



## Summer 2009 at Children's Day School

*Come join us for lots of fun at our unique summer camp tucked away on a beautiful and secure acre of land in the Mission neighborhood*

Located across from historic Mission Dolores and nestled safely in the middle of the block behind Notre Dame Plaza, the Children's Day School campus has one of the largest outdoor playgrounds in the city. Our sunny campus, bordered by palm trees and featuring a farm and organic garden (complete with chickens and sheep), gives children a safe place to be themselves, play freely and explore the natural environment.

Our teachers are mature, experienced, creative and nurturing. Many of them are Head Teachers at Children's Day School during the school year. And most importantly – they are enthusiastic about education and love to work with young people.

<b>Camp Dates</b>	<b>Cost*</b>
Session I: June 15 – June 26	\$600
Session II: June 29 – July 10 (no camp Friday, July 3)	\$540
Session III: July 13 – July 24	\$600
Session IV: July 27 – August 7	\$600
Session V: August 10 – August 14	\$300

### **Preschool-Kindergarten Camp (for students entering preschool-kindergarten)**

Spend the summer making art, cooking special snacks and participating in fun dance parties while learning from enthusiastic, well-qualified teachers. Meet new friends, gain new skills and have a safe and fun camp experience. Each two-week camp has a special theme in addition to the three general themes interwoven into all session. All campers must be three years old and able to use the bathroom on their own to attend.

### **Elementary Camp (for students entering grades 1-4)**

Join us for lots of fun! Each two-week camp has a variety of themes and featured activities, and with a low student-to-teacher ratio, campers will be able to focus deeply on a particular topic. The 2009 themes are Visual and Performing Arts, Farm and Garden, and Sports and Games. Certain sessions will feature select activities focused on one genre within the larger themes (example: Session I will offer Broadway Theatre as a featured Visual and Performing Arts activity). This summer will also feature our first Spanish Language Experience camps during Session IV, where staff will lead activities and projects exclusively in Spanish.

### **Middle School Summer in the City Camp (for students entering grade 5-9)**

Back for its second year, Summer in the City Camp features interactive learning through exploration of the city. Combining morning and afternoon workshops based on various themes, Summer in the City Camp is open to incoming 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders as well as any high school freshman who would like to attend.

\*Cost shown is for basic program, from 9 am – 5 pm. Extended Care is available from 8 – 9 am and 5 – 6 pm at a rate of \$12/hour, billed by the quarter hour. Extended Care bills will be compiled and mailed at close of each session.

# Preschool - Kindergarten Summer Camp

For students entering preschool and kindergarten



Preschool-kindergarten camp operates on a daily schedule similar to the CDS preschool during the school year. Throughout the day, students will enjoy morning and afternoon snack, morning and afternoon meetings, outdoor time, lunch, nap, art activities and much more. Here is an overview of the themes interwoven into every camp that children will explore throughout each two-week session:

- **Farm and Garden:** participants will spend time getting acquainted with Lucky and JoJo, our two resident sheep, and our friendly chickens. Children will collect eggs from the farm for group cooking projects and have lots of opportunities to grow flowers and other organic fruits and vegetables in the garden.
- **Music and Movement:** children will sing, dance and play musical instruments. Folk songs, modern music and classical music will be introduced. Children will have opportunities for playing drums, string and wind instruments. Stretching, yoga and dance parties will be included in this active component of the camp.
- **Sports and Games:** campers will learn new games and sports with an emphasis on cooperative activities. A wide range of indoor and outdoor activities will be introduced such as active games that include balls, running and jumping, individual games using the balance beam, quiet games like puzzles, stretching and yoga, and team games. Developing individual motor skills, playing as a team and helping each other are the main aspects of this element of the program.

In addition, each camp will include activities surrounding a theme particular to that session:



**Session I, Animalia:** campers will participate in bug hunts, study the food chain, act out their favorite animal's behaviors, and be exposed to the exciting diversity of creatures in the animal kingdom.



**Session II, Cultural Explorer:** get ready for a whirlwind tour of world cultures as campers will create passports to be stamped as they visit different cultures around the world through cooking, art and games.



**Session III, Environment:** sustainable lifestyles, here we come! Campers will learn the dynamics of our physical environment through activities focused on water usage, rain forests, pollution and recycling.



**Session IV, Living With Music:** campers will learn to incorporate music into their daily lives by creating songs to sing while completing chores, making instruments out of found objects, and singing to celebrate.



**Session V, Cooperation & Community:** campers will examine the roles of public servants, educators, police officers, storeowners and more, learning how members of society work together to create communities.

# Elementary Summer Choices Camp

For students entering grades 1- 4



Based on the student-directed learning principles practiced by CDS, Summer Choices Camp gives elementary students the opportunity to chart their own course of learning and enrichment throughout each session. Following morning and afternoon meetings, campers will choose from a variety of activities led by instructors who will create daily options centered on the following themes:

- **Visual and Performing Arts:** campers will be introduced to a wide range of art techniques. Field trips may include visiting Creativity Explored, San Francisco MOMA, Yerba Buena and other photo and painting exhibits.
- **Farm and Garden:** campers will have the opportunity to care for and feed our resident sheep and chickens on the CDS farm. Other activities may include creating handmade paper and making old-fashioned handmade ice cream.
- **Sports and Games:** campers will participate in a wide variety of athletic and strategic games. Traditional sports like basketball, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, flag football and soccer will be introduced and played

Each session will also offer featured programs directed by specialists in various genres that campers will have the opportunity to enjoy as a group during a morning and afternoon session. These themes are now planned for this summer:



**Session I: Broadway** Do you know all the words to “Doe a Deer?” Do you love to sing and dance?

Well, so do we! Join Ms. Emilie and Ms. Jasmin for a session of Broadway fun! We will sing songs from our favorite musicals, like *Hairspray*, *The Wiz*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Annie*. We will practice choreography to go with the songs and perform them at the end of the session. We also welcome and encourage backstage help with costumes and sound!



**Session II: Theatre** If you love to act, play make-believe, or be on stage, sign up for Theater Session II with

Ms. Jasmin. Everyday will be playing fun theater games that teach us skills in voice, movement and acting. We will also read stories and act them out. Together we will create a short play to perform at the end of the session. We also welcome and encourage backstage help with costumes and sets!



**Session III: Things That Fly, Float or Roll** Come join Mr. Noah and Ms. Rebekah for an exploration of

crafts and movement! We'll make and test various homemade kites, create our own miniature derby cars, design and decorate paper and balsa-wood airplanes, and sail Viking ships at the park. Field trips may include train rides, ship tours and museums.



**Session IV: Spanish Language Experience Camp:** CDS is proud and excited to offer its first-ever

Spanish Language Experience camp. While this session's programs will be structured similarly as the rest of the summer and based on student choice, instructors will lead activities, projects and field trips exclusively in Spanish. Campers will also explore significant cultural and historical sights in our surrounding Mission neighborhood.



**Session V: SF Scavenger Hunt** One clue leads to another as we explore the city through field trips daring

us to complete photo, food, people and supplies challenges. We'll sample various cuisines, meet exotic characters, capture city sights for our scrapbooks and collect materials for our projects back at home.

# Middle School Summer in the City Camp

For students entering grades 5 - 10



Students will meet their morning instructor on the CDS yard and head out into city explorations or complete portfolio work on campus. Lunch will be enjoyed back at CDS after which students will be joined by their afternoon instructor. The following workshops are planned for this summer, but be sure to check back as further program themes are organized and announced:

## Summer Photography Seminar w/Christopher

### Session I

In the summer photography seminar students will explore the city through the medium of photography. Students will learn about the basic mechanics of photography. We will also discuss the different types of photography including still life photography, photography as art, photojournalism, and portrait photography. Students will then select a theme that will guide their photographic journey through San Francisco. If time allows, we will then print our work and mount it as part of a final presentation.

## Creative Writing: Stories of the City w/Terry

### Sessions I & II

We will travel throughout San Francisco observing neighborhoods, characters, architecture and social constraints. We will take notes and use that research to construct short pieces of fiction and poetry. We will engage in discussions about how the city changes from district to district and use that as inspiration to workshop our pieces of writing (which will all take place in the classroom.) We will also read several short pieces of fiction to get a sense of different writing styles. Students will leave this class with several pieces of writing as well as a more informed knowledge of the city.

## Urban Exploring w/Melanie

### Session II

We'll sketch and photograph our way through various San Francisco neighborhoods, visiting different structures and buildings along the way. We'll use our drawings and pictures to create a project about San Francisco's landscape. Students will leave the class with more knowledge of the city's art, history and architecture.

## Rock Camp w/Terry

### Session III

Open to 10-12 middle school students who play and own any instrument or are interested in planning and organizing a concert. We will write, rehearse, record and perform (in front of an audience) one or two original pieces of music. As a group, we will come up with a band name, write songs, identify a style (image), create CD artwork, come up with song title(s), write lyrics and we will produce a recording that everyone can take home with them at the end. The two weeks will end with a concert and party that we will also research and plan as a group.

## Community-Based Learning: Helping Out Our Neighbors w/Vanessa

### Session IV

Every day will include an on and offsite component, an organization tour and background, and a service component to the organization. Curriculum will include themes of childcare, hunger and homelessness. Organizations served may include: Kid Power Park, Holy Family Day Home, Homeless Prenatal Program At the Crossroads, Martin De Porres, Faithful Fools and The Food Bank.

## Environmental Stewardship: Getting Outdoors w/Vanessa

### Session V

Every day we will meet at CDS and return after spending the day in a natural habitat. Curriculum will include: Outdoor basics, Environmental Education, Riparian and Stream Habitats, and Environmental Stewardship. Locations may include: Marin Headlands, Muir Woods, Muir Beach, The Presidio and GG Park.

*Be sure to check back for Summer in the City Camp program updates on the CDS website summer camp page!*