

WEEK 2

Cranbrook STEM Camp

THE STEM SCOOP

2019



Our Week in Focus

Welcome to the second week of STEM Camp! This week we will be focusing on Techno Threads (Grades 6-8) and Ecosystems (Grades 3-5). Our 6th-8th graders will be learning about E-textiles, circuitry, and fiber optics. Our 3rd-5th graders will become detectives as they learn about science of the natural world. Our staff has been preparing engaging lessons and projects aligned with our MIT curriculum as well as preparing a fun and engaging learning environment to welcome your child into our camp community. We are looking forward to an exciting, STEM-filled week of camp!

A Day in the Life of a STEM Camper

8:45 - 9:00 ~ Drop-off (Address: 1060 Vaughn Road)
9:00 - 9:15 ~ Morning Meeting & New Camper Orientation
9:15 - 9:45 ~ Ice-breakers & Community Building Activities
9:45 - 10:05 ~ Lesson one
10:05 - 10:15 ~ Snack & Free Play Outside
10:15 - 11:15 ~ Begin First Project
11:15 - 11:40 ~ Lunch
12:00 - 12:45 ~ Lesson Two/Swim (Tues./Thurs.)
12:55 - 1:55 ~ Continue Working on Project
1:55 - 2:20 ~ Snack & Free Play Outside
2:20 - 2:45 ~ Camper Recognition
2:45 - 3:00 ~ Pick-up (Showcase on Friday)



Meet Our Staff

Camp Administration

Director: Alessandra Aprea

"Hello! This will be my second year with Cranbrook's STEM Camp. I was an Instructor last Summer and I'm excited to take on my new role as the Director. I have a Bachelor's degree from Oakland University in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Integrated Science and will be teaching in Rochester Community Schools in the Fall. STEM Education is a passion of mine and I can't wait to see that passion thrive within our camp this Summer!"

Assistant Director: Victoria Kendziora

Victoria has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Oakland University. She currently works for Chippewa Valley Schools and is excited to spend the Summer as part of Cranbrook's STEM Camp.

Office Administrator: Rebecca Darmetko

"I am a current student at the University of Wisconsin - Madison studying education policy and political science. I am also lucky enough to work for athletics as an Event Staff Representative for Guest Services at sporting events in the evening and a tour guide for our facilities in the day. Don't be afraid to pop in and say hello, I enjoy talking and assisting with whatever might be on your mind."

Camp Instructors

Lakesha Williams: "I look forward to working with this exceptional group of students. I graduated from Grand Canyon University with a Master of Elementary Education degree. Also, I am pursuing my Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership with an Emphasis in K-12 Leadership at Grand Canyon University. I currently teach 2nd-grade at a charter school in Harper Woods Michigan. This is my second year teaching STEM at Cranbrook."

Brittnay Bond: "Hello! My name is Brittnay Bond. I will be your child's Summer STEM Camp Instructor. I graduated from Oakland University in December 2018. I currently teach 3rd grade in Hazel Park. I have always had a passion for science, and for educating children. I'm very excited for this opportunity! When I'm not in the classroom, I love to be outdoors by the pool or on the lake with my dog Zoe!"

Morgan Clark: "Hello everyone! My name is Morgan Clark and I'm excited to be re-joining the STEM Camp family for my second year as an instructor! I am currently studying Secondary English and Social Studies Education at Central Michigan University. I also have minors in History and Leadership. I have a long history of both summer camp and teaching experience and I'm so excited to begin another great summer!"

Camp Counselors

Rebecca Schroeder: Rebecca is currently studying Chemical Engineering at the University of Michigan. She will be entering her junior year in the fall. Since she was young, she has loved all things STEM and cannot wait to share that passion with the campers. Her experiences with high level science and mathematics courses throughout high school and the beginning of her college career have helped her develop the critical thinking and technical skills that she hopes to teach others.

Anabel Sicko: "I'm a rising sophomore at the University of Michigan studying environmental engineering. My passion for STEM comes from my experience on my high school's competitive robotics team. In the past, I've volunteered as a coach for elementary and middle school robotics teams and been a counselor-in-training at Camp Kesem. In my free time, I love to cook, read, and play sudoku."

Malik Salman: Malik will be an incoming freshman at the University of Michigan this Fall. He intends to pursue a BSE Material Science and Engineering with a minor in Physics. As part of the MRADS program at the U of M, he hopes to complete research in one of these fields. He has experience tutoring and babysitting kids between the ages of five and seven and previously held a Counselor in Training position at Camp Tannadoonah in Cass County, Michigan. Passionate about working with kids and sharing his knowledge of STEM, Malik is looking forward to a fun-filled and curiosity-satisfying summer at Cranbrook Camps.

Ciarra Potapa: My name is Ciarra Potapa and I am working towards my Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering at Michigan State University. I am currently involved with Women in Engineering (WIE) and Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE), both organizations volunteer within the community to assist those interested in these fields and celebrate diversity within STEM field. In the past, I have tutored at Kumon tutoring center, where children's schoolwork was supplemented, either to get ahead in school or overcome obstacles. Typically working with children from the ages of four to ten. Additionally, I have privately tutored in a multitude of math subjects; from basic arithmetic to calculus. I am excited to extend my knowledge and love for STEM in order to enrich the lives of all.

Emma Pickett: Emma will be an incoming freshmen at the University of Michigan this Fall where she will be pursuing a degree in Engineering. Emma has experience working in a camp setting as a counselor at Marquis Theatre and we are looking forward to her joining Cranbrook this Summer.