



BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

**2025 SUMMER
EXPLORATIONS**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATIONS

Summer Explorations courses will be held at **Overland Trail Middle School**, 6201 W 133rd Street Overland Park, KS 66209

Summer Environmental Workshop courses will be held at **Blue Valley Wilderness Science Center**, located behind **Blue Valley Middle School**, 5001 W 163rd Terrace Overland Park, KS 66085

SUMMER PROGRAM DATES & TIMES

Summer Explorations courses are offered in three (3) different sessions and will run from 8:45 – 11:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Session 1: June 2-5

Session 2: June 9-12

Session 3: June 23-26

*Please note that we will **not** be having a session the week of June 16-19*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for summer programs opens on March 25, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. and will close on April 7, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. For additional information about these courses, please contact Terrie Farrell at 913-239-4246.

Be sure to have course numbers when you register. Please use [Blue Valley ParentVUE](#) to register students for courses. Additional information for registering is included at the end of this packet.

Students enroll for the grade they will enter in the fall of 2025.

The payment window will open on April 10, 2025 and will close on May 1, 2025.

ATTENDANCE

Any student who will miss more than two (2) days of class should not enroll. Students will be dropped from the roster after two (2) missed classes and will not be eligible for a refund. Any cancellations after the fee payment due date may result in an administrative fee.

OTHER INFORMATION

Summer programs are financially supported through student tuition. Registration is not complete until payment is received. Payments are made **after** the registration window closes. Students with outstanding fees may be removed from class rosters beginning on May 2, 2025. Fees are not adjusted for free/reduced lunch status.

Programs may have wait-lists based on content, facilities, equipment, and teacher availability. For additional information about the wait lists, contact Terrie Farrell at 913-239-4246.

All courses are contingent on the minimum enrollment (eight students) and availability of staffing.

HEALTH CONCERNS

A school nurse will be available in the building if your student needs medical attention. Please refer to the district guidelines for [2024 Disease and Symptom Exclusion Recommendations/Regulations](#) on the Blue Valley website for more details.

CLOSED/CANCELED COURSES

Updated March 28, 2025

If you register for a class that gets canceled due to lack of enrollment you will be notified and given the opportunity to select a different course if there is one of interest.

Closed classes are those that have reached their registration capacity; students placed on a waitlist may be offered a spot after the payment window has closed.

Canceled classes are those that are no longer being offered.

NOTE: CLOSED/CANCELED is noted next to the Course # under the Course Description.

To request a student be placed on the waiting list for a closed course, please contact Terrie Farrell at tfarrell@bluevalleyk12.org or call 913-239-4246. In the message, be sure to include the course title, course number, student's full name, and a contact number to reach you.

| Course Title | Course Number | Session |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Frosting Frenzy | ESXP739 | Session 1 – June 2-5 |
| Plushie Pals Workshop | ESXP919 | Session 3 – June 23-26 |
| Sculpture Wonders | ESXP928 | Session 3 – June 23-26 |

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Adventures in Dungeons and Dragons *(same class was offered last year)*

Is your child a lover of the fantasy genre? Do they love dragons, dwarves, and magic? In this course, your child will work collaboratively to solve problems creatively and intuitively with their group. They will flex their basic math skills and will be challenged to organize their inventories appropriately. Students will embark on an epic quest together. No adventurer gets left behind in this campaign. They will succeed or fail as a group. Come, Adventurers! Ready yourselves! Your quest is nigh, and the horizon awaits for you to heed the Adventurer's call!

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP834**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP835**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP836**

Breakout of Summer Boredom! *(same class was offered last year)*

Does your student love working with a team to solve a problem? Then this is the summer adventure for them! Each day, we will work together using the Breakout EDU breakout boxes to uncover and decode different clues, solve puzzles, and unlock the mysteries of the day. The students will use both the hands-on boxes and digital breakout activities to enhance their problem-solving skills, engage their learning, and boost their confidence in solving the puzzles with their peers.

Grade level: 4-6

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP627**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP628**

BREAKOUT of the Classroom!

This class encourages students to think creatively and solve complex challenges through breakout activities. Students will work independently and collaboratively to solve digital and hands-on escape room type activities. They will tackle puzzles, math problems, find patterns, and explore solutions in a fun environment.

Grade level: 3-5

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP837**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP838**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP839**

Bricks to Brainpower

Welcome to Bricks to Brainpower – a place where kids become amazing builders, creative thinkers, and problem solvers! In this class, students will have tons of fun with LEGOS while learning cool STEM skills, such as building super-fast race car ramps, designing strong bridges, or other exciting challenges that test their imagination and teamwork. With the magic of LEGOS, create, learn, and explore in a fun and exciting way. Let's build, invent, and discover – one LEGO brick at a time!

Grade level: 3-6

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP840**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP841**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP842**

BV Olympic Games

At the Blue Valley Summer Olympic Games, teams of students will create a country and a flag, participate in the Olympic opening ceremonies, play multiple Olympic-themed games, and see who comes out victorious!

Grade level: 3-5

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP843**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP845**

Cardboard Constructions *(same class was offered last year)*

Join this class to build large and small sculptures out of cardboard. We will be constructing dream homes that are the perfect size for pets, fantastic large masks, and other construction challenges. Students will learn cardboard building techniques to help them construct, add texture, and have fun!

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP720**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP721**

Cardboard Creations

Students will put their creative skills to the test with a week of cardboard creations. We will be creating carnival games, balloon cars, art exhibits, dream houses, and more during this fun week of cardboard creations!

Grade level: 3-5

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP846**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP847**

Catan Academy: Building Civilizations & Stories

Embark on a journey to build, trade, and reign in the world of Catan! In this interactive course, students will develop skills in strategy, negotiation, and storytelling through the award-winning board game, The Settlers of Catan. Beyond gameplay, students will craft unique settler backstories and explore the historical challenges of building civilizations. Blending English Language Arts and History, this course offers a hands-on exploration of themes like resource management, teamwork, and community building. Sessions include interactive gameplay, creative writing, and discussions connecting historical events to Catan strategies. Whether you're passionate about games, history, or writing, Catan Academy promises to inspire and challenge!

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP849**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP850**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP851**

Cool Colors & Fizz – Hands on Science

Cool Colors & Fizz is a hands-on science experience where students perform labs with household chemicals with changing colors and fizzing volcanoes. They will explore the underlying chemistry and then make products like invisible ink, bath bombs, tie dye, and slime.

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP852**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP853**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP854**

Crafty Yoga Kids *(same class was offered last year)*

In this fun-filled camp, kids will:

- Flow through playful, age-appropriate yoga poses to relax their minds and release their wiggles.
- Craft personalized mindfulness tools to help manage emotions and find their calm.
- Explore powerful techniques for navigating big emotions and tackling life's daily challenges.

Through movement, creativity, and group activities, kids will build confidence, learn to self-regulate, and discover how to use their breath as a superpower. The world may feel big and overwhelming at times, but together, we'll create a safe, empowering space to learn and grow. Let's move, breathe, and craft our way to a mindful mindset.

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP631**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP632**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP633**

Create Chinese Picture Story Book

Students will unleash their creativity by crafting an imaginative story using the nouns they've learned, bringing it to life with vibrant illustrations to create their very own storybook masterpiece!

Grade level: 4-6

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP855**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP856**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP857**

Discover the Magic of Chinese Culture: A Summer Camp for Everyone

This course is designed for students who are curious about Chinese culture. Whether they already know some Chinese or have no prior knowledge, everyone is welcome to join this fun and enriching program. The course introduces students to the beauty of China's long and deep cultural heritage through engaging, hands-on activities and basic Chinese language learning. No prior Chinese language skills are required.

Grade level: 4-6

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP858**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP859**

Do It Yourself, Decorate It Yourself/DIY Your Bedroom

Bedroom decorating projects that will make kids smile and add cheer to their room! Can't remember where your special drawing went? A magnet board to the rescue! Don't know what to do with the picture of your cat? A picture frame to save the day! Join us as we create DIY designs and decorate bedrooms!

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP887**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP888**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP889**

Dog Days of Summer

Join us to learn about different dog breeds and interesting facts about “man’s best friend!” Students will adopt a stuffed dog at the beginning of the week and create several items for their pet throughout the week. Students will make a doghouse, leash, collar and dog bed. Each day students will participate in various K-9 crafts, read-aloud, play time and games, with their dogs. By the end of this course, students are sure to impress family and friends with their knowledge and doggone cute creations!

Grade level: 2-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP861**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP862**

Explorers in Nature: Adventure, Creativity, and Reflection

This course offers a balance of active outdoor time, creative expression through journaling and art, and moments of mindfulness and reflection. It fosters a deeper connection to nature and encourages personal growth, while still being fun and adventurous. By the end of the week, children will have a personal journal filled with their experiences, stories, and art, serving as a keepsake to remind them of their nature explorations!

Grade level: 4-6

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP864**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP865**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP866**

Extraordinary Embroidery

In this hands-on, beginner-friendly course, artists will learn the basics of embroidery through fun, easy-to-follow projects while experimenting with different threads and fabrics to make each creation uniquely their own. No prior experience is needed—just bring your creativity and enthusiasm!

NOTE: This course is grade specific

Grade level: 4-5 and 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5 **Grades 4-5**

Course#: **ESXP867**

Session 2: June 9-12 **Grades 6-8**

Course#: **ESXP868**

Fairytales, Tomfoolery, and Creative Writing

This class will explore C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" as well as many other fairytales mixed in. Students will learn different themes and parts of a fairytale, as well as how to write fairytales of their own. They will examine and compare fairytales in different cultures and look at themes that are similar and themes that are different, and symbolism used by authors to get the reader to understand a lesson.

Grade level: 5-6

Fee: \$90

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP869**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP870**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP871**

Frosting Frenzy *(same class was offered last year)*

Join us in the sweet art of baking and decorating! We will learn cake decorating techniques, baking secrets, and end class with a cupcake wars showdown.

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP739 CLOSED**

Future Scientists *(same class was offered last year)*

Do your kiddos love science and hands-on experiments? Then this class is for them! We will dig into some new, fun science experiments each day! Some experiments will include slime making, elephant toothpaste, creating lava jars and snow, magic inflating balloons, objects sinking vs. floating, and many more!

Grade level: 2-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP448**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP449**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP450**

Game Programming – Space Invaders, Flappy Bird, Maze and more!

This course will help students go from 0 - Hero in beginning programming. After learning the basics of programming, the students can take their games as far as they are capable. So, whether they are first time programmers or have experience, they will benefit greatly from the course! We will learn topics on variables, functions/methods, conditional if-statements, and more while designing awesome games! Students will learn how to create games like Flappy Bird, Galaga/Space Invaders, maze games and more!

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP872**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP873**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP874**

Games Galore *(same class was offered last year)*

This course will keep your child active with a variety of their favorite PE games and sports. The goal of this class is to keep your child physically fit, work on cooperation, sportsmanship and have FUN.

Grade level: 1-5

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP400**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP401**

Imagination Station for Art Lovers!

For students who like experimenting with color, painting and science, this course is for you! We will be experimenting with mixing colors, making new art pieces and having fun! Bring your friends - you won't want to miss this class!

Grade level: 5-7

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP875**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP876**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP877**

Improvisation Station: Exploring Improv Theater

In this fun-filled course, young actors will dive into the world of improv through exciting games, character exploration, and scene creation. Each day, campers will engage in activities designed to spark creativity, build confidence, and enhance teamwork. From hilarious improv games to developing unique characters and crafting original scenes, this course promises a week of laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories. Perfect for kids who love to perform and those looking to try something new!

Grade level: 3-5

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP878**

Intro to Dungeons and Dragons

This course is an introduction to the tabletop role-playing game, Dungeons and Dragons, a fantasy-based, dice-throwing, story-telling game that allows players to pretend to be heroic characters in an epic tale. As players solve problems and make decisions, it affects how the story unfolds. Let your child's creativity soar while they work with a team to explore, discover, imagine and conquer! D&D is a fun activity and a great educational experience! Playing D&D requires students to practice their reading, math, collaboration and problem-solving skills. They must use their imaginations and work as a team to end up as heroes! This course will teach students the basic rules of the game and lead them through how to play; the rules will be simplified to meet their understanding level. Each student will create their own character and embark on an age-appropriate quest! Please be aware that the game does involve mild descriptions of violence as the students will be battling against monsters using weapons such as swords, daggers, axes, bow and arrow, and magic. Upon the successful completion of their quest, each student's character will level up! Each week of this course will feature a different adventure, so if a student wishes to join in on all three weeks, they get to level up their character and play with their advanced characters!

Grade level: 2-5

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP881**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP882**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP883**

Let's Explore the World

Let's travel! Become an explorer and discover new and exciting places. Experience a variety of cultures from inside the classroom. Learn about unique attractions and natural features around the world. Get inspired to wander!

Grades: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP273**

Let's Go with Legos

Students will use their imagination to create and build with Legos. They will construct and play individually, as well as with partners and groups, while also reflecting on how they can continue building upon what they have already made.

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP884**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP885**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP886**

Let's Learn with Read&Write Chrome Extension!

Students will explore and practice using the Read&Write extension tools that are available to all students and staff. This extension includes a wide range of tools such as text to speech, speech to text, vocabulary support, research tools and individualization opportunities. In our technology-based world, students can use tools to help them become more efficient and effective learners!

NOTE: This course is grade specific.

Grade level: 1-4 and 5-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 2: June 9-12 **Grades 1-4**

Course#: **ESXP337**

Session 3: June 23-26 **Grades 5-8**

Course #: **ESXP336**

Let's Roll: Bowling Camp *(same class was offered last year)*

In this class, we will explore different bowling terms, techniques and scoring all while participating in fun variations of bowling games! Ten pin bowling is just the beginning! Bowling is a fun sport for everyone and provides an awesome opportunity for active learning. After exploring a variety of fun bowling games, we will conclude the week with a cosmic rock and bowl party! Let's roll!

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP767**

Makerspace Madness

Students will put their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test with Makerspace Madness! Can you use recycled materials to build a boat that won't sink, a container that will protect an egg from a fall, a bridge that holds weight, or an invention that makes life easier? Get ready to get messy, make mistakes, and let your imagination run wild with this course!

Grade level: 2-4

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP577**

Mindful Movement

Join us for a fun-filled week of staying active and practicing strategies to help keep our minds feeling balanced and strong!! We will mix in cardio, stretching, and mindfulness activities that make healthy habits fun. Don't miss this opportunity to join us and meet some new friends!

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP890**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP891**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP892**

Music Around the World

Learn about and play new music and instruments, while understanding how music impacts different cultures around the world.

Grade level: 3-5

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP894**

Music Games

Enjoy singing, playing instruments, and participating in games with plenty of movement! Students will develop impulse control, build social skills, take turns, and practice being good sports.

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP896**

Nature Detectives: Explore the Great Outdoors

Calling all curious kids! Become a Nature Detective and uncover the wonders of the world around you. From investigating bugs and plants to birdwatching and creating mini-ecosystems, this hands-on course will inspire young explorers to connect with nature through discovery, creativity, and play. Get ready to observe, explore, and grow your love for the great outdoors!

Note: Students should be prepared to be outside (good walking shoes and clothes, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, water bottles, etc.)

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP899**

Outdoor Biology

Students will collect leaves, soil, etc. and examine them with a microscope. They will also look at nature's interactions via a daily walk.

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP900**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP901**

Paints and Poetry

This course allows students to create poems that they can connect to art and imagery. Students can use paint, patterns, or sculpting to convey the message of their words. This helps with understanding imagery, figurative language and visual connections to literature.

Grades: 5-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP905**

Patchwork Paradise

Discover the art of quilting in this fun and creative course! Learn the basics of quilting, from cutting fabric and piecing patterns, to stitching and assembling, all while creating unique crafts and small projects. This class is perfect for beginners who know, and love machine sewing and want to bring their ideas to life!

Grade level: 7-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP907**

Pete's Cool Cat Camp

Ready for a groovy summer of fun and positivity? Join us at Pete's Cool Cat Camp, where creativity, teamwork, and self-expression collide! Kids will dive into daily adventures filled with reading, crafts, games, singing, and collaboration. Each day is packed with fun activities that focus on confidence, emotional growth, and good vibes—just like Pete the Cat! Kids will get to design their own “magical sunglasses” and character puppets, make friendship bracelets, go on scavenger hunts, and more, as they get ready for a talent show and creative gallery at the end of camp. Every day will be a cool adventure with new friends and every camper will celebrate what makes them special.

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP909**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP910**

Play, Play and Play some more!

Rising 7th & 8th grade orchestra students who have been enrolled in their school orchestra AND are enrolled for fall 2025 are invited to play, play, and play some more! Violin, viola, cello and bass players will start their day with cooperative active games, play their instruments, and then play board games at the end of the morning together. We will be working on musical skills and ensemble. Sign up and get ready for all types of play!

Grade level: 7-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP916**

Plushie Pals Workshop

Explore the art of hand sewing in this fun-filled workshop! Make a cute animal buddy, spooky monster, or mini pillow in this hand sewing course. Students will walk away with decorative keepsakes and valuable sewing skills.

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP919 CLOSED**

Poetic Palette

Become a poet! We will learn how to write many kinds of poems, as well as learn about and read some well-known poetry. By the way are song lyrics poetry??

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP921**

Present Your Best

What takes a boring presentation to an exciting one? This week we will work on computer presentations as well as some public speaking.

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP674**

Puzzle Pros: Brain Teasers, Puzzles, and Problem Solving *(same class was offered last year)*

In this dynamic course, we will dive into the world of brain teasers and puzzles to enhance critical thinking and logical reasoning. Our engaging sessions will offer a mix of classic and modern challenges, as well as ranging from visual to kinesthetic activities. Join us for a fun-filled summer where participants not only unravel puzzles but also develop essential problem-solving skills for real-life scenarios. Become a true Puzzle Pro with us!

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP923**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP924**

Sculpture Wonders!

Students will unleash their creativity this summer in this hands-on course. They will learn the art of sculpting with wire and papier-mâché to bring their wildest ideas to life. They will create a giant pencil, a colorful hot air balloon, and other abstract sculptures, exploring different techniques to shape, build, and transform materials into amazing works of art.

Grade level: 2-4

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP926**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP927**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP928 CLOSED**

Sphero Robotics and Programming: Obstacle Course

Students will learn the basics of computer programming using block code and apply it to programming their Sphero Bolt robot ball to successfully complete a teacher-designed obstacle course. Students who are more advanced in programming will have the ability to use Python 3 coding, or JavaScript to complete the course. Through the understanding of basic programming using blocks, students will be led on a journey of trial and error, problem solving, and critical thinking.

Grade level: 4-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP929**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP930**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP931**

Spot your Emotions!

Throughout this course, students will learn about various emotions they encounter and how to manage those feelings in healthy ways. Books, explicit teaching and modeling, social stories, role playing activities, crafts, and games are all used to help children understand and practice skills that are needed in everyday life.

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP932**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP933**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP934**

Storybook STEAM

This course allows students to engage in hands-on experience through building, creating, and working together. Each day will start with a team building activity/game, then we will read a book. Students will create different craft projects and complete STEAM activities that relate to the text read each day!

Grade level: 1-2

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP935**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP936**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP937**

Strategic Minds: Board Game Adventures for Critical Thinking and SEL

(same class was offered last year)

Explore the world of strategic thinking and social-emotional learning in our board game class. Through engaging gameplay, students will develop critical thinking skills, teamwork, and emotional intelligence. From classic board games to modern strategy games, this class provides a fun and interactive environment for young minds to thrive. Get ready for a journey of tactical decision-making and meaningful social connections!

Grade level: 4-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP804**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP805**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP806**

Summer Journaling Adventure: Crafting Memories

In this exciting summer journaling workshop, students can unleash their creativity through bullet journaling, gratitude journaling, and junk journaling! This workshop is a perfect opportunity for students to express themselves through creative writing, arts, and crafts where they will have the chance to create beautiful pages filled with their thoughts, memories, and artistic designs. Each student will receive a journal but are welcome to bring their own. Students may retake this workshop if they want to dive deeper into their journaling journey. Let's make this summer unforgettable by capturing experiences and creativity in a fun and artistic way!

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP938**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP939**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP940**

Summer Space Cadets

Summer Space Cadets will explore space concepts through many mediums. We will investigate the sun and other stars, the moon, astronauts and their tools through math, art, movement, music, literacy, and science.

Grade level: 1-2

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP942**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP943**

Swiftie's Summer Era!

Are you a Taylor Swift super fan? Do you know all the words to your favorite song? Explore different Taylor Swift eras through music, dance, crafts and games.

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP944**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP945**

Tabletop Titans

This tabletop group is all about bringing people together to share the joy of games, creativity, and connection! We will foster a welcoming community where everyone can enhance skills including critical thinking, teamwork, and storytelling while exploring fun and engaging games. Whether you are strategizing, collaborating, or diving into imaginative worlds, this course offers a space to learn, grow, and relax. Join us for a mix of fun, friendship, and discovery, there's a seat at the table for everyone!

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP947**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP948**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP949**

The Game Lab

Welcome to The Game Lab, where every day is a new adventure in play and creativity! Get ready to test, design, and experiment with a variety of games as you explore card games, board games, team challenges, and more. Students will become game creators, designing their own games each day—from strategy games to action-packed group adventures! Through hands-on play and friendly competition, teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills will be sharpened while having tons of fun. Join us for a week of game-testing excitement, as the mastermind behind the fun!

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP952**

The Joy of Magic the Gathering

In this course, students will learn how to play and enjoy the Magic the Gathering card game. Students will first learn basic rules and practice playing with small decks, but will eventually build up to playing a more complex version of the game. Students will learn strategy, sportsmanship, and an appreciation for the subtle art of deck design throughout the course.

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP953**

The Ultimate Roller Coaster Challenge

Are you ready to conquer the Ultimate Roller Coaster Challenge? Students will experience Newton's Laws of Motion like never before as they explore force and motion, gravity, and friction. Hands-on labs culminate in engineering a marble roller coaster made of tape, paper, and a lot of imagination!

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP958**

The Wonder Lab: Science for Superstars

Get ready to explore, experiment, and discover the wonders of science in this fun-filled, hands-on summer course! Students will embark on exciting adventures to unlock the mysteries of the world around them. Each day, young scientists will dive into interactive experiments, build cool projects, and explore topics ranging from fun chemistry to nature's wonders, tasty experiments, simple machines, and more! Campers will engage in activities like creating volcanoes, experiencing nature adventures, making slime and even conducting wild chemistry experiments. With a focus on creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving, the Wonder Lab fosters curiosity and hands-on learning in a fun, energetic environment. Perfect for budding scientists who love to explore, create, and experiment!

Grade level: 1-2

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP959**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP960**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP961**

Unlocking Creativity: Problem Solving with Breakout Boxes and Escape Rooms

Get ready for an action-packed summer of puzzles, teamwork, and creative thinking! In this hands-on course, students will dive into the world of breakout boxes and escape rooms to sharpen their problem-solving skills. They will tackle thrilling challenges, solve intricate puzzles, and decode clues to unlock the mysteries in each scenario. Are you ready to break out of the ordinary? Join us this summer and let the adventure begin!

Grade level: 5-7

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP962**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP963**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP964**

¡ Viva el Espanol! – Fun-Filled Spanish Adventure

Embark on an exciting journey into the Spanish language and culture! ¡Viva el Español! is an engaging and interactive course designed to introduce students to basic Spanish vocabulary, common phrases, and cultural traditions from Spanish-speaking countries. Through games, music, storytelling, and hands-on activities, students will build foundational language skills while having fun. Whether ordering food in Spanish, playing cultural games, or learning popular songs, students will gain practical language tools and a deeper appreciation for diverse cultures.

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP965**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP966**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP967**

Wacky Writer's Workshop

Do you love to create your own worlds and stories? Do you have a big imagination and want to share your ideas with others? If so, we would love to read about them in the Wacky Writer's Workshop! Here we will brainstorm our ideas and go through the writing process to work on writing our very own story. By working together, our stories sure will be wacky!

Grade level: 3-5

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP968**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP969**

Session 3: June 23-26

Course#: **ESXP970**

Web Design – Build and Code Websites *(same class was offered last year)*

Do you love to create your own worlds and stories? Do you have a big imagination and want to share your ideas with others? If so, we would love to read about them in the Wacky Writer's Workshop! Here we will brainstorm our ideas and go through the writing process to work on writing our very own story. By working together, our stories sure will be wacky!

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$90

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 2-5

Course#: **ESXP822**

Session 2: June 9-12

Course#: **ESXP823**

Session 3: June 23-26

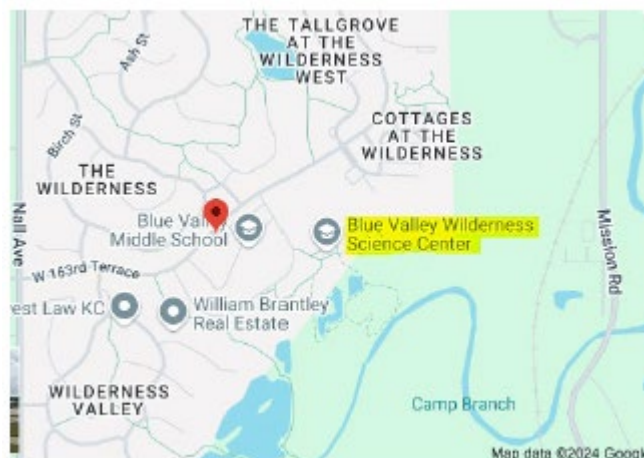
Course#: **ESXP824**

Wilderness Science Center Summer Programs



Students will have the opportunity to explore Kansas habitats at the Wilderness Science Center (WSC), located at 5001 W. 163rd Terrace. Summer programs are offered for incoming 1st – 6th graders. This natural wildlife area allows students to study four ecosystems: prairie, forest, river and wetland. The mission of the WSC is to provide authentic learning experiences that will develop an understanding of, and respect for, preservation and change, balance in natural systems, history of the land and the impact of human intervention.

*Please note that the location and times of the WSC summer programs are different than the other courses offered in the Summer Explorations catalog.



Exploring Kansas Habitats at WSC: **Adventurers Grades 1-2**

Location: 5001 W. 163rd Terrace. Stilwell, KS

Students will participate in a variety of activities that increase awareness and appreciation for the natural environment. Students will have an opportunity to investigate the prairie, study the forest and learn about the wetlands. They will work in the WSC's butterfly garden while studying the garden's flowers and insects.

Grade level: 1-2

Fee: \$90

Location: Wilderness Science Center

Time: 8:30-11:30 a.m. ***Please note times and location.**

Session 2 **AM**: June 9-12

Course#: **ESSES5**

Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m. ***Please note times and location.**

Session 2 **PM**: June 9-12

Course#: **ESSES6**

Exploring Kansas Habitats at WSC: **Explorers Grades 3-4**

Location: 5001 W. 163rd Terrace. Stilwell, KS

Students will engage in a variety of outdoor activities exploring nature by studying the three main habitats at the WSC: forest, wetland and prairie. Hands-on activities will energize and enhance their experiences. Students will be interacting with nature through observations, journaling, collecting, recording, measuring, graphing and hiking. This is an opportunity for students to practice and apply many of their science skills through an authentic outdoor learning experience.

Grade level: 3-4

Fee: \$90

Location: Wilderness Science Center

Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m. ***Please note times and location.**

Session 1 **PM**: June 2-5

Course#: **ESSES2**

Exploring Kansas Habitats at WSC: **Junior Naturalists Grades 5-6**

Location: 5001 W. 163rd Terrace. Stilwell, KS

Students will participate in many outdoor activities while studying ecology, biology and environmental science. Students will learn to identify Kansas plants and animals, their special adaptations and examine how they interact with each other at the Wilderness Science Center. The activities will include reading the land by looking for clues, interpreting their findings and drawing conclusions about the flora and fauna of Kansas. Students will have the option to return the week of June 9th to help with a 1st-2nd grade session for one day.

Grade level: 5-6

Fee: \$90

Location: Wilderness Science Center

Time: 8:30-11:30 a.m. ***Please note times and location.**

Session 1 **AM**: June 2-5

Course#: **ESSES1**

Registration and Enrollment/Payment Directions

**Please note that registration and enrollment/payment are two separate steps. Enrollment is not complete until payment is made. Payments cannot be made until the registration window closes. Classes that do not meet the minimum number of six (6) paid student enrollments will be cancelled. Parents will be notified if this occurs and given the opportunity to select another class.*

STEP 1 – Registration (3/25/25 – 4/7/25)

***Please use a computer (and not a phone) to complete the registration process**

1. Go to the [Blue Valley website](#) and select **I am a parent**.
2. Enter your Username and Password to access your account.
3. Select Course Request from the HOME screen.
4. To begin selecting your course offerings you will need to select the blue box at the bottom of the screen that says, “Click here to change course requests”.
5. You are ready to start searching for course options. You can do this in one of two ways:
 - Type the **Course Title** in the search field, the available matching courses will display or
 - Type the **Course ID** in the search field, the available matching course will display.
6. You are now ready to make your selection. On the desired course, click “Add Request”.
7. **DO NOT** click “Add Alternate”, as we are not accepting alternate choices in the summer.
8. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 until you have entered your desired summer course requests.

It is **IMPORTANT you **do not** use the Back button in your browser, please use the buttons within the program.*
9. When you have completed selecting your course(s), select “Logout” in the upper right corner.
10. Payment is **NOT** due at this time. The fee payment window will open April 10 – May 1.
11. If you have multiple students, you will need to complete this process for each student individually.

STEP 2 Enrollment/Payment (4/10/25 - 5/1/25)

***Please use a computer (and not a phone) to complete the payment process**

1. Go to the [Blue Valley website](#) and select **I am a parent**.
2. Enter your Username and Password to access your account.
3. Select “Fee” from the menu.
4. Click on “Pay Fees”.
5. Click on “Add” for summer courses.
6. Click on “Checkout” in the bottom right corner. This takes you to the “Finalize Fee Payments” screen, click “Checkout” in the bottom right corner again to make payment.
7. To confirm that payment has been made, click “Fee” from lefthand column to show the “Fee Summary” page, look under the heading “Paid Fees” to see fee status which will show “Paid in full”.