Summer Camp 2020
For Youth Ages 10-16
Summer in the House!
Real life is layered and complex, with intersecting experiences marking every day. We believe learning should be that way, too. Integrated, multi-dimensional, and sometimes a little messy, in a good way. That’s the idea. At The Northwest School, students experience the exhilarating chemistry between academic disciplines and the arts. They learn to see the interdependence of all aspects of life in the real world. The school day is less about isolated subjects—and more about dynamic, interwoven concepts and ideas.

Our students and faculty come from multiple regions and backgrounds. We speak different languages and follow different cultural paths. And through these differences we learn and grow. A commitment to diversity lies at the heart of who we are. Since the school’s founding in 1980, we’ve embraced the belief that ethnic, racial, religious, gender, and economic diversity are essential for the highest quality secondary education. We believe that the education of responsible citizens happens best when a diverse group of students studies a variety of perspectives in an atmosphere of respect.

Core Values

Respect
We expect and foster interactions within our community based on mutual respect. Valuing the diversity within our community, we are committed to dialogue that allows us to find common ground in developing a school culture based on the principles of courtesy and common sense.

Integrity
We are committed to honesty and authenticity in our words and actions as we seek to improve our community and our world. We believe that our community is strongest when individuals integrate their values into all their words and actions.

Safety
We take measures to protect the physical, emotional, and intellectual safety of students and faculty. Recognizing that a good education involves a certain amount of risk, we are committed to teaching students the skills to assess and appropriately respond to those risks.

Our Mission

The Northwest School offers a faculty who engage each student in sequential, cross-disciplinary study in the Humanities, Sciences, and the Arts.

We are a diverse community of people who challenge each other to learn in a healthy, creative, and collaborative atmosphere of respect for others, the environment, and ourselves.

We graduate students with historical, scientific, artistic, and global perspective, enabling them to think and act with integrity, believing they have a positive impact on the world.
For over 30 years, The Northwest School has provided a welcoming and engaging summer program for youth, ages 10-16, from across Seattle, the U.S., and the world. With integration at all levels, from the classroom to the dorm room, we are truly an international camp; English becomes a passport to new friendships and understanding for both American and international students as they learn together in class and play together outside of the camp day.

Modeled on our school’s liberal arts curriculum, campers choose from a wide range of classes, including the visual and performing arts, athletics, and sciences. Our summer faculty are experts in their fields and capable of engaging students of diverse skills and backgrounds. With experience in intercultural instruction, our teachers are prepared to assist students with a broad range of English levels and learning styles while also maintaining an engaging and challenging curriculum.

Our Summer Camp is an international mecca in the heart of Seattle. Join us this summer and create your own global connections!
The Northwest School is the only independent school in Seattle with an international co-ed boarding program. Our private dorm is situated one block west of campus and welcomes approximately 40-60 campers each session. Campers live two to a room, on gender-specific floors, and, when possible, with a roommate from a different country. Common areas include lounges where students can relax and watch TV, a kitchen, and laundry facilities. There are computers available for student use, as well as Wi-Fi.

Experienced Residential Advisors are always present, and boarding campers will enjoy full housing amenities, nutritious meals prepared by our professional dining hall faculty, and evening and weekend outings.
Dorm Activities
Activities vary from year to year, but we strive for a combination of cultural, tourist, and just plain fun! Examples from previous summers include:

- A Seattle Mariners baseball game
- Space Needle
- Pike Place Market
- Museum of Pop Culture
- Washington State Ferry ride
- Puget Sound Beach

Dorm students also have access to our rooftop sport field, indoor gym, outdoor basketball court, and Urban Farm and Garden.

Dorm Check-in/Check-out Process

Check-in: The dorm opens on the Sunday prior to the start of a camp session. New boarding students may check in starting at 12:00 PM on this day. Campers staying for more than one session are welcomed to stay in the dorms during the transitional weekend. We will have activities planned to keep them busy!

Check-out: Departing campers must check out by 9:00 AM on the Saturday following the last day of their camp session.
Environmental sustainability is one of the most urgent issues facing the global community today. It is a value that has been an integral part of The Northwest School’s mission since its founding.

Head of School Mike McGill says, “The conscious commitment to caring for our planet runs deep at Northwest. Informing virtually every aspect of our curriculum and operations is the belief that we have an obligation to educate our students to live sustainably.”

At the Summer Camp, we approach the discussion of sustainability and environmental responsibility through three avenues:

The Environment Program
Each Friday of camp, students and faculty work together to clean and care for the school and immediate surrounding areas. This fosters stewardship and responsibility.

Camp Classes
For 2020, we continue to thread themes of sustainability, conservation, and stewardship in our classes, including repurposing found materials in many of our projects. Specific classes emphasizing these themes are:

- Cooking with NWS
- Creature Creations
- Designing Seattle
- Hot Rod Workshop
- Urban Farm-to-Table
- Fashion Studio
- Marine Biology: Our Changing Ecosystems
- Northwest Urban Nature
- Sumo Bots
- Urban Hiking

Farm and Garden Internship
For this educational internship, students collaborate with Jenny Cooper, Director of Environmental Education & Sustainability, on a variety of projects related to the NWS Urban Farm and Garden. Contact jenny.cooper@northwestschool.org for more information.
The Northwest School kitchen makes all of its decisions based on a philosophy of serving the most local, seasonal, and fresh foods to the students and faculty. We are very conscientious about reducing kitchen waste through compost, recycling, and an awareness of packaging. The Northwest kitchen composes all food waste and recycles all recyclable materials. When the school first implemented this system of compost and recycling, the kitchen reduced the amount of trash produced by over 80%.

Lunch is freshly prepared every day. Dorm students also receive breakfast and dinner daily, including weekends. Vegetarian options are always included. We also provide gluten-free and dairy-free options for those who need them. We are a nut-free facility. If you choose to bring your own lunch and snacks, all items must be nut-free.
Program Dates
Session 1 .................................. July 6 – 17
Session 2 .................................. July 20 – 31
Session 3 .................................. August 3 – 14

Tuition & Fees
Half Day ........................................ $600
Full Day ......................................... $895
Full Day + Boarding ......................... $2450
Materials Fee ................................. $25 – $50
select classes
Airport Transfers ........................... $100
one way; dorm students only

Medical Insurance
Day students only;
included in boarding fees
One session .................................. $65
Two sessions ................................. $90
Three sessions ............................ $115

Daily Schedule • Mon-Fri
8:30am ......................... Doors Open
9 – 10:30am ....................... Period 1
10:35am – 12:05pm .......... Period 2
12:05 – 1pm .................. Lunch (provided)
+ Midday Activities
1 – 2:30pm .................... Period 3
2:35 – 4:05pm ................ Period 4
4:05 – 4:30pm* ........... Doors Close
*Supervision is only provided
until 4:30.

Dorm Schedule • Weekdays
7am ........................................... Wake-up
8am .......................... Breakfast (provided)
9am – 4:05pm .......... Camp Classes
integrated with day campers
4:05 – 5:30pm ............. Free Time
5:30 – 6pm ................ Dinner (provided)
6:15 – 9pm ................ Activity
9 – 10:30pm ................ Quiet Time
10:30pm .................. Lights Out

Dorm Schedule • Weekends
9am .......................... Breakfast
10am – 3pm ................. Activity
5:30pm ......................... Dinner
Weekend evenings include free time
in the Gym and Rooftop Sports Court
and movie and game nights in the
dorm. This is also a good time
for parents or families to
arrange a visit or check
out their camper.
Create a unique camp experience based on your interests! Campers pick up to four classes (one for each period), which they attend for the entire two weeks. For a class schedule, see page 12.

**Class Offerings**

**A Little Bit of This & That**
- Cooking with NWS
- Exploring Seattle
- Film studies: Hayao Miyazaki’s Anime
- Happiness
- Leadership for Social Justice
- Life’s a Game

**Architecture**
- Designing Seattle
- Intro to Architectural Modeling

**Athletics**
- Advanced Recess
- Basketball
- Fitness Studio
- Net Sports
- Self Defense
- Soccer
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Urban Hiking
- Yoga

**Language Arts**
- Creative Writing:
  - Poetry Studio
  - Short Stories
- Journalism
- Writing: Thriving in Middle School

**Film studies:**
- Exploring Seattle
- Happiness
- Leadership for Social Justice
- Life’s a Game

**Music & Performing Arts**
- African Drumming
- Afro-Modern Dance
- Capoeira: Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts
- Improv Theater
- One-act plays
- Rhythm and Movement
- Social Dancing 101
- Songwriting For Everyone
- Vocal Performance Choir

**Science, Technology, & Math**
- Computer Animation
- Creative Math Studio
- Digital Music
- DIY Chemistry
- DIY Robots
- Hot Rod Workshop
- Human Biology
- Marine Biology: Our Changing Ecosystem
- Math: Thriving in Middle School
- Northwest Urban Nature
- Physics Lab
- Scientific Illustration
- Sumo Bots
- Urban Farm-to-Table

**Visual Arts**
- Ceramics:
  - Functional Designs
  - Sculpture Studio
- Comic Art & Illustration
- Creature Creations
- Digital Graphic Design
- Fashion Studio:
  - 1,000 ways to Transform a T-shirt
  - Re-FABULOUS
- Filmmaking Studio
- Glass Mosaic Studio
- Intro to Drawing
- Jewelry Making Studio
- Painting Studio:
  - Acrylics
  - Watercolor
- Photography:
  - Digital Lab
  - Going Old School
  - Black and White Workshop
- Printmaking Studio
- Stained Glass Studio
Create a schedule based on your interests! Full Day and Full Day + Boarding campers pick a class for each period. Half Day campers pick two consecutive classes.

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Cooking with NWS
The Northwest School is known for delicious lunches designed and prepared by our professional kitchen team. Join our chefs in preparing some of their favorite dishes. Go home with full bellies and scrumptious new recipes! $25 materials fee

Exploring Seattle
Students in this course explore Seattle through field trips. Together we visit a range of local sites and participate in a variety of activities to become better acquainted with the rich history and cultural diversity the city has to offer. While each session involves excursions outside the classroom, each focuses on a different theme and involves different field trips. $25 materials fee

Session 1: People
Seattle is home to diverse communities of people. In this session, we will travel to a range of cultural sites, including the Wing Luke Museum, the Duwamish Longhouse, and the Klondike Gold Rush National Park. You’ll learn how to say “hello” in a local indigenous language, get to walk through a historic hotel, and see what was sold in the first Nordstrom store, all while learning about the people who call Seattle home.

Session 2: Places
Seattle is known for the Space Needle. But what other places make the city special? In this session, we will visit the Bullitt Center, the greenest building in the world, take the elevator to the top floor of Seattle’s tallest skyscraper, and dip our toes in the Puget Sound at Alki Beach. Exploring various places throughout Seattle will give us a unique perspective on the city’s history.

Session 3: Cultures
Some of the best food, art, and music in the world can be found right here in the Emerald City. In this session, we will treat ourselves to Seattle’s most popular ice cream, admire the paintings and sculptures at Frye Art Museum, scavenge for the cutting-edge street art throughout Seattle’s Capitol Hill neighborhood, and meet some local musicians. By the end of the session, you’ll be an expert on the culture the city has to offer.
**Film Studies: Hayao Miyazaki’s Anime**

Miyazaki’s films are some of the most popular in contemporary cinema. Global acclaim for his films is undoubtedly due to his beautiful animation. However, his characters and stories speak across cultural borders. In this class, we will look at films reflecting core issues important to Miyazaki such as pollution and the environment, women and gender roles, and socioeconomic differences.

**Gender Exploration**

Do you enjoy painting your nails? Do you like to dress up in a suit? Would you like to try both? Reflect, discuss, and confront society while not being afraid to connect with who you feel you are. Explore stereotypically gendered activities and learn to embrace them while maintaining equal rights. Watch a rom-com and an action movie – celebrate and critique both. Confront, bend, break, and blend gender stereotypes. Whatever your gender identity, let’s explore it.

**Happiness**

Psychologists agree that happiness is a vital key to success. Major universities such as UC Berkeley and Yale teach happiness courses for their students that receive rave reviews. Our class will include activities in mindfulness, mandalas, journaling, gratitude, and giving. We’ll explore the science behind happiness and learn how to incorporate happiness habits into your own life. So, what are you waiting for? Let’s get happy!

**Leadership for Social Justice**

Learn to build relationships as a platform for our leadership development. How can we become better collaborators, better community builders, and better facilitators? Through field trips and guests, along with a variety of fun and engaging activities, this is the perfect place to find tools to “be the change you want to see in the world.”

Intermediate English speaking and writing highly recommended

**Life’s a Game!**

Can life skills and insights into the human condition be learned through board games? In this class, we will explore the techniques needed to be a successful board game player. We’ll Play some of the most popular board games of all time in the United States with others and learn to strategize, cooperate, make deals, and have fun.
We are excited to partner again with the Seattle Architecture Foundation to offer two innovative classes!

**Designing Seattle**
This class will take a look at the transformations happening in Seattle communities through the lens of Seattle’s unique history. Students will learn how the Seattle we know today was created by decisions made decades ago. We will visit neighborhoods, talk with architects, and design models for new buildings and spaces such as parks, houses, stores, libraries and streets. Students will then design and build their own solution to a challenge facing our urban community using cardboard. **$25 materials fee**

**Intro to Architectural Modeling**
In this deep dive into the world of architectural modeling, the class will learn about the use of models in architectural practice, while exploring the many different forms a “model” can take. We will construct a study model out of cardstock and cardboard, learning techniques to communicate the big ideas about your design. We will then build a more detailed presentation model to scale, using balsa wood and other professional modeling materials. **$50 materials fee**
Advanced Recess
Don’t care what you do as long as you can get out and run around? This class is for you! Bringing back old school recess favorites like street hockey and dodgeball, as well as new favorites like ultimate, this class will have you on your feet and out in the summer sun. Requires tennis shoes with non-marking soles.

Basketball
We’ll focus on introducing and developing fundamental basketball skills through a variety of fun drills, games, and scrimmages. You will practice shooting form, dribbling, and passing, as well as offensive and defensive footwork and principles. Requires tennis shoes with non-marking soles.

Fitness Studio
Our fitness class is all about having fun while getting an education about proper exercise technique, strengthening our bodies, and improving our cardiovascular conditioning. We will also learn about current nutrition guidelines and ways to incorporate balanced eating habits and exercise into our daily lives that will help keep us strong, committed and healthy.

NetSports
Enjoy summertime favorites such as volleyball, badminton, and tennis. Practice serving, rallying, and spiking as you challenge each other in teams. Then grab a racquet and practice your swing in badminton and tennis as you pair up in doubles or establish your independence in singles. This class may be held outside, if weather permits. Requires tennis shoes with non-marking soles.

Our sports classes offer campers the opportunity to learn and build camaraderie through active play. Through a variety of sports, exercise, and dance, we will foster health, fitness, and teamwork. Campers should come to class prepared with appropriate attire and footwear.
Ultimate Frisbee
Ultimate is an exciting, non-contact team sport, played by thousands the world over. It mixes the best features of sports such as Soccer, Basketball, American Football and Netball into an elegantly simple yet fascinating and demanding game. Learn tips and techniques for throwing and catching, as well as teamwork and strategy. Depending on interest, we may spend some time playing Disc Golf as well.

Soccer
Build your skills in the world’s favorite sport! We’ll practice standard moves and learn new strategies that we will put into play during scrimmages. This class will be held outside, rain or shine.

Self Defense
Develop the emotional and physical acuity to go from idle to “ready to react.” Drawing from martial arts, including Kali/ Escrima, Aikido, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and Silat, this class will give you the skills and resources to protect yourself in a wide array of situations. We will also explore non-violent personal safety tactics for you to keep handy in your pocket and ready to pull out at a moment’s notice.

Urban Hiking
Often referred to as the Emerald City, Seattle is an urban gem full of hidden natural oases, sweeping vistas, historic landmarks, and amazing art installations. Whether you are a local Seattleite, or new visitor to the city, you will discover that Seattle is best explored by foot. This class is a great opportunity to connect with fellow campers, enjoy the Seattle summer, and discover the physical and mental benefits a simple walk can provide.

Yoga Studio
This class is about exploring flexibility, strength, and relaxation. Practicing yoga postures can create stronger focus, better sleep, and happier people. We will laugh, move, stretch, and breathe while studying proper alignment, anatomy, and how to live in and feel our bodies.
Creative Writing: Poetry Studio
Haiku, rhyme, narrative, and verse. In this class, you will explore poetry as an expression of your personal view of the world. Write sonnets, cinquains, and nursery rhymes as you explore the rhythm and meter of words in English or other languages. Share spoken word and visual poetry with your classmates or the whole camp, and let your inner poet emerge. Must be native English speaker or have intermediate ELL skills.

Creative Writing: Short Stories
In this class, we will learn how to craft stories by thinking about genre and plot structure. We will write several short stories that play with the genre conventions of historical fiction, science fiction, fantasy, children’s literature, and biography. Must be native English speaker or have intermediate ELL skills.

Journalism
Learn how to gather ideas and turn them into a good story. We’ll discuss interviewing tips, sentence structure, and journalism ethics. We’ll then develop content, work on graphic layout and design, and put together a weekly newsletter to share with everyone at camp. Must be native English speaker or have intermediate ELL skills.

Writing: Thriving in Middle School
Going beyond grammar, this class will focus on project-based writing and help students develop research skills necessary for assignments they may encounter during the school year. Must be native English speaker or have Advanced ELL skills. Intended for students ages 10-12.
English Language Learners are welcome to enroll in any of our Summer Camp classes, unless a class is listed as requiring native English proficiency. Below are classes specifically for ELL students who wish to improve their English language skills. Due to the integrative nature of our camp, international campers must have at least one year of English instruction and be able to understand basic instruction.

**Speaking & Conversation – Beginning & Intermediate**

In this class, we will work on pronunciation, enunciation, and projection. Through repeated practice and small-group activities, you will become more at ease in your overall language ability. Campers will be assessed and divided into appropriate levels on the first day of class.

**Beginning Level**

Campers designated as beginners will have had at least one year of English instruction and be able to understand basic inquiries (What is your name? How are you? etc.). The class will focus on expanding vocabulary and building confidence in using English. We will also have an emphasis on listening comprehension so that students are more able to participate in conversation with native speakers.

**Intermediate Level**

Campers designated as intermediate are able to communicate in English, but want to build their conversation and presentation skills. Using English as a bridge, students will interact with classmates to learn about their cultures, habits, expectations, and aspirations. They will then relate what they have learned about each other in classroom presentations, where they will focus on pronunciation skills such as cadence, intonation, stress, and overall fluency.

**Reading & Writing – Beginning & Intermediate**

Through reading, we will develop our English vocabulary. We will then work on expressing your thoughts clearly and eloquently in writing. Our instructors will begin with the basics and guide you through the rules of English composition. Campers will be assessed and divided into appropriate levels on the first day of class.

**Beginning Level**

In this class, students will review phonetics, spelling, and grammar, while also building your vocabulary. We’ll look at creative writing as well as news articles and short stories to find inspiration for our own written pieces.

**Intermediate Level**

Students will spend time reading and writing in multiple genres, including poems and short stories, and practical genres like menus and letters, to help them develop their language skills.
African Drumming
Empathy brings awareness as do drums. Empathy emanates from the heart and mind. Drumming emulates the heartbeat of us all and that rhythm transmits the physical experience of feeling the drums as well as hearing them and moving. Coordination and balanced and graceful movement of the individual transmits and translates to those around us creating a group experience. We will understand each other better, feel connected and therefore will be able to access empathy. We’ll bring the drums, you bring your heart.

Afro-Modern Dance
This dance class is theoretically and technically rooted in dance techniques developed by Katherine Dunham and Lester Horton; two 20th century humanists who used concert dance to bring critical social issues to the stage—encouraging both participant and witness to engage in transformative, inter-cultural artistic discourse. From this ancestral foundation, and using an Afrocentric, community-oriented, polyrhythmic, and polyphonic methodology, we will create dances that enliven and encourage us to express our highest selves through movement, while critically examining societal, environmental, and global issues that we all face today. Some dance experience preferred, but all are welcome!

Capoeira: Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts
Developed by enslaved Africans in Brazil to fight against colonial oppression, this “dance of war” weaves tradition, history, spirituality, and philosophy into a uniquely beautiful art form.

Combining elements of breakdancing and martial arts, with a soundtrack of Brazilian songs and instruments, this class is a great way to gain flexibility and strength while learning how to express yourself through your body.

Improv Theater
Improvisation (or improv) is the ability to make things up on the spot—a skill that comes in handy in many aspects of life! In this class, we will explore the basics of improv through exercises in agreement, commitment, spontaneity, and listening. You will test your creativity as well as build your confidence.

One-Act Plays
Learn the inner workings of the theater world by exploring your creativity through one act plays. We will select the play(s), improvise the set, and put on a performance for our fellow campers. If time allows, we may even develop our own script!
Rhythm and Movement
No previous dance experience and perfect for the person who is willing to try new things. Learn to create expressive and original movement through improvisational exploration to the musical rhythms of jazz, blues, and hip-hop! Through articulated exploration of shape, line, and form the dancer will develop and create dances that are fun, meaningful, and unique. If everyone can walk, everyone can dance! Join us!

Social Dancing 101
No experience necessary, just a desire to have fun with movement! Learn to create fun party dances. Taking our inspiration from the Africanist Go-Go polyrhythms developed in Washington D.C. during the 1960’s, this class will explore the isolated articulations of the body in an improvised setting. You will learn the improvisational art of go-go dancing and create fun and expressive line dances—perfect for social events and “home dancing” with friends and family.

Songwriting for Everyone
Have you always wanted to try writing a song? Here’s the place to give it a try! Learn the art of songwriting through fun games and exercises. We will explore lyrics, melody, phrasing, rhymes, and inspiration. You don’t have to play an instrument. All this class requires is a willingness to tap into and share your creativity.

Vocal Performance Choir
If you love to sing, this class is for you. Experience the joy of singing with other students from around the world. Students will learn vocal development through proper breath control, articulation, ear training, and presentation. Our daily practices will prepare you to share your vocal talents with your fellow campers, instructors, and family members at our final student concert. Come sing, grow, and learn with us!
Computer Animation
In the world of animation, if you can imagine it, you can create it. This is your chance to bring your imagination to life. We’ll learn to express our ideas in pictures and words while discussing storyboarding, scriptwriting, scenic layout, and more.

Creative Math Studio
Explore the fun and creative side of mathematics using Desmos to program your own artistic creations with the use of different types of equations. We will ground our logic through games to guide marble-slides through stars and learn to draw lines, circles, parabolas, exponential functions, and rational expressions.

Digital Music
Learn the basics of navigating GarageBand and constructing rhythms, bass lines, chord progressions and melodies. This project-based lab will have you creating your own music from day 1. You will have the skills you need to learn other programs, and you will never listen to music the same way again!

DIY Chemistry
You can try this at home! Explore the basics of chemistry using common household materials. Explore pH with cabbage juice, make polymers with glue, and generate heat with baking soda. Besides just being fun, home chemistry experiments are a great way to get a jump on understanding fundamental concepts in physical, analytic and inorganic chemistry.

DIY Robots
This class will be about making battery-driven scooting, lurching, and walking machines. We’ll explore electronics and engineering as we discuss the parts necessary to make electricity produce movement. Students will work in teams to construct kinetic artworks.

Hot Rod Workshop
By using batteries and motors for power, we’ll learn to make small-scale drag racing machines! Creativity and ingenuity will be necessary as we convert everyday common materials into fast-moving machines. At the end of the class, students keep their creations!
Human Biology
Why does your heart speed up when you exercise? Why do you need sleep? How does blue light ruin your sleep (including staring at your phone screen at night). We’ll answer these questions and more as we study how the human body functions.

Marine Biology: Our Changing Ecosystems
Marine ecosystems are rapidly changing due to pollution, global warming, and human consumption. In this class, we will study the biodiversity of marine life and how climate change is affecting coral reefs and the pH of the ocean. Taking advantage of our proximity to the Puget Sound, we will use low tide to explore our own shores!

Math: Thriving in Middle School
Whether you’re looking to get a jump start on middle school math or just trying to keep current with your studies, this class will challenge you to ground basic skills in visual models and representations. 
*Intended for students ages 10-12*

Northwest Urban Nature
Wildlife is all around us, even in the heart of the city. Taking advantage of our urban campus, explore the plant and animal life here in our own backyard. Survey the birds and insects that call Seattle home, learn the difference between a maple and an alder, and seek out local green spaces. Experiment with different ways of tracking, surveying, and estimating wildlife populations as you get to know our wild neighbors here in the city.
Physics Lab
When was the last time you questioned natural laws? When you drop something, it falls, right? But if you’ve ever stopped to ask why or how, this class is for you. Conduct simple experiments to see Newton’s laws and thermodynamics in action. Trace the path of electrons through a circuit and measure the strength of a magnet. Find the fun in the fundamentals of physics in this foray into how the universe works.

Scientific Illustration
Take a deeper look at the natural world around you. Learn to capture and understand the detail of scientific drawings and work from the observation of plants and animals to create realistic and beautiful illustrations. $25 materials fee

Sumo Bots
Custom build your own sumo bot! Working in teams, we will create a mechanical structure, decide on an electronic system, and program the robots’ software. With in-class competitions, we’ll continue to refine our creations. Let the battle begin! $50 materials fee

Urban Farm-to-Table
Trace the food we eat from the soil to the plate. Get your hands dirty in The Northwest School’s own Urban Farm and Garden, then wash up and head into the dining room to enjoy the “fruits” of your labor. Explore urban farms and food deserts and discover the ideal soil and water conditions for growing delicious, healthy food in a city.
Ceramics: Functional Pottery
Want to make a new coffee mug for your mom? Perhaps you want a one-of-a-kind cereal bowl. Using coil building and slab work, you will find gratification in creating, from scratch, an item to use in everyday life.

Ceramics: Shaping Sculptures
Take a lump of clay and turn it into art! In this class, we will explore clay-handling techniques as you learn to represent gesture, proportion, mass, structure, and surface form in three dimensions.

Comic Art & Illustration
Build your drawing skills and create your own original comic. In this class, you’ll develop a signature style while learning the art of storytelling through 2D interpretations of action, sound, and expression. $25 materials fee

Creature Creations
Looking for a new friend who is cute and cuddly or scary and weird? You’ve come to the right place! In this class, you will gain the skills needed to sew up your own plush creature creation. We will use recycled fabrics, found objects, and more, to give life to your new pal. The only limit is your creativity. $25 materials fee

Digital Graphic Design: Intro to Illustrator
Learn the basics of Adobe Illustrator, one of the most popular professional design platforms on the market. Through various labs you will manipulate photos, text, lines, and shapes to design and create posters, advertisements, brochures, and even lay out web pages or magazine spreads.
Fashion Studio: 1000 Ways to Transform a T-shirt
There are so many ways to personalize a t-shirt. In this class, we will learn how to alter t-shirts to fit better, cut them in ways to make them extra cute, embellish them with our own designs, and paint on them to create our own textiles, all while using up-cycled t-shirts.
$25 materials fee

Fashion Studio: Re-FABULOUS
Learn how to personalize your style and repurpose found fabrics and thrift-store finds into something cool and uniquely you. Using embellishment and a combination of hand and machine sewing, we will breathe new life into everyday pieces. Create something fabulous for your wardrobe!
$25 materials fee

Filmmaking Studio
Lights, camera, action! Dive into the world of filmmaking by creating, shooting, and editing your very own short film. As a class, you will devise a concept, storyboard, and write a script. We’ll then form a production crew, rotating roles to shoot, direct, and act. Finally, we’ll edit the film together before debuting it at the camp showcase.

Glass Mosaic Studio
In this companion class to our popular Stained Glass Studio, learn the art of cutting and grinding colorful stained glass into a pattern of your choosing. Then, set your glass design into a concrete mold to make a unique stepping-stone or door stop to decorate your home or garden.
$25 materials fee

Introduction to Drawing
Learn techniques to make drawing your favorite form of self-expression. Using a variety of media – graphite, charcoal, ink, and colored pencil – practice observing and capturing the world around you on paper. Create still lifes, landscapes, animal sketches, and self-portraits as you build basic drawing skills.
$25 materials fee
Jewelry Making Studio
Fashion unique, wearable works of art. Start with learning general tools of the trade: chain nose and needle nose pliers, jump rings and wire cutters. Then add various findings and clasps to make bracelets, earrings, pins, necklaces and rings. Use polymer clay, assorted beads, colored wire and paper quill to create multiple pieces of your own design.
$25 materials fee

Painting Studio: Acrylics
Both painting studio classes will explore fundamental concepts with paint and brush. In acrylics, campers will focus on color theory, brush handling and composition. We will draw inspiration from still life, the natural landscape, and our own imaginations! We will work predominantly in acrylic paint on canvas paper, canvas board and stretched canvas.
$25 materials fee

Painting Studio: Watercolor
Both painting studio classes will explore fundamental concepts with paint and brush. In watercolor, we will emphasize painting richly colored works, rather than washed-out “watery” pictures. Campers will create both abstract and carefully observed realistic images. We will focus on water-soluble media including watercolor, ink and aquarelle pencils.
$25 materials fee

Photography: Digital Lab
Get to know the language of professional digital photography. Spend time outside taking pictures, and then move into the lab to transform the images with Adobe® Photoshop®. Practice finding a good photo wherever you are, regardless of your environment. Then, make subtle changes to make it that much better or completely change the look of your photo. We recommend bringing your own, but digital cameras are available for in-class use. $25 materials fee
Visual Arts

Photography: Going Old-School!
Learn photography the old-school way! With your own 35mm manual camera, or using one of ours, you will master the basic camera functions and develop your photos in our professional dark room. $25 materials fee

Photography: Black and White Darkroom Workshop
Take your film photography skills to the next level. In addition to mastering a 35mm manual camera, and developing your own photos, you will also process your own film. Spend extended time seeking out that amazing shot, and then complete each step up to having a photo print in your hand to take home.
This class is two periods. You must register for both period 3 and 4. $25 materials fee

Printmaking Studio
This class is all about the art of multiples! We will go through the process of designing, creating, and running our own prints on paper and on fabric, using block printing, screen printing, and other techniques. $25 materials fee

Stained Glass Studio
Learn to design magnificent pieces under the instruction of a professional stained-glass artist. Choose from a variety of patterns, cut and grind glass shapes, work with lead-free solder, and create a one-of-a-kind piece that will fill any space with color and light. $25 materials fee
Camp + Ambassador = Campbassador

We are seeking energetic high school interns interested in being the official student leaders of The Northwest School Summer Camp, enthusiastically providing outreach to all campers in fun and innovative ways.

Who You Are
- Rising sophomore, junior, or senior
- Comfortable with public speaking and leadership
- Able to work collaboratively in a team
- Have interest in other cultures and languages
- Enjoy working with kids
- Available for training dates and at least one session of camp

What You’ll Do
- Train for this role June 30 – July 2
- Serve as a student role model
- Design and run Midday Activities
- Provide teaching assistance in camp classes
- Photograph the camp and provide social media content
- Assist with camp administration, including organizing and running Showcase (final presentations of class projects)

What You’ll Gain
- Internship/volunteer hours
- Leadership experience to put on your college résumé
- Connections with people from around the world
- Lifelong memories

Apply online today! northwestschool.org/summercamp/campbassador

Priority will be given to applications received by April 15. Those received after this date will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Final candidates will interview with the Summer Camp Director.

Please note that this is an unpaid internship. Service hours are available. With a two-week commitment (one session of camp) plus time spent at orientation/training, you will earn approximately 100 service hours.
How to Register

Registration begins February 3, 2020, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Register Online:
northwestschool.org/our-programs/summer-camp/registration.

A $100, nonrefundable deposit, per session, per camper, holds your registration. Full payment is due June 1, 2020. Payment can be made via:
• Credit Card
• Bank Transfer
• Check or Money Order
• Cash on site

Questions? Call us: 206–816–6070 or email: nwssummer@northwestschool.org

Cancellations & Refunds

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to the Summer Camp Director, Leilani Nussman, at Leilani.Nussman@northwestschool.org.

• Registration deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

• Cancellations made:
  • Before June 1 will receive a full refund, less the deposit
  • After June 1, but more than two weeks prior to camp, will receive 50% refund
  • Less than two weeks prior to camp is Non-refundable

• Material fees, Airport Transportation fees, and Medical Insurance fees are not refundable if cancelled less than two weeks prior to the start of the camp session.

• International campers needing visas to enter the U.S. will receive a full refund (less the deposit) if their visas are denied, regardless of the date. We may ask for written proof of the denial.

Financial Aid

The Northwest School awards financial aid based on the demonstrated need of the family.

Aid is available for Full Day or Half Day registrations (no aid for Boarding). Because funding is limited and we wish to provide aid to as many people as possible, we ask that you limit your request to one session of camp.

How to Apply

Please download the Financial Aid application from our website: northwestschool.org/our-programs/summer-camp/financial-aid-and-payment

All applications for aid are due to the Summer Camp Office by April 15. Applications after this date will be reviewed on a rolling basis as long as funds are available.

If you are a current or incoming NWS family who will be receiving aid for the 2020–2021 academic year, we will prorate summer tuition at the same percentage as you receive for the academic year. You do need to complete and submit the summer camp financial aid application by the April 15 deadline. Inquiries after this date will be reviewed on a rolling basis as long as funds are available.

Program Director

Please contact Leilani Nussman, Summer Camp Director, with questions at Leilani.Nussman@northwestschool.org or 206–816–6211.

Location

The Northwest School Summer Camp is held at both The Northwest School (NWS) main building, located at 1415 Summit Ave, and our recreational facilities located at 401 E. Pike. Many classes will also include off-site field trips: NWS will provide all transportation for class trips.

Non-discrimination Policy

The Northwest School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability, use of service animals, national or ethnic origin, or any other trait or characteristic protected by law in admission of otherwise qualified students; in providing access to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at The Northwest School; or in its administration of educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid, athletics, and other school-administered programs.
Dormitory Facilities
Boarding students will be housed in the NWS dormitory. Boarding is available to all Full Day campers, ages 12 – 16. All meals are provided in addition to evening and weekend activities and excursions. We offer internet access, laundry facilities, and 24-hour security. Campers will be assigned a roommate of the same gender, similar age, and, when possible, of a different nationality.

Boarding students may check in starting at noon on the Sunday before the start of their camp session and check out by 9:00 AM on the Saturday after their camp session ends. We appreciate families letting us know the approximate time their child will be arriving/departing the dorms.

Dorm Visiting Hours
We have a full schedule of activities and are often away from the dorm for meals and field trips. If you need to see your child for any reason, please call the dorm to arrange a time to visit: 206-623-0522. Visits should be arranged around scheduled activities and curfews. We cannot adjust activity times to accommodate visits. All parents must leave the dorm by 9:30pm.

Visa for International Students
International campers do NOT need a student visa. Because the Summer Camp is a recreational activity, we do not issue I-20s or invitation letters for campers. If you are from a country NOT on the Visa Waiver Program, you will need a tourist visa to enter the United States. Please check with your local embassy for instructions on obtaining a tourist visa. We recommend starting the visa process as early as possible due to the increase in visa applications leading up to summer.

Airport Transportation
Airport transportation is available upon request for boarding students only. The fee is $100 each way and will be charged at the time of registration. Families must select this service during the registration process and provide us flight information at least three weeks prior. Unaccompanied minor service must be arranged and paid with your airline in advance if applicable. We will provide pick-up and drop-off information for UAM at least one week prior to your flight.

Class Size
In order to provide for ample individual attention, enrollment is limited to 8 – 12 students per class. Maximum numbers will depend on the specific class. Instructors may also make exceptions at their discretion and in consultation with the Summer Camp Director.

Camper Conduct
Campers are expected to contribute to a healthy and collaborative atmosphere of respect for themselves, others, and the environment. If your child displays aggressive or disruptive behavior or leaves campus without permission, we will ask you to remove your child from the program for the rest of the day. After discussing the situation with the guardian, NWS faculty will determine if your child may return. There is no refund for any student removed from the Summer Camp due to behavioral problems. The Northwest School is a tobacco-, alcohol- and drug-free campus. Those who break these rules will be asked to leave the program. Campers’ parents and/or guardians are responsible for any damage or misconduct by their student, and are responsible for any travel charges incurred as a result of dismissal from the program.

Personal Property
The Northwest School is unable to insure personal property, including equipment used in classes such as digital cameras. Campers, faculty, and guests absolve The Northwest School for all responsibility of any theft, loss, or damage to their personal property.

Lunch/ Snacks
We will offer a fresh and nutritious lunch prepared daily by our professional kitchen faculty. Each lunch will have vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free options. If your camper has any dietary needs, please contact the summer camp office so that we can notify the kitchen. You may also pack a lunch and/or snacks for your child, but please note that we are a nut-free facility.

Sign-in/Sign-out
Full Day and Half Day AM campers may be dropped off between 8:30 - 9:00am. Those arriving after this time must sign in at the Summer Camp Office before proceeding to their class. Half Day AM campers must sign out in the Summer Camp Office before departing for the day, and Half Day PM campers must sign in prior to attending their Period 3 class. Please contact the Summer Camp Office to inform us of tardiness or absences: 206-816-6070. All campers must be picked up by 4:30.

Showcase
On the last day of each session (i.e. July 17, July 31, and August 14), we will hold an art walk and showcase to present all the terrific projects the campers have worked on. We will announce the exact schedule closer to the date, but generally, family and friends are invited to campus in the afternoon to celebrate the campers’ accomplishments.