



DAYCROFT
DISCOVERY DAYS

June 18- August 17
2018

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Daycroft Discovery Days - Summer Camps

Come spend your summer with us! Daycroft Discovery Days provide a variety of opportunities for your child to run, jump, laugh, and sing with friends – and even learn a little along the way! Your child may join us for the whole summer or just a few weeks. Choose from half-day and full-day camps.

If your child is not currently enrolled at Daycroft, but you are interested in exploring Daycroft, our camps are a great way to learn more about us. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes fill up quickly!

Registration begins February 1, 2018, for Summer Camps at Daycroft.

It's easy!

Complete our online registration form at www.daycroft.org, including payment by credit card. Final registration for all classes happens the Wednesday before each class begins. There are no refunds after May 1, 2018.

Questions? Please call 734-662-3335.

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Oakbrook Campus

Preschool - Kindergarten

100 Oakbrook Drive

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Zeeb Campus

Kindergarten - Grade 8

1095 N. Zeeb Road

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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The Mission of Daycroft Montessori School is to provide a personalized learning environment that appreciates individual differences, nurtures the whole child, and enables students to develop at their own pace and achieve to their full potential.



Preschool - Kindergarten Camps at the Oakbrook Campus age 33 months to entering Kindergarten

All Camps are offered as either
half-day mornings 8:00– 12:30 a.m. or full day 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Have your preschool-age child join us, in play-based Summer Camp activities. Our main goal is to provide summer care in a safe, and healthy environment. Your child must be toilet-trained to take part.

Monday through Thursday, send a sack lunch that does not require warming for your full-day camper. Every Friday, full-day campers will enjoy a pizza lunch which is included in the cost of camp. You may also bring a sack lunch on Friday, if you would prefer your child not have pizza.

Half-Day Camp: Tuition: \$190 per week
Drop-off: 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. and pick-up: 12:15– 12:30 a.m.

Full-Day Camp: Tuition: \$230 per week
Drop-off: 8:00– 8:15 a.m. and pick-up: 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Week 1: June 18 - 22

Taste from Around the World

Teacher: Payal Shah

Explore the globe and learn about traditions and cultures. Then experience the different areas through tasting local cuisine from around the world. Please put an Allergy alert on this camp. Come and join us! ****IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN THAT HAVE FOOD ALLERGIES:** If your child has food allergies, we cannot guarantee that our food ingredients will be “allergy free” foods (egg-free, nut-free, gluten-free, wheat-free, flour-free, etc.) Please take this into consideration before you sign your child up for this class.

Daycrafft Beach (4 to 6 year olds)

Teacher: Suzanne Higgins

Come have beach time at Oakbrook. Loads of sand to play and build. Oakbrook will turn into our own little beach resort. Canopies to sit under and little pools of water to splash and play. Seashells and beach stones will be plentiful for making sculptures, decorating and stringing jewelry. Campers should bring a washed, 100% cotton t-shirt to transform into an artsy beach shirt.

Week 2: June 25 - 29

Air, Water and Bubble Science

Teacher: Payal Shah

Join us this week as we do lots of experiments with air and water. We will make kites, bubbles, and more!

The logo for Daycrafft Discovery Days features the text "DAYCRAFT DISCOVERY DAYS" in a stylized, green, hand-drawn font. A small green tree icon is positioned above the letter 'Y' in "DAYCRAFT". The entire logo is set against a solid blue rectangular background.

Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Oh My! (4 to 6 year olds) Teacher: Blaise Badynee

Campers will explore ballet, jazz, and hip hop throughout the week along with focusing on musicality and rhythm. The camp will culminate in a mini recital on Friday. Students should bring a water bottle each day and wear clothing that allows for stretching and movement. Students should wear socks each day, or bring their own ballet or jazz shoes if they have them (not required).

Week 3: July 9 – 13

Surfin' USA

Teacher: Payal Shah

A week for water fun! Campers get wet and wild by way of sprinklers, squirt toys, and water tables. Bring plenty of towels and sunscreen lotion for a cool time!

Week 4: July 16 - 20

It's All About Me/Healthy Living

Teacher: Payal Shah

How you eat, sleep, and play really does matter! Discover yourself from the inside out, and learn the things that you can do to be healthy and happy.

Week 5: July 23 - 27

Frogs and Ponds

Teacher: Payal Shah

Explore the world of pond life! Learn some interesting facts about carnivorous plants, frogs, toads, salamanders, crayfish, and aquatic invertebrates. Have fun observing live animals and making projects.

Week 6: July 30 - August 3

Animal Kingdom Exploration

Teacher: Payal Shah

The animal kingdom comes alive. Campers will learn about animals and their habitats. From the land to the ocean, from the rain forest to the barnyard, come and explore these fascinating creatures with us. In addition each camper will hand stuff a furry forest friend to bring home!!

Week 7: August 6 - 10

Crafty Crafters

Teacher: Payal Shah

Bring your arts and crafts ideas to life! Use your amazing imagination to create all kinds of special things. We want you to join us for this fun week!

Week 8: August 13 - 17

Get Ready for Back to School

Teacher: Payal Shah

What should I bring to school? Come and join us as we learn what we need to do before we go to school every day. Packing a healthy lunch and packing a backpack are just two of the topics that we will learn and practice. Going back to school will be easy for us!

Kindergarten - Grade 8 Camps Zeeb Campus

For your kindergarten through 8th Grade child, Daycroft Discovery Days is open to all students, regardless of school attended. All camps are designed for students entering the grade specified in the camp description.

Monday through Thursday, send a sack lunch for your child that does not require warming. Every Friday, campers enjoy a pizza lunch, which is included in the cost of camp. You may also pack a sack lunch on Friday, if you would prefer your child not have pizza.

Camp fees are listed with the class description.

Full-Day Camp: 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Half-Day Camp: AM 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PM 1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Drop-off: 8:00–9:00 a.m. (Before-care is free for 1 hour before class.)

Pick-up: 4:15–4:30 p.m. (After-care from 4:30-5:00 p.m. is available for \$25 for the week. After 5:00 p.m. there is a strict \$5/minute per child late fee for all campers picked up late.)

* No refunds given after May 1, 2018, however credits will be applied toward other 2018 camps.

Week 1: June 18 - 22

Young Paleontologists ROCK!

Teacher: Amy Morrell

Grade level: K-1

Full day

Limit: 12

Come romp through history and learn about amazing creatures and the world in which they lived. Was Michigan really part of an ocean? What are fossils? Are mammoths and mastodons the same thing? Learn the answers to these questions and many more as we explore the history of the world. Excavate a mini dig site, paint fossils, and make your own dinosaur egg as part of the fun this week!

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Spanish Exploradores

Teacher: Blaise Badynee

Grade level: 1-3

Full day

Limit: 12

Travel the world without ever leaving Daycroft! Spend your mornings learning new vocabulary and phrases in Spanish and learning how to cook authentic Hispanic foods. Then, get your passports ready to travel to a different Spanish-speaking country each day! Play games, sing songs, make crafts and enjoy the scenery as you immerse yourself into the beautiful Spanish culture.

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Summer Music Jam

Teacher: Ashley Grebe

Grade level: 3-8

Half day 9- 12

Limit: 20

Here's your backstage pass to spend the week making music with friends! All skill levels are welcome in this large and small musical ensemble camp, where students will learn and perform different styles of music as a team! Students will be placed in ensembles based on skill level. Ability to read music is strongly preferred. Instruments must be provided by the student with at least one year of experience required. Please email Ms. Grebe at ashleyg@daycroft.org and specify your instrument and experience. The last day of camp we'll put our "jam" on in a concert showcase!

Early Bird Registration: \$165 after March 31, 2018: \$175

Uke Can Do It!

Teacher: Ashley Grebe

Grade level: 3-8

Half day 1 – 4:15

Limit: 12

Whether you've never held a ukulele or you're a true virtuoso, this camp will expand your ukulele horizons! From beginning chords and accompaniments to playing full melodies, students will explore the range of this magical instrument by playing existing music and creating their own too! Bring your own or ukuleles will be provided. All experience levels are welcome. The final day will showcase our new skills so come strum with us...uke can do it!

Early Bird Registration: \$165 after March 31, 2018: \$175

Brain Monkeys: Sumo Battle Bots

Teacher: Katie Tilton

Grade level: 2-8

Full day

Limit: 12

Using the LEGO Mindstorms NXT robot kits, students will become familiar with the fundamentals of computer programming using a powerful icon based, drag and drop computer language that is easy to learn for many different types of learners. Students use this language to combine basic elements called icons (analogues to functions and subroutines) including motion control and sensor icons to build programming that exhibit "intelligent" behavior.

Early Bird Registration: \$285 after March 31, 2018: \$285

Week 2: June 25 - 29

Happy Feet

Teacher: Bonnie Dingman

Grade level: K-1

Full day

Limit: 16

Find your rhythm and use up that summer energy playing active games to keep your feet happy and your bodies healthy! Make new friends and put all that extra energy into organized games while staying cool as penguins.

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

High Seas Adventure

Teacher: Amy Morrell

Grade level: 2-5

Full day

Limit: 16

Ahoy, Matey! ARRRRR you ready for some pirate fun? Calling all lassies and lads who want to sail the high seas of adventure. Learn your official pirate name, create a pirate costume, decode treasure maps, and even create some treasures of your very own. Shiver me timbers! There's some pirate engineering challenges too! Yo-ho-ho, let's set sail!

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Broadway Bound!

Teacher: Jennie Judd

Grade level: 3-8

Full day

Limit: 16

Do you love Hamilton, Wicked, and Broadway shows? Bring your dancin' shoes and discover what it takes to perform on the stage! Come join us and sing thrilling Broadway songs while learning exciting choreography and the tenets of acting. In addition to rehearsing for a family performance on the final day, campers will play character, miming, and improvisational games! This is a wonderful opportunity to unleash your creativity all while building your confidence on stage.

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

American Girl Friendships

Teacher: Jeanine Wright

Grade level: 2-8

Full day

Limit: 16

Calling all fans of the American Girl! Bring your doll and come spend the week peeking into the past of some of the historical characters from the AG books. Create a t-shirt for you and your doll, make crafts, and participate in creative play activities that reflect the doll's time period. We'll discuss and role-play the empowering traits of these strong women in history and apply these same qualities to today's modern girl friendships!

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Week 3: July 9 - 13

"Caps for Sale"

Teacher: Jennie Judd

Grade level: K-1

Half day 9-12

Limit: 16

Join the storybook adventure and bring, Caps for Sale to life on the stage! Follow the story and its "monkey business" and design and create your very own cap in this wonderful introduction to drama and movement. Families are invited to join the fun on the last day and watch the staged production.

Early Bird Registration: \$165 after March 31, 2018: \$175

Everything Disney!

Teacher: Francesca Farzalo

Grade level: K-1

Half day 1-4:15

Limit: 16

Favorites like Moana, Dory & Nemo, Anna & Elsa, and even Mickey will captivate the theme this week! Sing songs, creatively play, construct forts and castles and make crafts that are "Everything Disney"!

Early Bird Registration: \$165 after March 31, 2018: \$175

Art with Nature

Teacher: Amy Morrell

Grade level: 2-6

Full day

Limit: 12

Combine your love of nature to paint, glue, weave and create your own unique pieces. We'll let the beautiful elements of nature inspire our artwork by combining natural elements such as wood, leaves, rocks and shells with paint, glass, beads, buttons and textiles to make a wind chime, wall hanging, weaving and much more. Bring your imagination and join us!

Early Bird Registration: \$235 after March 31, 2018: \$255

So You Think You Can Dance? Dance Intensive

Teacher: Blaise Badynee

Grade level: 3-8

Full day

Limit: 18

Dancers will focus on ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and lyrical! All skill levels welcome in this intensive crash course of each dance type culminating in a mini recital the final day. *Dancers should bring a water bottle each day and wear clothing that allows for stretching and movement without being baggy. Students may bring their own dance shoes or borrow a pair at camp.

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Brain Monkeys: Minecraft Makers

Teacher: Katie Tilton

Grade level: 2-8

Full day

Limit: 12

Students work through building and other challenges using both creative and survival mode that explore agriculture, history, architecture and more. Working through our Minecraft Survival Challenge List, which rewards students upon completion of different sections, students will work to teach and share knowledge to accomplish given challenges along with learning some of the basic strategy and game concepts that Minecraft presents.

Early Bird Registration: \$285 after March 31, 2018: \$285

Week 4: July 16 - 20

Wee Fairy Camp

Teacher: Amy Morrell

Grade level: K-1

Full day

Limit: 12

Use your enchanting imagination to create a fairy domicile with accessories. Fairies and fairy-inspired art projects are only part of the magic. Decorate your very own fairy wings and make a wand for our Fancy Fairy Tea. Fly in for fantastic fairy fun!

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

American Girl Holiday Extravaganza

Teacher: Jeanine Wright

Grade level: 2-8

Full day

Limit: 16

American Girl dolls enjoy getting together for the holidays just as much as their owners! Holiday related crafts, sewing and baking celebrating themes including the 4th of July, Valentine's Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah are only some of the fun activities campers and their dolls will participate in.

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Bricks 4 Kids: Extreme Expedition Camp

Teacher: Eugene Blair

Grade level: 2-6

Half day 9-12

Limit: 18

Form a team to face the challenge of our extreme expedition camp! Search the globe for bricks and other resources needed to construct a base in the Himalayan Mountains and complete your expedition. Encounter Worst Case Scenario survival challenges, face the forces of nature, and construct transportation equipment to bring your team together from around the globe. Do you have what it takes to face extreme brick adventures?

Early Bird Registration: \$165 after March 31, 2018: \$175

Bricks 4 Kids: Transformation Creations

Teacher: Eugene Blair

Grade level: 2-6

Half day 1- 4:15 Limit: 18

Get ready to discover how your model transforms! Campers will love the mash-up of combination models that can be rebuilt into something new. These awesome 2-in-1 models will include exciting robots, vehicles and more! Follow the step-by-step building plans and ignite your inner engineer by using your imagination to transform your model into something unique. Join us for this fun-filled camp where you'll use your creativity and engineering skills to build and transform!

Early Bird Registration: \$165 after March 31, 2018: \$175

Week 5: July 23 - 27

Energy Busters

Teacher: Bonnie Dingman

Grade level: K-2

Full day

Limit: 16

Back by popular demand! Need to burn some energy? This is the camp for you! Obstacle courses, running games, tag games, jump rope, hula hoops, scooters, parachute, pool noodles, water games, and rock wall climbing! Keep active while having a blast indoors and out. No skills necessary.

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

{ Coding For Kids } // = FUN!

Teacher: Niki Buchanan

Grade level: 2-5

Full day

Limit: 12

Who doesn't love to code! Learn to code or further your skills with a variety of fun and challenging activities! Expand your coding tool belt while using a variety of tools such as Legos, mazes and your best creativity! #fun #code-blooded

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Play with Clay (Two Week Camp)

Teacher: Suzanne Higgins

Grade level: 2-8

Full day

Limit: 12

Students will begin by looking at pottery, books and images that have been made by other artists. Our young artists will record ideas while collaborating and discovering with their fellow campers. The first week will be devoted to working with wet clay to build pieces using coils, slabs, and pinched forms. After the pieces dry and are fired in the kiln, students will glaze their work and help to load it back into the kiln for glaze firing. By being immersed in this creative process, students will increase their understanding of the possibilities of clay, altered forms, pottery tools and glazing.

Early Bird Registration: \$550 after March 31, 2018: \$590

Ann Arbor Chess Camp

Teacher: Ray Garrison

Beginning-Intermediate-Advanced Chess Camp

Full day

Limit: None

Ages: 5 through 10

Students will learn basic tactics and checkmate patterns, opening strategies and basic endings. This class is open to all students with or without prior experience. Mr. Garrison is one of Michigan's top-rated tournament chess players. He has been teaching chess classes to children since 1996. Students will be grouped by ability. Every day there will be some type of tournament (bughouse, speed chess, puzzle contest, etc) and also one slow game per day. In addition, there will be instruction and review of games.

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Week 6: July 30 - August 3

Snack Attack!

Teacher: Sahar Ahmed

Grade level: K-1

Full day

Limit: 16

Baking is not just for the “BIG” kids anymore! Decorate cupcakes, cookies, and mini cakes just your size! Learn the important details and special techniques of becoming the “baker” in the house. Make a cookbook collection of these yummy snacks and decorate an apron too. And how could we forget, the best part... snacks to bring home and share! **!

Early Bird Registration: \$245 after March 31, 2018: \$265

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Play With Clay – (2nd week)

Wild West!

Teacher: Niki Buchannan

Grade level: 2-5

Full day

Limit: 16

Giddy Up! Head west for some good ol’ cowboy-n-girl fun! Try roping a “cow”, racing through a maze on your trusty horse, and making some campfire food! There’s a new sheriff in town and your fun adventures together start here!

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Be The Change!

Teacher: Blaise Badynee

Grade level: 4- 8

Full day

Limit: 16

Making the world a better place starts with you! Poverty, migrant farm workers, the Syrian refugee crisis, and endangered animals are just a few of the issues discussed as students learn how their actions can make a difference in the world around them.

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Week 7: August 6 - 10

The Spy Who Loved Me!

Teacher: Niki Buchanan

Grade level: K-2

Full day

Limit: 16

SHHH! Sneak into this camp to sharpen your detective skills. Secret codes, invisible ink, and the search for clues around campus will polish your skills and bring out the “Sherlock” in even the most experienced detectives. It’s elementary my dear...and loads of fun too!

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Baking From Scratch

Teacher: Sahar Ahmed

Grade level: 3-6

Full day

Limit: 16

Back by popular demand! Come discover the secret to delicious treats so tempting, you might not want to share! Chef Sahar will share her baking secrets and the delicate techniques in making delicious treats such as pizza dough, cookies, cupcakes, pretzels, decorative brownies and pie dough for delightful pies. Learn the importance of thoroughly reading recipes, make a recipe book and create taunting treats to share too...if you dare! **

Early Bird Registration: \$245 after March 31, 2018: \$265

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Brain Monkeys: Robot Builders Extravaganza

Teacher: Katie Tilton

Grade level: 2-8

Full day

Limit: 12

Builders Extravaganza is buffet for the LEGO building connoisseur. We have designs for all levels of interest and imagination. Of course these designs can be altered to fit the LEGO builders imaginative needs. The best part of this course besides the building is that we make these designs come alive using the LEGO Mindstorms NXT robot. Our designs move, walk, slither, roll, balance and even launch! Some of our designs include a robotic puppy, electric guitar, ball shooter, humanoid, Johnny 5 robot, mini-catapult, segway balance bot, spy rover, flipping robot gymnast, remote control car, voice control car, bumper car, crazy lawnmower, rattlesnake and many more.

Early Bird Registration: \$285 after March 31, 2018: \$285

Week 8: August 13 - 17

Artistic Time Travelers

Teacher: Niki Buchanan

Grade level: K-1

Full day

Limit: 16

Let's travel through time and learn about great art! From cave paintings to modern art, we will explore it all and how one piece lead to the next. Create a time capsule of your own full of artistic pieces from the "Summer of 2018". Bring your curiosity and creativity and let's get going!

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Get Fit with Blackbelt Karate Academy

Teacher: Blackbelt Karate Academy

Grade level: 2-6

Full day

Limit: 18

Join us for a Martial Arts-themed summer blast at Daycroft! This is a fun, active, sports-oriented camp for BEGINNERS and EXPERIENCED martial arts students. Emphasis is on cardiovascular, endurance, and strength-based exercise. Play simple karate games and drills to padded nunchaku practice, obstacles courses, Ga-Ga ball games and more! Anti-bullying strategies, confidence-building and basic self-defense exercises will be taught. You will even be able to watch a martial arts movie and design your very own martial arts superhero!

Early Bird Registration: \$275 after March 31, 2018 \$275

Musical Instrument Workshop

Teachers: Suzanne Higgins and Ashley Grebe

Grade level: 3-8

Full day

Limit: 16

Create the musical instrument of your dreams this summer! Join us for this musical instrument workshop where students will create playable instruments from traditional and non-traditional materials. Invent and create wind, string, and percussion instruments through exploration and experimentation. Our final day will showcase the instruments we create during the week.

Early Bird Registration: \$225 after March 31, 2018: \$245

Brain Monkeys: Video Game Design with Scratch

Teacher: Katie Tilton

Grade level: 2-8

Full day

Limit: 12

Give your child a boost in learning key 21st century learning skills: creative thinking, teamwork, communication, and analysis. Using Scratch, a computer learning tool and a visual programming language, your child creates games, animations, stories, and art. Students draw pictures, add sound and movement, and share their projects with the class. These activities help students understand mathematical and computational concepts and the process of design.

Early Bird Registration: \$285 after March 31, 2018: \$285