



EXTEND-A-CARE YMCA 2024 EXPLORER CAMPS

	June 3-7	June 10-14	June 17-21 * 4 day week*	June 24-28	July 1-3 *3 day week*	July 8-12	July 15-19	July 22-26	July 29-Aug 2	Aug. 5-9
Locations	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11
Lamar MS	CULINARY CREATIVES	LEGOlympics	HOOPS & DREAMS	SPACE QUEST		SWIMMING & WATER GAMES		ROBOTICS	LEVEL UP	
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2024 EXPLORER CAMP THEMES

STEAM WEEKS

LEVEL UP

This week is for those who live to dream up their own video and board games just as much as play them! This week our participants will get to collaborate with peers to create fantastic stories, design creative puzzles, and learn more about the world of game design.

EPIC ENTREPRENERS

Through hands-on activities and real-world scenarios, campers will be motivated to one day impact the world with a business of their own. Campers will focus on building skills around innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurship this week while visiting the ACC Make It Center to conceptualize and create their own mini food trucks.

DESIGN LAB

Do you have what it takes to become the next great designer? Campers will have the opportunity to build skills around creativity, problem-solving, and growth-mindset with activities that highlight careers in design and engineering. Campers will participate in visits to the ACC Make It Center to learn about computer aided engineering while assembling a house using laser cut elements, as well as designing cardboard furniture prototypes in their design lab.

CULINARY CREATIVES

Get ready for a week of measuring, mixing, and taste-testing! While exploring the various careers connected to the art of cooking, participants will test their culinary skills with the creation of their own healthy snacks this week.

ROBOTICS

Interested in robotics and computer science? Join us for a week of learning STEM concepts through play-based learning with Sphero robots. Through Imagine Science curriculum, campers will learn basic coding to complete several challenges such as racing the robots on a "spherio kart race track."

SPACE QUEST

Join us this week for a mission to space. In collaboration with 4-H, campers will explore the history of humans in space, the technology and resources needed for missions, and the obstacles humans encounter in space exploration. Through Imagine Science curriculum, campers will investigate important STEM topics including physics, engineering, computer science, rocketry, and space agriculture.

LEGOlympics

Join us for a week full of collaboration as campers work on activities that encourage creativity and critical thinking skills using Legos. Campers will bring their imagination to life through building, inventing, and working through STEM challenges in teams.

SPORTS WEEKS

SWIMMING & WATER GAMES

Cool off in the water this week while learning basic swimming strokes. With four days of swimming, campers will be introduced to a variety of games that can be played both in and out of the pool.

HOOPS & DREAMS

Hoop, there it is! Did you know basketball was invented at the YMCA in 1891? Campers will learn a brief history of the game, rules, and drills that will help develop fundamental skills. After basics are covered, it's time to participate in scrimmages!

THE GREAT RACE

Join us for a week out in the field building teamwork and skills around kicking, running, and throwing. Activities will focus on relays, kickball drills and scrimmages, as well as other field games!