



# CAMP MONTICELLO

## 2026

*Where endless memories and lifelong friendships  
are created.*

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## WELCOME TO CAMP MONTICELLO!

We are so excited to welcome you to Camp Monticello, where the adventure of a lifetime awaits! This summer promises to be unforgettable, filled with excitement, growth, and lifelong memories. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning for another fantastic season, we are thrilled to have you as part of our camp family.

At Camp Monticello, we believe in the transformative power of summer camp to inspire growth, foster friendships, and create lasting experiences. Our dedicated team has been hard at work crafting a variety of engaging and enriching programs to cater to the diverse interests of our campers. Here are some exciting highlights for this summer:

**Adventure Awaits:** Get ready for a summer of adventure where learning will happen inside and outside of the classroom. Each day will be filled with workshops as well as field trips. Not only will they be learning about their world, but also doing exciting team-building activities to foster social-emotional development.

**Sports Galore:** Whether you're an athlete or just love to play for fun, there will be ample opportunities for campers to engage in sports with a range of activities to suit everyone's interest.

**Creative Arts:** Unleash your creativity in our arts and crafts workshops, theater skits, and percussion music activity. Camp Monticello is a place where imaginations soar and artistic talents find their stage. Creativity is in the air!

**Water Fun:** With the amazing California warm weather, campers will have an abundance of water fun in the sun, splash, splashing on in the wading pool or along the beach shore, slipping and sliding down a water slide, or just having fun racing through the slip and slide. It will be a splashy summer!

**Life Skills:** Beyond the fun and games, our summer camp programs are designed to instill valuable life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and resilience. Campers leave with more than just memories; they leave with newfound confidence and a sense of accomplishment.

2026 Camp Monticello will be a theme-based two-week camp program filled with a plethora of memorable activities. Weeks availabilities are:

- May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>
- July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>

We can't wait to see you thrive, explore, and have fun in our vibrant and supportive camp community. Get ready to make new friends, discover new passions, and create memories that will last a lifetime! Here's to an incredible summer ahead at Camp Monticello!

Warm Regards,  
Camp Monticello Team



## CAMP PHILOSOPHY

At Camp Monticello, our philosophy is to provide a safe and supportive environment where children can have fun, make new friends, and embrace new experiences. We emphasize the importance of education, the benefits of unplugging from technology, and connecting with real-world adventures.

Our goal is to foster personal growth by encouraging campers to challenge themselves, build confidence, and develop new skills. We celebrate the diversity and individuality of each camper, striving to create an inclusive and respectful community where everyone feels valued.

With a team of experienced and dedicated staff, we are committed to offering a positive, encouraging atmosphere where campers feel supported in exploring their interests, stepping out of their comfort zones, and having fun.

Through a variety of engaging activities, Camp Monticello aims to provide an enriching summer experience that fosters teamwork, promotes lifelong friendships, and helps children connect with one another in meaningful ways.

Camp Monticello is a place where children can truly be themselves while growing, learning, and creating memories that last a lifetime.



# SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

### Holiday Closure:

- Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> for Juneteenth
- Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Fourth of July

### Camp Counselors:

During summer, our school-age teachers will be the counselors for Camp Monticello depending on the camps and their specialty, they will be assigned to work in specific themes.

### Cubbies:

All cubbies are for day use only. Every student is expected to clean out the cubbies at the end of the day. Do not leave anything behind. There are no assigned cubbies.

### Accident Reports

Any time that your child is hurt, you will receive an accident report telling you the nature of the accident. Depending on the severity of the accident, we may notify you by phone.

### Sunscreen:

If you want your child to apply sunscreen daily, please complete the form within the online registration and bring your child's sunscreen labeled with their name to the front office.

### Absences:

If your child will be on vacation or out sick for the day, please notify the Administration at [attendance@monticelloacademy.org](mailto:attendance@monticelloacademy.org) and your camp counselors so we can better plan.

### Medication Request Guidelines:

- If your child needs medication, please email us at [attendance@monticelloacademy.org](mailto:attendance@monticelloacademy.org) and we will send you a medication form to be completed by the parents or legal guardian and returned with the medication.
- Medicine can only be dispensed out of its original container with the child's name and prescription.
- All medication is required to be taken home at the end of the day unless it is a life-threatening medication.
- All life-threatening medication needs to be in written form with a doctor's note and kept at school for the day.

### Camp Meal Procedure:

- AM and PM Snacks: Snack is served at approximately 10:30AM and 3:30PM.
- Lunch: It is served at approximately 12:30 PM.
- Outdoor eating
- Meals are served individually
- There is no sharing of food
- Any food that students brought from home must be nut-sensitive

## DAILY SCHEDULE

Time	Activity
8:00AM – 9:00AM	Greeting and Outdoor Play
9:00AM – 12:30PM	Camp Workshop / Morning Snack and Recess
12:30PM – 1:30PM	Lunch / Outdoor Recess
1:30PM – 5:00PM	Camp Workshop / Afternoon Snack and Recess
5:00PM – 6:00PM	Closing, Clean up, and Outdoor Play

## CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:attendance@monticelloacademy.org">attendance@monticelloacademy.org</a>		
<b>Phone:</b>	Innovative Technology Camp	x120	
	Camp Monticello	Kindergarten – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	x121
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade and Up	x126



At Camp Monticello, our primary goal is to foster a positive perception of learning and create lasting memories for every camper. Our camp counselors are carefully selected for their maturity, skills, patience, passion, and enthusiasm for making a meaningful difference in children's lives. All counselors are trained in CPR and First Aid, ensuring a strong focus on maintaining a safe environment and preventing major accidents. While minor incidents like bumps, bruises, or cuts may occasionally occur due to our active programming, counselors closely supervise all activities and model appropriate behaviors to minimize risks.

### **Guidance and Conflict Resolution**

At Camp Monticello, we establish clear boundaries and emphasize the importance of guidance as a key aspect of discipline. When conflicts arise, counselors observe before intervening, allowing children the opportunity to resolve their issues independently. Intervention occurs only if children are unable to resolve the conflict or if physical harm is involved.

We utilize several techniques to guide campers toward positive behaviors and effective conflict resolution:

**Redirection:** Encouraging alternative, constructive actions (e.g., hitting a ball instead of expressing frustration physically). Campers are taught to demonstrate their apologies through actions rather than words, as actions often speak louder.

**Reasoning:** Engaging in discussions that use logic and role-playing to help children understand different perspectives and scenarios.

**Loss of Privileges:** Privileges may be removed after one or two warnings, depending on the severity of the behavior. The duration of the loss is determined by the nature of the action.

**Breaks for Reflection:** Allowing campers to take a quiet moment to regroup and reflect on their actions. A follow-up discussion ensures they understand how to handle similar situations differently in the future.

**Choice:** Presenting campers with two positive choices to guide their behavior in a constructive direction.

**Positive Reinforcement:** Recognizing and praising children when they exhibit positive behaviors to encourage repetition.

**Warnings:** Providing consistent and clear warnings before taking corrective action to ensure expectations are understood.

By employing these techniques, we help campers develop conflict-resolution skills and teach them to express themselves using words instead of physical actions. Counselors use simple, clear language when communicating with campers, ensuring that guidance is straightforward and effective.

At Camp Monticello, we are committed to providing a supportive environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive while having an unforgettable camp experience.



# ILLNESS POLICY

At Monticello Academy, we are committed to working cooperatively to reduce the incidence and severity of illnesses and to prevent the rapid spread of communicable infections among children. To achieve this, we ask for your partnership and adherence to the following guidelines:

**Daily Health Assessment:** Upon arrival, staff will conduct a daily health assessment of children. If your child was unwell the previous day or night and you notified us, this assessment will ensure they are fit to attend.

**Signs of Illness at School:** If a child shows symptoms of illness or infection while at school, parents will be contacted immediately and asked to pick up their child within one hour.

**Returning to School After Illness:** Children must be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. This policy helps protect the health of all children and staff.

**Communicable Diseases:** Parents are required to notify the school if they or their child contract a communicable disease. In such cases, the school will post an exposure notification to inform other families while maintaining confidentiality.

**Immunizations:** All children must be immunized to attend school. Parents are responsible for providing updated immunization records as their child becomes of age.

By working together, we can create a safe and healthy environment for all children at our center.

For a child to return to school, the following criteria must be met:

- Symptoms are resolving.
- Fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
- If symptoms are resolving but still exist, we recommend masking.

## Communicable Disease Policy

- Any communicable diseases must be reported to the administrative office immediately.
- Exposure notice will be sent home to all parents.
- As a school policy, if your child is unable to participate in the daily function of the camp, then they should not be at school.



# ILLNESS POLICY

## CRITERIA FOR CHILD STAYING HOME OR SENT HOME – SYMPTOM LIST

**Fever:** Any temperature above the normal temperature could be considered a symptom of illness, and parents will be notified to pick up their child within one hour. The child must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. If a child requires medication because of a fever, he/she will not be allowed to return to school until fever-free for 24 hours without medication. The child can only return to school if and only if there is a written doctor's note stating that the child is not contagious.

**Diarrhea:**

- Children will be sent home immediately following diarrhea.
- Diarrhea with fever will have to be out for 24 hours or until fever-free.
- The child cannot return until the following day when there are no occurrences of diarrhea.

**Colds and Runny Nose:** Criteria for a child staying home or sent home:

- Runny nose with fever, lack of appetite, lethargy, or irritability.
- Runny nose plus vomiting.
- If an allergy is suspected, a note from the Physician is required.

**Ear Infection:** An ear infection is not contagious, and the child may return to school the following day if the child is on medication and has no fever and with a Physician's note; otherwise, the child will remain home 24 hours after constitutional symptoms are gone. If there is drainage from the ear, it is considered to be contagious and the child will have to remain at home until constitutional symptoms are gone.

**Eye Infection:** Reddened eye, and/or yellow or green drainage must have a Physician's note stating that the child is not infectious to return to school. If it is conjunctivitis or pink eye, the child will have to remain at home for 24 hours after the application of medication and no drainage is occurring.

**Vomiting:** If your child is vomiting, and showing symptoms of illness at any time throughout the day, we will notify you to pick up your child. The child may return to school the following day if there is no more occurrence of vomiting and the child has regained full appetite.

**Lice, Scabies, etc.:** The child may return to school after appropriate treatment with NIX shampoo and are completely lice-free (no live eggs lice). If a child is sent home during the school day, he/she may not return that same day but may come back the following day if all the live ones have been removed. The school must be notified immediately.

**Skin Infection or Rash:** Rashes resulting from allergies and antibiotics are acceptable if identified as such by the child's physician's note. If your child has any unidentified skin rash, he/she will be sent home until it is identified as non-contagious by your child's physician in a written note. Otherwise, your child will not be able to return to school the following day.

**Other Communicable Infections:** Other communicable diseases are abided by the health department's regulations.



## ELIGIBILITY

Children who are in Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2025-2026 school year

## ENROLLMENT

To secure your slot for the summer camp program, you will have to submit the following:

- **Current Students:**

- ❖ An [online application](#)
- ❖ Full payment for the program(s) of your choice

- **New Students:**

- ❖ An [online application](#)
- ❖ Full payment for the program(s) of your choice
- ❖ Current immunization record
- ❖ Front and back copies of Medical Insurance Card
- ❖ Medical Consent Forms (2)
- ❖ Remaining application packet



## POLICIES

- **Payment**

Payment is due upon registration. All parents are expected to register online. New parents will have to complete paperwork with Administration. No students are allowed to attend the camp without pre-payment. Payments are non-refundable, non-prorated, and non-transferable.

- **Camp Enrollment Capacity**

There will be a maximum capacity of 40 spaces for each camp. Due to the limited space, it will be first come first serve. Once the number of spaces is filled, the camp will be closed.

- **Camp Switching**

Switching of camp selections can only be accommodated based on availability. Please email the camp director.

- **Cancellation**

The camp will only be canceled if there is a lack of enrollment. In that case, fees will be credited or refunded. There will be no refund if you decide to withdraw or cancel.



## INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY CAMPS

CURRENT 4<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>  
(12 days)

### The Great Escape Technology Camp

- *Summer is here! Everybody is having fun outdoors! But, oh no, you are trapped in an escape room! Will you find a way out before the summer ends? This camp allows you to design and build an escape room. Think creatively and collaborate with your friends to make it happen! Use logic and solve puzzles. Want to get some exercise? Get hands on with some electronics and perhaps get back to using your brains and program a bit of that logic from before!*
- *Learn how to work with an Arduino, a microcontroller used in physical computing. The Arduino allows you to work with a variety of sensors (inputs) and outputs like motors, lights, pumps, and beyond. Sky is the limit with what you can think of. These are skills that can help you with problem solving and creativity, but also entrepreneurship and starting your project ideas that could lead to big things.*

- *When it is all said and done, you would have built a wonderful escape room, and ready to challenge your friends to escape! You would also create some puzzles or work on projects that you can take home with you and show off to your family and friends!!! Make this a memorable and fun summer.*

**CURRENT 2<sup>ND</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

<p><i>June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup></i> <i>(9 days)</i></p>	<p><b>Coding and Minecraft</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Create a Video Game in Scratch, a block-based programming language developed by students of MIT. Learn about animation, logic, and how to make the world of Math and Programming simulate the real world.</i></li> <li>• <i>Build and construct projects with all of the amazing tools and blocks in Minecraft. Learn to build Redstone circuits, build realistic structures, and work with the “Agent” your Code builder robot. Your robot can help you learn to code and create amazing builds that are only possible in the Education Edition.</i></li> </ul>
<p><i>July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup></i> <i>(10 days)</i></p>	<p><b>STEAM and LEGO Robotics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>You’ll have fun creating STEAM projects with your friends that combine science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Expect to use physics and the scientific method to build and test contraptions that you will be able to take home at the end of the camp!</i></li> <li>• <i>Want to build and code your own robot? Look no further! Use Legos, motors, servos, and your “coding brick” to build your own robot that can drive, pick up, and perform awesome tasks by using your coding skills and building skills.</i></li> </ul>

# CAMP MONTICELLO SESSION



## CURRENT KINDERGARTEN – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAMP

### Session 1: May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup> (12 days)

### ECO-EXPLORERS & ANIMAL MANIA

Step into a world of animal lovers! Through engaging hands-on activities, creative play, and teamwork, campers will explore various eco-systems and discover animal features. Investigating the ocean’s ecosystems, learning about tides, participating in a reptile show, and meeting the marine animals are just some exciting activities to help our campers understand the importance of balancing our different eco-systems. A visit to San Francisco Zoo and Monterey Bay will allow campers to see animals up close and learn from the experts. This camp combines education, creativity, and fun to inspire a love for our world and its incredible creatures. By the end of the 12 days, your camper will have a deeper appreciation for our earth and memories of a summer full of wonder! Let’s make a splash this summer as we join the Eco-Explorers and Animal Mania Camp together!

5/29/2026	Reptile Show	On-Campus
6/4/2026	San Francisco Zoo	Off-Campus
6/12/2026	Monterey Bay Aquarium (Kindergarten – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade)	Off-Campus
	Monterey Bay Whale Watching (2 <sup>nd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	

### Session 2: June 15<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup> (9 days)

### ALL-STAR SPORTS

Get ready for 2 weeks packed with energy, excitement, and team spirit! Our All-Star Sports Summer Camp is perfect for kids who love to stay active, try new games, and build their athletic skills in a fun and supportive environment. This camp is designed for all skill levels, from beginners to budding athletes. Campers will engage in a variety of sports and activities that promote physical fitness, teamwork, and confidence. Some of the exciting highlights include enjoying bubble soccer, swimming lessons, kickball, and more while being able to participate in some fitness challenges of relay races, obstacle courses, and agility drills to improve strength and coordination. Children will learn basic swimming skills and get acclimated to the water while improving their techniques and become proficient swimmers. They will be divided into small groups during the week-long swimming lessons. Whether your child is an experienced athlete or just wants to explore different sports, they’ll find something to enjoy at All-Star Sports! Let’s get moving and have a blast this summer at All-Star Sports Summer Camp!

6/18/2026	Bubble Soccer	On-Campus
6/22/2026 – 6/26/2026	Swimming Lessons	Off-Campus

# CAMP MONTICELLO SESSION



## Session 3: June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup> (9 days)

### NATURE EXPLORATION & SUMMER ADVENTURES

Dive into 9 days of summer fun! Our Nature Exploration & Summer Adventure Camp invites your child to discover the wonders of the great outdoors and build unforgettable summer memories with us. Children will learn the essential camping skills to pitch tents and cook camping food to prepare for an overnight experience at Monticello Academy. This overnight experience will be a safe, fun, and exciting event on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pick-up will be at 9:00AM on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. School will be closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for Fourth of July celebration. More camping skills, such as compass and map reading, will be utilized when we go on a hike at Rancho San Antonio County Park. By the end of the 9 days, campers will make new friends and create lasting memories of summer adventures! We can't wait to explore with your camper!

7/2/2026 – 7/3/2026	Overnight at Monticello Academy	On-Campus
7/10/2026	Rancho San Antonio County Park Hike	Off-Campus

## Session 4: July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup> (10 days)

### CREATIVE CULINARY

Put on your apron and let's get cooking! Campers will be doing a combination of cooking and baking throughout our Creative Culinary Camp. Children will learn real life skills such as culinary techniques, planning a menu, budgeting and shopping for their own ingredients, and kitchen safety. Camp highlights are all the delicious creations throughout the session and the final Cooking Competition. Our young chefs will be immersed in a blend of various culinary experiences, creativity, teamwork, and building friendships over preparing and sharing meals together.

7/15/2026	Ingredients Shopping	Off-Campus
7/24/2026	Cooking Competition	On-Campus

## Session 5: July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup> (13 days)

### SCIENCE & STEAM

Blast off into two and a half weeks of exploration and discovery with our Science and STEAM Summer Camp! This exciting program is designed to spark your child's curiosity about our world. Campers will take on the role of junior scientists, diving into hands-on activities that make learning about science engaging and fun. They will also be building and testing STEAM-based projects. The learning will continue at our field trips to the Exploratorium, Great America, and Santa Cruz Boardwalk. Join us for an extraordinary experience as we explore the wonders and unleash the inner scientist in every camper!

7/31/2026	Exploratorium	Off-Campus
8/7/2026	Great America	Off-Campus
8/12/2026	Santa Cruz Boardwalk	Off-Campus