# The Island School Summer Camp 2025

Creativity, learning and play in nature.

The Island School Summer Camp is an opportunity for kids to spend their days exploring, creating, learning and, of course, playing! Each day we will work on a project, go on a hike, participate in creative activities, and more. In addition to spending time outside on our forested campus and in our large gym, we will be walking to the nearby Bainbridge Island Food Forest.



This is a great summer option for kids who love spending time outside and learning about the natural world!

Camp programs will run from 9am-4pm each day. Full week camps will run Monday through Friday and mini-camps will run for two or three days (see dates). There will be breaks for lunch and snacks brought from home. The activities for each week will vary, so families are encouraged to sign up for multiple weeks. See page two for camp dates and information about the leadership team and weekly themes.

## Click here to register!



Registration is limited to campers entering first through sixth grades in the fall of 2025. We will open registration to Island School students at the end of February and to all others on April 1st. We may need to cancel individual weeks if we don't have a minimum number of registered campers in that week (families will receive a full refund if this occurs).

**Cost:** 5-day camps will cost \$425 per session, the 3-day mini-camp will cost \$255 and the 2-day mini-camp will cost \$170. You will be billed and sent payment instructions via email.

#### Example of a day at camp:

9:00-9:30 Morning Circle 12:45-1:45 Hands-on L	ab
9.00 9.50 Figure 12.45 1.45 Figure 2012	
9:30-10:30 Morning Hike 1:45-2:15 Forest Play	Time
10:30-10:45 Snack 2:15-3:30 Snack	
10:45-11:45 Project Time 2:45-3:30 Open Exper	riments & Projects
11:45-12:15 Forest Play Time 3:30-3:45 Pack up and	d Closing Meeting
12:15-12:45 Lunch 3:45-4:00 Pick-up	

Children entering 1st - 6th Grades are welcome!

#### 2025 Summer Camp

#### **About Our Staff**

**Carla** was a camp co-leader last year and is happy to be returning this year! She has a Master's in Elementary Education. Melding her love of teaching and her passion for nature and outdoor fun, she has worked in outdoor education with kids Pre-K to 5th in Connecticut and Washington. Carla is an expert snake and frog catcher, a fantastic four leaf clover finder, believes a little dirt doesn't hurt, and is constantly blown away by the mountains here. In her free time, Carla is either reading, hiking, paddle boarding, hanging out with her cats and snail, or adventuring.

**Willie** is our current Extended Day Coordinator and is excited to be co-leading camp again this summer. He received a BA in Environmental Studies and participated in a graduate naturalist training program at Wolf Ridge ELC on the north shore of Lake Superior. His path within environmental education would eventually lead him to the Olympic Peninsula and a position as a Field Science Educator with NatureBridge on Lake Crescent. After some time working as a fisheries biologist for the United States Geological Survey, he has been enjoying working with students again.

#### **Weekly Camp Themes**

#### Week 1 (3-day mini-camp): The Creativity Experiment (June 16-18, \$255)

**"What can I do with...?"** What do you normally use to make art, games, structures? Could you do that with a variety of unusual and surprising materials? Stretch your imaginative abilities to meet ordinary creative challenges in unexpected and exciting ways!

#### Week 2: Weird & Wacky Science (August 4-8, \$425)

"Make messy fun!" Be a mad scientist for the week! Create bizarre liquids, make exciting discoveries and get messy diving into the world of wacky science!

#### Week 3: Engineering Adventures (August 11-15, \$425)

**"Build and create."** How tall can you build a tower with just paper and a few strips of tape? Have you ever built a structure with just marshmallows and toothpicks? Solve challenges, test theories, troubleshoot designs, and create in our engineering week!

## Week 4: Challenge Accepted (August 18-22, \$425)

"Team work makes the dream work!" Test your abilities in speed, strategy and logic! Join forces with fellow campers to solve mysteries, strategize and creatively meet a variety of challenges!

## Week 5 (2-day mini-camp): Field Day Fun (August 25 and 26, \$170)

"Games and more games!" Come have fun playing with friends outside for a last summer hurrah with water play, games, and field days activities.