

2018 Bala House Montessori Weekly Camp Themes

Week 1 - That's Delicious! - Every day campers will “get their aprons on” as they mix up batches of delicious treats. While prepping ingredients and setting the table, they will sharpen their measuring, counting, and sorting skills. As part of the fun, the students will learn about basic nutrition and brush up on their table manners with grace and courtesy lessons. The children will end the week preparing a full course meal, a sure recipe for fun. Bon appetit!

Week 2 - An Artist Lives In All of Us - Creativity and independent expression will be fostered as our pint-sized artists collage, paint, and sculpt. To inspire us, we will look at and discuss famous artists’ works of art - portraits, landscapes, still life, and wild and crazy abstract paintings. Prepare for your child to get messy while they explore color, shape, size, and texture with various objects such as water bottles, sponges, straws, hands and feet. Campers’ masterpieces will be featured during Bala House’s Gallery Show.

Week 3 - America The Beautiful - Yeah, it will be a party in the U.S.A as we celebrate America’s birthday and independence! We will make festive decorations, construct musical instruments out of found objects, sing patriotic songs, play outdoor games, and prepare patriotic treats. Decked out in red, white, and blue, campers will march around campus with their handmade instruments during our 4th of July parade. We will wrap up this week with a yummy cookout. *Red, White and Blue Day*

Week 4 - On Your Mark, Get Set, Go! - We will bring back some old-fashioned fun this session. Your child will play classic outdoor games like Hide and Seek, Mother, May I?, Red Light Green Light, Hopscotch, Potato Sack Races, Water Balloon Toss, Flashlight Tag, and Kick the Can. Campers will burn off energy, enhance their gross motor skills, learn teamwork and earn a cool Paulie’s Ice-cream Truck treat after this week of schoolyard games.

Week 5 - Away We Go - Vrooom! Your child will hop aboard the BHM express and join our caravan of fun while learning about trains, planes, automobiles and boats. We will build models of these favorite modes of transportation and discuss how they make the world go around. Campers will “suds up” and make cars sparkle during the Bala House Car Wash.

Week 6 - Author Adventures - Children love stories! Bala House campers will listen to stories written by various authors, make their own books, and share silly tales. We will visit the Bala House library and check out a book to take home. In a captivating voice, a visiting storyteller will delight our young friends as they listen to an interactive adventure.

Week 7 - Bon Voyage - A Week at Sea - Through songs, books, and crafts, we will dive deep and get up close and personal with mysterious sea life, such as sharks, jellyfish, whales, sea turtles, and crustaceans. Fun science experiments will help campers discover the wonders of water. An engaging and interactive Adventure Aquarium program will visit and help us understand and appreciate ocean wildlife and habitats.

Week 8 - Ooey Goey Science – It’s the week to get messy. We will explore science with sticky, gooey, slimy hands-on activities that will keep us laughing and spark our curiosity and imaginations. Along the way, campers will question, predict, test, and report their ideas. Mad Science will entertain us and present an interactive science program that will showcase the wonders of science.

Weekly Specialists – Art, Soccer Shots, and Gymnastics

Special Days – Wk. 1 - Pajama Day, Wk. 2 - Crazy Hat Day, Wk. 3 - Red, White and Blue Day, Wk. 4 - Costume Day, Wk. 5 - Show and Tell, Wk. 6 - Wacky Wednesday, Wk. 7 - Pajama Day, Wk. 8 - Crazy Sock Day

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