out all of our favorite fairytales, fables and modern picture books and celebrate them with crafts, games and even some of our own storytelling.

Camp Celebration
What’s your favorite holiday? We bet it will be part of the line-up for our Camp Celebration week! We’ll travel through an entire calendar year of holidays and celebrations from around the world, celebrating everything from Valentine’s Day to National Pet Day.

Camp Construction NEW SPECIALTY THEME
Put on your tool belt and get ready to learn about the fascinating world of architecture, engineering and construction! Local companies Boyd Jones, BVH Architecture and Alvine Engineering will help us explore how buildings get designed, engineered and built through fun, hands-on activities.

Castaway Island
You’ve been marooned on a desert island after a shipwreck. You and your fellow crew members must work together to survive and hopefully escape and find your way home!

CSI Durham
It takes a skilled investigator to crack the toughest cases, but we think you’re up for the task! This camp will include everything from history’s greatest detectives and spies, to modern fingerprinting and investigative techniques.

Dive to the Ocean Floor
Travel to the greatest depths on earth during this ocean-themed camp. While the younger campers are “shooting for the stars” in outer space, our older group will dive deep into ocean life, exploring everything from animal and plant life to shipwrecks and ocean lore.

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead
No, this isn’t a train themed camp! S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) week will feature one letter of this popular acronym each day of the week. Crafts, games, projects and more will get you ready for “back to school” time during our final week of camp.

Guitar (And other instruments that rocked the world)
Our blockbuster summer exhibition, GUITAR: The Instrument That Rocked The World, is traveling all the way to Omaha from the National Guitar Museum, but we know there are tons of incredible instruments out there that help everyone “rock n’ roll” in different ways. This camp will feature local musicians, instrument demonstrations and an opportunity to make and experiment with your own instrument, plus plenty of time to explore our summer exhibit.

Heroes in Training
Soar into the world of superheroes (fictional and real-life) during this jam-packed week of camp adventures. Not only will you train to be a superhero, but you’ll meet real-life heroes from our community for inspiration!

History’s No Mystery
History IS a mystery during our first week of summer camp, but we know you’ll help us sort everything out during this week of missions at the museum. Last summer, campers helped our curators solve a mystery that led to a hidden part of our collection. A new mystery awaits this year, and we need your help!

Inventors and Innovators
History is full of inventors and innovators who have paved the way for today’s modern visionaries. It’s your turn to be one of them during this revolutionary week at camp.

Meet the Metr”O” SPECIALTY THEME
Get ready to meet your Metr”O”! This camp offers an exclusive look at what makes the Omaha metro so wonderful, taking you behind the scenes to places that have helped to put us on the map (and places you wouldn’t normally get to explore). You won’t want to miss this one-of-a-kind experience. Keep an eye on our camp website for announcements of this year’s line-up including Creighton Athletics, FNBO Tower and more!

Myths and Legends
The Loch Ness Monster? Swash-Buckling Pirates? Kings and Queens from distant lands? We’ll dive deep into the stories surrounding these characters, both real and fictional, during this mythical week at camp.

Omaha Staycation SPECIALTY THEME
Need a summer vacation? Look no further than your own hometown! This adventurous week will take campers on a “staycation” to the hottest tourist destinations in Omaha including El Museo Latino, Omaha Children’s Museum and Mahoney State Park. All transportation and admission is included in the cost of your camp, for a truly stress-free staycation!

Our Five Senses
Did you know flies and butterflies taste using receptors on their feet? Or that humans can smell around 10,000 different smells? Explore your senses (and the senses of other living creatures) with activities and experiments, plus special tours of our summer exhibition, GUITAR: The Instrument That Rocked the World, where you’ll put your sense of hearing to the test!

Ready, Set, Go!
Start your engines! Whether by boat, train or plane, campers in “Ready, Set, Go!” will cruise through the week while discovering all things transportation. From hot air balloons to bicycles, we’ll see it all during this week of camp.

Shoot for the Stars
Planets, moons, stars and much more await young astronauts as they shoot for the stars during our space-themed camp. Crafts, games and science experiments will help us explore outer space and what scientists have learned about our galaxy.

Sound Scientists
This is the summer of sound at The Durham Museum, as we host GUITAR: The Instrument That Rocked the World from the National Guitar Museum. Not only will we experiment with sound related to guitars, but with sounds all around us, including the unique sounds of our own building, Omaha’s (very echoey) Union Station.

The Great Indoors
Enjoy the best of nature from the comfort of The Durham Museum. Camping skills, animals, plants and more await in this week of wilderness fun. No sunscreen or bug repellent needed!

The Wild, Wild West
Giddy up for a wild week of cowgirl and cowboy adventures! The Wild West was full of characters, challenges and teamwork. Campers will find out how the west was won during this week of camp.

Wizard Academy SPECIALTY THEME
Pack your trunk! Our 3rd annual “back to school” camp will feature a full-week, full-day camp celebrating the wizard world! Join us for the sorting hat ceremony on Monday, the awards ceremony on Friday and enjoy the adventures in between!

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