



CAMP OVERVIEW

About Summer At Emerson

Summer at Emerson is open to all children regardless of which school they attend. We offer seven individual weeks of half-day camps and full-day camps for children who have completed grades K-8 during the 2025-2026 school year. Morning (9:00 AM-12:00 PM) and afternoon (1:00 PM-4:00 PM) camps can be selected during the same week to enjoy a full day of fun. Feel free to mix and match your half-day camps and enroll in as many as you like! *Note: Any child who attends Young Fives during the 2025-2026 school year and is enrolling in Kindergarten in the 2026-2027 school year is not yet eligible to attend Summer at Emerson.*

Facilities & Staff

Emerson School is located just ten minutes southwest of downtown Ann Arbor in a beautiful, twenty acre, rural setting. The air-conditioned classrooms, technology labs, Performing Arts Theater, and gymnasium, as well as the outdoor sports fields and nature areas will be fully utilized throughout the summer. All camps are designed and run by a professional staff of caring and experienced instructors and counselors. *Summer at Emerson* is fully licensed by the State of Michigan as a child care provider, and the majority of our staff members are CPR and First Aid certified.

Leadership

Carly Meloche, *Summer at Emerson Director*

Catherine Audette, *Summer at Emerson Associate Director*

Camp Location



5425 Scio Church Road

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Contact and Information

Call or Text: (734) 660-5108

Email: summer@emerson-school.org

Website: www.Emerson-School.org/Summer





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Camp Dates

- Week 1: June 15-19
- Week 2: June 22-26
- *OFF: June 29-July 3
- Week 3: July 6-10
- Week 4: July 13-17
- Week 5: July 20-24
- Week 6: July 27-31
- Week 7: August 3-7
- Dog Days of Summer (Emerson Students Only): August 10-14

* Please note that no camps or activities will be available during the week of June 29-July 3; *Summer at Emerson* is closed this week.

Camp Hours

Morning Camp: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Lunch Hour: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Afternoon Camp: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Full-Day Camp: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Child Care Hours

Morning Care: 8:00 AM-9:00 AM

After Care: 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Child care is available on a drop-in basis, billed at the rate of \$11.50 per hour.

Camp Fees

Half-Day Camps: \$195-\$295

Full-Day Camps: \$340-\$460

Grade Levels

All camps are designed for students completing grades specified in the camp description during the 2025-2026 school year. Grade levels are set by our instructors and will not be altered.





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Abrakadoodle

Emerson is thrilled to bring back Abrakadoodle every week this summer! Abrakadoodle brings art to kids in schools and community sites through their mobile art program. They provide well-trained teachers who help inspire kids to immerse themselves in learning and creating art—sometimes getting messy, but always having a blast!



Before And After Camp Child Care

Child care is available before and after camp on a drop-in basis each day. Before-camp child care runs 8:00 AM-9:00 AM for \$11.50/day. After-camp child care runs 4:00 PM-6:00 PM for \$11.50/hour. There is a strict \$5/minute per child late fee for all campers picked up after 6:00 PM. Child care charges are billed to your camp account at the end of each week. *Note: If your child arrives before 8:50 AM or is picked up after 4:10 PM, you will be charged for child care.*

Lunch And Recess

Our lunch period (12:00 PM-1:00 PM) includes supervised lunch and outdoor recess time. This hour is provided free of charge for campers attending a full day of camp. If you would like your half-day camper to attend our lunch period either after their morning camp or before their afternoon camp, please email us directly so that we are aware. This extra time will then be added at \$12/day, and your account will be billed at the end of that week. *Note: If your child attends half-day camp and is picked up after 12:10 PM or arrives before 12:50 PM, you will be charged for child care.*

Snacks

Daily snacks are provided by *Summer at Emerson* for each morning and afternoon camp. The snack schedule—with allergen information—is posted each week near the sign-in area for all campers and parents to review. Typical snacks may include popcorn, pretzels, fruit snacks, Pop Chips, Lorna Doone cookies, Pirate's Booty, Sun Chips, Cheez-Its, Chex Mix, Gartettos, and Goldfish Crackers. All snacks will be individually packaged for safety purposes. We will happily find a replacement snack for campers with food allergies but not for finicky eaters. Campers are always welcome to bring snacks from home.



Playground Reconstruction

This summer, Emerson's playground will undergo a massive renovation. This means that many of our usual play structures and other outdoor features will be off-limits to campers. However, we will plan on holding all recess and unstructured outdoor activities on our front fields this season. We will have many supplies available for campers to play with, such as multiple types of sports balls, hula hoops, bubbles, and other recreational items. More information regarding these changes will be communicated closer to the start of camp. We are very excited about these updates and the excitement they will bring to future campers starting next year!



REGISTRATION

Registration & Payment

Online registration for all *Summer at Emerson* camps will open to the public at 7:00 PM EST on Monday, February 2nd, 2026. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per camp plus a one-time registration fee of \$15 per camper is required at time of registration. We accept payment through electronic funds transfer, VISA, and MasterCard. All balances are due by May 1st, 2026. If camps are added after May 1st, payment in full is required at time of registration. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks and an \$8 fee for ACH errors. Camp registration confirmation will be emailed immediately after payment is processed.

Pricing

Each year, our camps undergo a series of extensive cost analyses. We establish our rates based on specific camp supply needs, half day structures versus full day structures, and staffing requirements. We make a concentrated effort to ensure that our camp prices are fair and reasonable based on these listed factors as well as other considerations which might arise with each new summer season.

Registration System

When registering for camps, it is possible that you may experience some delays with our system. Please note that this temporary issue is due to buffering, clock synchronization, and an overwhelming number of people trying to register at the exact same time. In the past, this delay has lasted no more than sixty seconds. Please continue to refresh your page, and we will do all that we can to ensure a smooth registration period.

Early Registration for Emerson Families

Emerson families have the opportunity to register for camps prior to the public registration date. A password will be shared with the Emerson community in order to access these camps early. We ask Emerson families to please keep this password confidential. ***Any families outside of the Emerson community who use this password and attempt to register early will immediately be removed from camps.*** Thank you for respecting this special privilege for those students who attend Emerson during the school year.

Online Registration

Signing up for our camps continues to be a fast, safe, and simple process through our online registration portal powered by UltraCamp. If you are a returning family, your login and password remain the same as previous years. There is a link to retrieve this information on the main page if you need it. For new families, simply go online to set up your account.

1. Visit emerson-school.org/summer/ or choose 'Summer Programs' from under the 'About Us' tab on the main page of the Emerson School website.
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on the 'Register Here' link.
3. Click on 'New User' and follow the on-screen steps.

Helpful Tips for Online Registration:

- Have your child's health and emergency information available as this is required for all campers or complete your child's health form before the registration period begins.
- To secure your child's spot in camp, a non-refundable deposit of \$25 per camp plus a one-time registration fee of \$15 per camper is required at time of registration.
- Payments are accepted in the form of electronic check, VISA, or MasterCard.
- Balances for all camps are due by May 1st, 2026.
- If you have any questions, please email, call, or text: summer@emerson-school.org or 734-660-5108.

Camp Withdrawals

Remaining balances will be refunded for withdrawals made **before** May 1st, 2026. Those who withdraw **after** May 1st, 2026 are responsible for the full fee and refunds will not be processed. Exceptions will only be considered for medical circumstances with a doctor's note.

Camp Cancellation

Summer at Emerson reserves the right to cancel any camp if minimum enrollment is not met. If this is the case, you will be notified via email. Deposits for canceled camps will be applied toward your balance or refunded. Every effort is made to avoid this possibility.

Waiting Lists

Since many camps fill quickly, we recommend registering as soon as possible. Once a camp is full, you may choose to join the online waiting list. There is no deposit to join a waiting list, and you will be notified via email if a spot becomes available.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Our goal at *Summer at Emerson* is for every camper to enjoy their experience at camp. If your child has any special considerations or accommodations which may help ease their transition into camp, please share this information with us during the registration process or by contacting the Summer Director at summer@emerson-school.org. This confidential information will only be shared with staff members in direct contact with your child on an as-needed basis. We strive to get to know each camper and to make them comfortable with us. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Health Form

Your child's health information is required to register for any camp at *Summer at Emerson*. Health information, including insurance information, will be collected online. You are welcome to complete your child's health form before registration opens in order to save time. Simply go to the menu options on the main page of your account, click 'Document Center,' and select 'Health Form 2026.' There, you can complete the form. Please note if your child has any allergies, medically-necessary dietary restrictions, or a need to take medication while at camp.

Medication

Campers who require medication during camp hours must have a completed Medication Authorization Form on file (found in our Document Center online). Prescription medications require a physician's signature, and all medications must be submitted to the Summer Office in their original containers. No camper may be in possession of any medications. Medication will remain in the Summer Medical Office and dispensed to campers as needed. This includes emergency medication for allergic reactions, prescription medications, and over-the-counter medications. Our Summer Nurse, Lauren Vemuri, will collect any necessary camper medications and forms on the Monday morning of each new week of camp.

Illness Policy

If a child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher and/or has vomited within the last 24 hours, they are not permitted to come to *Summer at Emerson*. If a child has a fever or vomits while at *Summer at Emerson*, we will contact parents immediately for pick up. If a child is not feeling well or is injured while in our care, we will also contact parents to alert them of the situation.

Additionally, here is our policy in the event that your camper has an upper respiratory illness:

With **any** respiratory illness, we encourage your camper to take care of themselves and others by following these steps:

- Staying up to date on vaccines
- Practicing good hygiene (wash your hands, cover you cough, get plenty of sleep)
- Using air filters, opening windows when possible, and taking activities outdoors
- Staying home when sick and returning only when:
 - Your child is fever free ($T < 100.4$) for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - There is no fever present, symptoms have greatly improved, and your child is feeling well enough to return to camp.

Additional prevention strategies for 5 days after your return to camp can include masking, testing, and distancing.



POLICIES & PROTOCOLS

Drop-Off And Pick-Up

Every day, a parent or guardian must walk each camper into the building and sign them in electronically on an iPad at our sign-in station with their personalized identification number (PIN). Each adult that is authorized to pick up a camper will have a four digit PIN assigned to them. These numbers will be emailed out to all families the week before your child attends camp. If you need to add another person as an authorized pick-up for your child, email the Summer Director at summer@emerson-school.org and that person will be assigned their own PIN. At the end of each day of camp, a parent or guardian must use their PIN to sign out their child on an iPad and pick up their camper(s). No camper will be permitted to leave the camp without an authorized adult. Please do not share your PIN with anyone that is not officially authorized to pick up your child.

Electronics

Campers should not bring electronics with them to camp. Video games, laptops, cell phones, and cameras are not allowed. The only exception to this is when needed specifically for a certain camp. In those cases, electronic devices can be used during camp time **only** and then stored away in their locker or in the *Summer at Emerson* office. Electronic devices are not to be used at recess or in before or after camp child care.

Screen Time & Media

We believe that the best camp experiences happen away from screens while kids are engaging with their fellow campers both indoors and outdoors. With this in mind, we strongly discourage excessive screen time in our camps. If an instructor wishes to show any type of visual media (movies, television, YouTube videos, etc), it must be pre-approved by the Summer Director in writing. We strive to make sure that any media shown pertains specifically to camp content and is no longer than 10-15 minutes. **Note:** *Exceptions may be made for rainy days when recess and/or before and after camp child care takes place inside. In these circumstances, age appropriate movies with a 'G' or 'PG' family rating may be shown with the approval of the Summer Director.*

Personal Belongings

Summer at Emerson is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen belongings. We highly recommend that campers do not bring valuable items with them to camp, even if those items are kept in their locker throughout the day. If a camper chooses to bring personal belongings with them to camp, it is their responsibility to keep track of them.

Sunscreen

Please apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive at camp. If a second application is needed, please provide sunscreen that is clearly marked with your child's full name to the Summer Office. We highly recommend bringing spray sunscreens. We will remind campers to reapply sunscreen after lunch before going out for recess. A sunscreen application waiver must be completed online at the time of registration before we can assist your child. *Summer at Emerson* cannot supply sunscreen for any camper.

Photography

During camp, your child's photograph may be taken and possibly used in future *Summer at Emerson* publications, social media promotions, or advertisements. It is our policy not to publish children's names with their photos. Please contact the Summer Director in writing prior to your child attending camp if you do not want your child photographed.

Birthday Treats

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at camp, please contact the Summer Director at least one week in advance to coordinate with your child's instructor(s). In order to be inclusive and to help keep our camp as safe as possible, we celebrate birthdays at *Summer at Emerson* with non-food treats. Some ideas include Play-Doh, erasers, small toys, books, stickers, and bubbles.

Family Pets

Due to campers' allergies and fears, pets are not permitted in the building when dropping off or picking up your child at *Summer at Emerson*.