

2024 Uni High Summer Enrichment Camp Descriptions

Week 1 AM: June 3-7

Marketing 101 – Joel Beesley, Uni High Computer Science Teacher

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Summer Sports – Jon Deedrick, Leroy High School P.E. Teacher

Campers of all abilities will have fun playing field sports throughout the week. A different sport will be covered each day. Campers will play ultimate frisbee, badminton, volleyball and more. Throughout the week campers will learn the importance of teamwork, build confidence, and have fun!

Slime, Ooze, Ooblick and Disgusting Stuff – Amy Han, Uni High Counselor

Do you like to get messy?? SOODS is not a class for the neat and clean people! We will explore various concoctions of slime and find different recipes for Ooblick. If you want to explore the textures of butter slime and experiment with how to get the perfect cloud dough, this class is for you. We will make sure every camper has a messy and undignified experience.

UIUC Connections – Kristi Deedrick, Uni High Counselor

In this field trip based class, we will partner with departments on campus to learn about different job opportunities on UIUC campus. We will learn about all the different kinds of jobs that make a big campus operate and do hands on activities to learn about each department/career. Examples of sites visited in the past included: VetMed, WILL, Power Plant, Dept of Ed, Engineering, and more. (Limit to 10)

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Randolph Street Community Garden – Amy Han, Uni High Counselor

It takes a village to raise a garden. Spend the afternoon at Randolph Street Community Garden helping Ms. Blackman weed, plant, water, paint, organize, fertilize, and flourish. The Community Garden is not only an area to plant flowers and veggies but an integral part of our Champaign community. Many events happen at this garden throughout the summer, and it takes volunteers to keep it in tip top shape to nourish the life in our community. This class will be a full afternoon session. (Limit to 14.)

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How to Change the World: Civics 101 – Melissa Schoepflein, Uni High Social Studies Teacher

In this class, students will learn how to be engaged citizens! We'll learn about how our government works and how kids can voice their concern about topics they care about (e.g., pollution, more recess). The class will consist of several interactive activities, including a "take a stand" activity, a poster design, speeches, and a simulation. Students will come away with a tool kit for changing the world!

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Embracing Nature – Amy Han, Uni High Counselor

Appreciating and enjoying nature is an important part of our social emotional health. This class will visit various nature sites/parks off-campus and explore using mindfulness, games, and group activities to embrace the beauty of the world around us.

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Intro to Portuguese and Brazilian Culture – Raquel Goebel, University of Illinois Portuguese Instructor

This program will provide students with the opportunity to learn some basic vocabulary in Portuguese and explore the diverse culture of Brazil. From carrying on small conversations to tasting some traditional Brazilian treats, by the end of the week, students will have a greater understanding of what makes Portuguese such a valuable addition to one's language repertoire.