



# SUMMER EXPLORERS at Gillispie

June 21 - August 13, 2021

## Dear Gillispie Families,

We invite all Gillispie students enrolled in the 2021-22 school year to join us for a summer program filled with exploration and discovery at our

### *Learning Village in La Jolla!*

To keep your child fully engaged in purposeful learning and warm-weather fun, Gillispie School offers an exciting **Early Childhood Camp** for students ages 3-5 and a diverse array of **Elementary Camp Classes** for children in Grades K-6.

Offerings include grade-level readiness, LEGO construction, robotics, arts & crafts, music, theater, engineering, sports, and more.

**Safety protocols due to COVID-19** will be in place as directed by the CDC and San Diego County. These may include mask wearing, physical distancing, cohorting, and performing hygiene routines and health screenings. Rain may cause a session to be canceled for the day if it is not possible to follow the necessary guidelines.

We can't wait for your child to explore with us this summer!

**Erica Hurley, Summer Explorers Director**  
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## 2021 Summer Explorers Session Dates

This year, Summer Explorers Early Childhood and Elementary camps will run in four, two-week sessions:

**Session 1: June 21 - July 2**

**Session 2: July 5 - July 16**

**Session 3: July 19 - July 30**

**Session 4: August 2 - August 13**

### Campus

Camps are held on the Gillispie School campus at 7380 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037.

### Early Childhood and Elementary Camp Hours

**Half-Day:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Drop-off: 8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Pick-up: 12:00 - 12:15 p.m.

**Full-Day:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Drop-off 8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Pick-up: 3:00 - 3:15 p.m.

### Camp Fees and Refund Policy

Half-day: \$550 per session | Full-day: \$1,000 per session

**Sibling Discount:** Families with three or more children enrolled in the same session will receive a 10% discount.

Classes will run only if there is adequate enrollment. If the minimum class size is not met, a full refund will be given. A refund of 100% of the tuition for any class may be obtained for requests made prior to **May 15, 2021**, and a refund of 75% of the tuition for any class may be obtained for requests made 4 weeks prior to the class start date. After that time, no refunds will be issued.

### Snacks and Lunch

All campers need to bring healthy snacks daily. Students enrolled in full-day camp need to pack a lunch daily.

### Grade Level and Conduct

All grade levels listed refer to the grade the student will be entering in August 2021. Conduct expectations are outlined on our website at [gillispie.org/summer](http://gillispie.org/summer). Gillispie reserves the absolute right to dis-enroll a student at any time for any reason.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), Gillispie School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, sexual orientation, transgender status, marital status, registered domestic partner status, pregnancy status, military or veteran status, physical or mental disability, or on any other basis protected by federal, state, or local law, in the administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid, hiring, and other school-administered programs.



## Early Childhood Summer Explorers

Four, two-week sessions running from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for children ages 3-5.

In a nurturing environment that promotes social, emotional, and physical development, children will enjoy an array of activities during camp, including sports, water play, art, yoga, music, and dramatic play. There will be plenty of time to explore the natural environment of our shaded outdoor classroom. In the afternoons, students will have cozy time and continued open exploration.

Full-day and half-day students are required to bring their own snacks and lunches each day. Students are also required to bring the following labeled items on the first day of the session: *swimsuit & towel, sheet or blanket, change of shoes and clothing, lunch and snack (daily), water bottle, and sunscreen.*

**Session Pricing: \$550 half-day (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) | \$1,000 full-day (9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)**

Register online at [www.gillispie.org/summer](http://www.gillispie.org/summer).

## Online Reading Camps: June 21 - August 13

### Grades 1 & 2 Online Summer Book Club, Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m., Ms. Long

If you LOVE stories, then this is the club for you! We will meet for an hour each week for eight weeks to read EIGHT new books! During each club meeting, I'll read the book aloud, we'll talk about the book, and then we will do a fun activity related to the book! For this club, we will read:

- *I Am Every Good Thing* by Derrick Barnes
- *Magnificent Homespun Brown* by Samara Cole Doyon
- *I Do Not Like Stories* by Andrew Larsen
- *Lift* by Minh Le
- *We Are Water Protectors* by Carol Lindstrom
- *I Talk Like A River* by Jordan Scott
- *From Ed's to Ned's* by Gideon Sterer
- *The Oboe Goes Boom Boom Boom* by Colleen AF Venable

Families should acquire a copy of each of the eight books. Make a *splash* and dive into books this summer!



### Grades 3 & 4 Online Summer Book Club, Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m., Ms. Long

If you LOVE to read, then this is the club for you! We will meet for an hour each week for eight weeks to read and discuss SEVEN books! For this club, we will read:

- *Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth* by Judd Winick
- *Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood* by Liesl Shurtliff
- *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein
- *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo
- *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold
- *Bob* by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead
- *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones

Families will need to acquire a copy of each of the seven books; you may choose a physical book, a digital edition, or an audiobook depending on your child's preference. Make a *splash* and dive into books this summer!

### Grades 5 & 6 Online Summer Book Club, Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m., Ms. Long

If you LOVE to read, then this is the club for you! We will meet for an hour each week for eight weeks to read and discuss SEVEN books! For this club, we will read:

- *A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat
- *Furthermore* by Tahereh Mafi
- *Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper
- *The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation)* by Daniel James Brown
- *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller
- *The First Rule of Punk* by Celia C. Perez

Families will need to acquire a copy of each of the seven books; you may choose a physical book, a digital edition, or an audiobook depending on your child's preference. Make a *splash* and dive into books this summer!

To learn more, turn the page or contact our Summer Explorers Director Erica Hurley at [summer@gillispie.org](mailto:summer@gillispie.org).

### **Session 1: June 21 - July 2**

#### **Half-Day (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**

- Action All-Star Camp with Mr. Whelan, Grades 1-6, Field
- Clay Workshop with Ms. Walters, Grades K-6, Art Bungalow
- Lions and Tigers and Trains, Oh My! with Play-Well TEKnologies, K-4, Room 8
- Wicked Scenes & Songs Performance Camp with Ms. Fillers, Grades 2-6, Room 11

#### **Full-Day (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)**

- Gillispie Explorers Fun Camp with Ms. Leard, Ms. Collins & Ms. Dutcher, Grades K-5, Rooms 18-20

### **Session 2: July 5 - 16**

#### **Half-Day (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**

- Action All-Star Camp with Mr. Whelan, Grades 1-6, Field
- Diving into the Ocean with Ms. Walters, Grades K-6, Art Bungalow
- A Magically Twisted Tale Performance Camp with Ms. Fillers, Grades 1-6, Room 11
- Science Smashup! with Mad Science, Grades K-6, Room 7

#### **Full-Day (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)**

- Gillispie Explorers Fun Camp with Ms. Leard, Ms. Collins & Ms. Dutcher, Grades K-5, Rooms 18-20

### **Session 3: July 19 - 30**

#### **Half-Day (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**

- Field Fun with Ms. Luyties, Grades 1-6, Field
- Hands-on, Brains-on Makers' Camp With Mr. Edwards, Grades 2-6, Room 7
- Hip Hop History Performance Camp with Ms. Fillers, Grades 1-6, Room 11
- Pokémon Camp with Mr. Lewis, Grades K-6, Room 8

#### **Full-Day (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)**

- Art Camp with Ms. Walters, Grades K-6, Art Bungalow
- Gillispie Explorers Fun Camp with Ms. Collins & Ms. Dutcher, Grades K-5, Rooms 18-20

### **Session 4: August 2 - 13**

#### **Half-Day (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**

- Design and DO Makers' Camp with Mr. Edwards, Grades 2-6, Sandbox
- Fly Into First Grade with Ms. Jimenez, Room 10
- Midsummer Night's Madness Performance Camp with Ms. Fillers, Grades 1-6, Room 11
- Music Exploration Camp with Mr. Lewis, Grades 2-6, Sandbox
- Soccer Camp by Super Soccer Stars, Grades K-6, Field

#### **Full-Day (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)**

- Cruise Into Kindergarten with Ms. Leard, Room 18
- Gillispie Explorers Fun Camp with Ms. Collins, Grades 2-4, Room 20

## Session 1: June 21 - July 2

### Half-Day

#### **Action All-Star Camp with Mr. Whelan, Grades 1-6, Field**

Are you ready to PLAY?! Grab your athletic shoes and get in on the action in this exciting, action-packed camp! This camp will include popular sports like soccer, football, street hockey, basketball, and lacrosse! We'll also learn and practice fun field games like bocce, cornhole, and lawn darts. Fundamentals, positions, skills, drills, and strategies will be discussed and practiced. Bring your bathing suit and towel on Fridays for wet and wild water fun! Emphasis will be placed on sportsmanship, teamwork, and FUN! The best way to learn how to play a game is to PLAY it!

#### **Clay Workshop with Ms. Walters, Grades K-6, Art Bungalow**

Let's dig into some clay! Discover how to make a pot with pinching, coiling, and rolling slabs. Create your favorite imaginary pet, your dream house, or your own mug. Using colorful, shining glazes we'll fire our one-of-a-kind creations. Come and enjoy the excitement of creative thinking and problem solving in the 3D medium of clay. We will be using the lovely Art Bungalow and garden for this workshop. "Art" you ready to join the fun?

#### **Lions and Tigers and Trains, Oh My! with Play-Well TEKnologies, K-4, Room 8**

Build up your summer with TWO LEGO® camps in one!

##### **Part one: Animal Architects Using LEGO®**

Let your imagination run wild with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts as we design and build leaping dolphins, buzzing beehives, and towering giraffes. Play, create, and learn in a world inspired by the animal kingdom. Design and build as never before and explore your craziest ideas.

##### **Part two: Transportation Engineering Using LEGO®**

Break the sound barrier on a supersonic jet, deliver cargo by train, and explore a swamp in your airboat. Build and create different modes of transportation out of more than 20,000 pieces of LEGO®, all while learning about the engineering concepts that make vehicles and vessels work.

#### **Wicked Scenes & Songs Performance Camp with Ms. Fillers, Grades 2-6, Room 11**

In this twist on the classic story of The Wizard of Oz, the wizard wants to get rid of talking animals, and the so-called wicked witch is an animal rights advocate whose best friend is the good witch...that is until a tornado changes everything! If you love to act and sing, this camp is for you! Gain confidence as you develop the acting skills and empathy needed to bring these timeless characters to life, sing their songs, and perform scenes on the last day of class, Friday, July 2, 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The recorded performance will be sent to parents after editing.

### Full-Day

#### **Gillispie Explorers Fun Camp with Ms. Leard, Ms. Collins & Ms. Dutcher, Grades K-5, Rooms 18-20**

Calling all artists, engineers, and athletes! If you like to have FUN, this all-encompassing, FULL-DAY camp is for you! This camp will cover all the bases with a combination of age-appropriate arts and crafts, photography, gardening, science, field games, and more! Each day will bring new adventures in projects and play. Campers will join fluid groups determined by age, ability, and interest. This camp is sure to be a good time and create new friendships and memories!

## Session 2: July 5 - July 16

### Half-Day

#### **Diving into the Ocean with Ms. Walters, Grades K-6, Art Bungalow**

Make a splash in the Art Bungalow! We'll "sea" inspiration in our La Jolla kelp forests, fish, and sea mammals. We'll be drawing, painting, and sculpting waves, tidal pools, beaches, and the seaside village of La Jolla. Paper, canvas, and clay are some of the materials we will investigate as we create our unique, artistic visions of the sea.

### **Action All-Star Camp with Mr. Whelan, Grades 1-6, Field**

Are you ready to PLAY?! Grab your athletic shoes and get in on the action in this exciting, action-packed camp! This camp will include popular sports like soccer, football, street hockey, basketball, and lacrosse! We'll also learn and practice fun field games like bocce, cornhole, and lawn darts. Fundamentals, positions, skills, drills, and strategies will be discussed and practiced. Bring your bathing suit and towel on Fridays for wet and wild water fun! Emphasis will be placed on sportsmanship, teamwork, and FUN! The best way to learn how to play a game is to PLAY it!

### **A Magically Twisted Tale Performance Camp with Ms. Fillers, Grades 1-6, Room 11**

A blizzard blows Narnia's witch to a magic castle and the guy with the lightning scar into Cruella's clutches. Enjoy this fun adventure while learning the acting skills needed to bring these characters to life. Play theater games, build confidence speaking in front of a group, and work as a team to put on a great show on the last day of class, Friday, July 16, 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The recorded performance will be sent to parents after editing.

### **Science Smashup! with Mad Science, Grades K-6, Room 7**

Shake up your summer with TWO science camps in one!

#### **Part one: Crazy Chem-Works**

Shake up a flask of fun in the lab and become a junior chemist! Learn to recognize chemical reactions and mix up a few reactive ingredients for some sensational results. Check out the colors of chemistry with the power of pH paper and create a stopper-popping reaction. Probe the properties of light and discover some unusual applications of glow-in-the-dark technology. Campers will have a BLAST as they make some crazy concoctions.

#### **Part two: Anatomy Academy**

Mad Science is on a mission to fascinate campers with the inner workings of the human body. This heart-pumping, chest-pounding, dynamic discovery camp is sure to blow their minds! Children will use ooey-gooey ingredients to build a model cell and test their own traits to decode and decipher DNA. Campers will discover what keeps them alive as they take a trip down the organ trail.

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### **Session 3: July 19 - July 30**

#### **Half-Day**

#### **Field Fun with Ms. Luyties, Grades 1-6, Field**

Are you ready to get in on the action? Come PLAY with us in a mixture of popular sports and fun field games! From soccer to crazy tag games, students will enjoy participating in many different Gillispie field activities. We'll also learn some new games like bocce, cornhole, and lawn darts. Bring your bathing suit and towel on Fridays for wet and wild water fun! Emphasis will be placed on sportsmanship and teamwork. Grab your athletic shoes and come PLAY with us!

#### **Hands-on, Brains-on Makers' Camp With Mr. Edwards, Grades 2-6, Room 7**

How can you lift an object from the floor to the table using only the energy of your breath? You'll need your hands and your brains to build answers to questions like that in this makers' class! Learn safe and effective techniques for creating your own designs from paper, foil, cardboard, string, wire, tape, glue, and other things. Some projects will come home, others are meant as design challenges and will only last long enough to be tested in class. Specific activities will depend on student interest and experience level. In this session, they could include powered boats, balloon sleds, bottle rockets, bridges, towers, launchers, sound makers, and more.

**Hip Hop History Performance Camp with Ms. Fillers, Grades 1-6, Room 11**

What do you get when you combine hip hop with history? Only some of the best theater on Broadway! Learn the acting skills needed to step into the roles of exciting historical characters, practice empathy while experiencing others' perspectives, and work as a team to tell and sing their stories. Play theater games, build confidence speaking in front of a group, and be a part of creating a great show for the last day of class, Friday, July 30, 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The recorded performance will be sent to parents after editing.

**Pokémon Camp with Mr. Lewis, Grades K-6, Room 8**

In this session, we will explore the world of Pokémon. We will discover the different regions and learn about every Pokémon. We will also play various Pokémon games and learn how to play the card game! Each participant will get his/her own cards and folder. Campers will join fluid groups determined by age, ability, and interest. This is a journey you do not want to miss!

**Full-Day**

**Art Camp with Ms. Walters, Grades K-6, Art Bungalow**

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**Morning: Clay Workshop**

Let's dig into some clay! Discover how to make a pot with pinching, coiling, and rolling slabs. Create your favorite imaginary pet, your dream house, or your own mug. Using colorful, shining glazes we'll fire our one-of-a-kind creations. Come and enjoy the pleasure of creative thinking and problem solving in the 3D medium of clay. We will be using the lovely Art Bungalow and garden for this workshop.

**Afternoon: Garden Party**

We'll celebrate all things garden in this colorful art class. Using clay, paint, pastel, ink, and paper we will create garden paintings, wall hangings, sculptures, mosaics, and signs. Butterflies, snails, bees, birds, rabbits, vegetables, and of course fabulous flowers will be our inspirations. Gillispie's lovely Art Bungalow garden is the perfect setting for our living art studio.



**Gillispie Explorers Fun Camp with Ms. Collins & Ms. Dutcher, Grades K-5, Rooms 18-20**

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**Session 4: August 2 - August 13**

**Half-Day**

**Design and DO Makers' Camp with Mr. Edwards, Grades 2-6, Sandbox**

How could you change back-and-forth motion into up-and-down motion? You'll need your hands and your brains to build answers to questions like that in this makers' class! Learn safe and effective techniques for creating your own designs from paper, foil, cardboard, string, wire, tape, glue, and other things. Some projects will come home, others are meant as design challenges and will only last long enough to be tested in class. Specific activities will depend on student interest and experience level. In this session, they could include water wheels, catapults, water balloon launchers, spinning tops, balancing sculptures, fly traps, and more.

### **Fly Into First Grade with Ms. Jimenez, Room 10**

On your MARK, Get SET, GILLISPIE! This first grade camp is a fun-filled, hands-on learning adventure for former Kindergartners transitioning into first grade. Campers will enjoy hands-on math activities, reading, writing, story time, games, and much more! This prep class is a fantastic way for young students to transition into the routines, expectations, and setting of the new grade level, helping to eliminate the start-of-the-year jitters and introducing each child to the life of a first grader!

### **Midsummer Night's Madness Performance Camp with Ms. Fillers, Grades 1-6, Room 11**

A tempest blows Puck to Juliet's balcony and Romeo to Hamlet's father's ghost, all while Hamlet has a Midsummer Night's dream! Enjoy the fun that ensues as you act out Shakespeare's most famous characters and scenes with a comedic twist. Experience sword fights, poisonings, and fairies while speaking Shakespeare's clever words. Build acting skills, develop confidence speaking in front of a group, and work together as a team to create a fun show on the last day of class, Friday, August 13, 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The recorded performance will be sent to parents after editing.

### **Soccer Camp by Super Soccer Stars, Grades K-6, Field**

Super Soccer Stars provides non-competitive, developmental soccer classes that use positive reinforcement to teach children soccer skills in a fun, engaging, and educational environment. A typical camp day includes a warm-up, tag games, relay races, team-building activities, skill-building activities, partner, individual, and group activities, and concludes with a game of World Cup! Super Soccer Stars camp is a great way for your child to build confidence and learn teamwork while improving soccer skills. Kids will be grouped by age and/or ability.

### **Music Exploration Camp with Mr. Lewis, Grades 2-6, Sandbox**

This camp will be music to your ears! Students will learn the basics of reading rhythms and notes. They'll also learn how to play various instruments, including percussion, ukulele, and piano. Using GarageBand on iPads, campers will compose their own musical masterpieces. Various music genres and composers will be explored and used to inspire young musicians. Gillispie ROCKS!

### **Full-Day**

#### **Cruise Into Kindergarten with Ms. Leard, Room 18**

On your MARK, Get SET, GILLISPIE! This FULL-DAY kindergarten camp is a fun-filled, hands-on learning adventure designed to help our youngest elementary students transition into the routines and expectations of the new grade level. Helping to eliminate the start-of-the-year jitters and introducing each child to a week in the life of a kindergartener, campers will report to the kindergarten cottage each day and engage in activities including arts and crafts, story time, science, patio time, imaginative play, and cooperative games. Kinder campers will also get acquainted with teachers and the kindergarten space, indoors and out!

#### **Gillispie Explorers Fun Camp with Ms. Collins, Grades 2-4, Room 20**

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