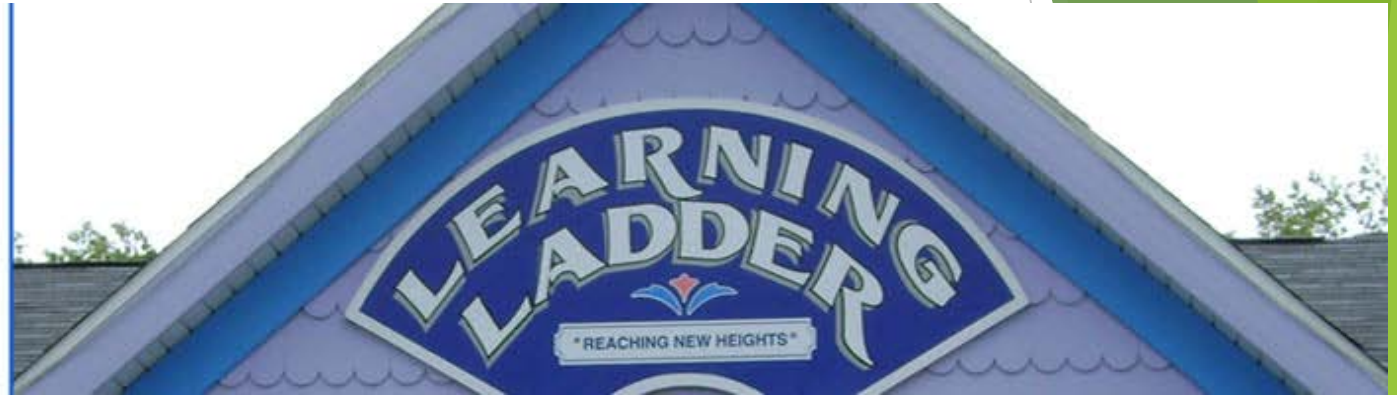


2018 Summer Adventure Camp



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▶ 839-KIDS (5437)

- ▶ A great summer program that offers swimming, sports, crafts, field trips, park excursions, friendships, literacy enhancement, learning centers, and *Tons of Fun* for your school-age child!

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- ▶ **Learning Ladder's Summer Camp** is a Wisconsin State Licensed Group Child Care Program serving youth who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade. In 2014 we achieved the highest award of becoming a 5 Star facility with YoungStar. Our Summer Adventure Camp is a fun filled enrichment program that blends learning and fun together to create a summer full of adventures and great memories.

Camp Information

- Ages: Kindergarten - 5th Grade
- Hours: 6:30am to 6pm
- Dates: Monday, June 11th - Friday, August 31st
- Weekly Rates Includes: Camp tuition, early morning snack, breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack, project supplies, local field trips and WI excursions, pool fees, insect repellent and sunscreen.
- Student Rates:
 - ❖ 4/5 Days (Full Time) - \$255.00
 - ❖ 3 Days (Part Time) – \$205.00
 - ❖ 2 Days (Part Time) - \$155.00
 - ❖ 10% sibling discount for families with multiple children.
 - ❖ See Learning Ladder website for the discounted prices.

- We provide a safe, fun and stimulating environment that combines recreation with educational learning opportunities.
- Secured building for checking in and out.
- Centrally located with walking access to Cottage Grove Community Parks and local businesses.
- Weekly field trips.
- Enriched curriculum tied in to the weekly theme and age appropriate educational activities.



What can you expect from Learning Ladder?

- **Quality Programming:** We are proud to offer a well-rounded program for your child. A program in which your child will grow educationally, physically, emotionally, socially, and have fun with many of their friends.
- **Leadership:** Our program is highly successful due to the quality of our staff. Our staff is energetic and out-going and always willing to make a difference in the life of our students. Our Summer Camp leader Jodi holds a DPI teaching license and has many years of experience teaching and operating recreational programs. Emily has worked along side Jodi for more than 5 years. She also has many years of teaching experience.
- **Non-Discrimination:** We accept and cherish all children and families regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, ancestry, or religion.
- **Campus:** We are located in the heart of Cottage Grove at 312 W. Cottage Grove Road. Each room is amply furnished with learning materials that reflect the interests of the children.
- Our **Playground** is a nature lover's dream. Large oak trees offer shade from the summer sun. We have swing bars, slides, climbers, a huge sandbox, a weaving station, and lots of green space for running, water play, and playing group games.

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Who's Camp For?

- **Kindergarten - First Grade:** Students who have completed Kindergarten through 1st grade will be members of the Butterfly Room.
- **Second - Fifth Grade:** Students who have completed 2nd through 5th grade will be members of the Dragonfly Room.



- **Check-in/Check-out:** Our facility uses a secured entry system for entering the building. This ensures that our environment is safe for all of our children and staff. Parents will check their child in and out on our attendance computer located by the main office. Teachers also keep an attendance list with them at all times. Please make sure to let your child's teacher know that you are picking up your child at the end of the day.
- **Attendance:** Please notify Learning Ladder if your child will be absent from Camp that day. Please call or email your classroom teacher before 9 am (839-KIDS) or leave a note with the office staff.

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Summer Basic's

- **Field Trips**: Families will receive a monthly calendar listing all of the summer field trips. Please note that the trips are subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. We ask that all children be present at least **45 minutes** prior to departure time. If your child will not be attending a specific field trip please notify your child's teacher as soon as possible (preferably in writing). All field trips are staffed with a higher staff to student ratio in order to maintain a safe and fun filled trip.
- **Parent Communication**: Summer Calendars will be available for families to track field trips and weekly specials on our website. Any changes made to the original calendar will be posted in the classroom, on the Attendance Computer, and on your classroom Daily Buzz clipboard. A weekly email will be sent out to remind parents of trips and needs for the week.
- **Sunscreen and Bug Spray**: Learning Ladder will provide sunscreen and insect repellent for all children. A form must be filled out in the office in order for them to be administered.
- **What to Bring / Wear**: Due to the variety of activities that take place through out the day we ask that all children wear or bring athletic shoes and a change of clothes. Please make sure to label all personal items with your child's name or initials. All personal items brought to Learning Ladder are your child's responsibility.
- **Health**: Any restrictions to your child's activities, due to his/her health, should be noted on their enrollment forms. If your child will need to be given medication while in care, please fill out a Medication Form (available in the front office). Make sure that all medications are clearly labeled with your child's name. Medications must come to us in their original containers. Medications will be stored in a locked cabinet, no child should have medication on their possession. If your child is sick please refer to the Health Policy in the Parent Handbook for specific information. It is located on our website and a copy can be printed for anyone requesting it.



Summer Basic's Cont.

- **Breakfast/Lunch/Snack**: Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks will be provided for all children attending camp, however your child may bring their own brown bag lunch if they wish. We ask that all lunches be placed in the refrigerator located next to the classrooms. Participants will have access to a microwave if needed. Please make sure to pack a well balanced lunch, no candy or soda and remember that we are a NUT FREE facility.
- **Brown Bag Lunch**: Please look for posted reminders on the summer calendar for dates your child will need to bring a bag lunch.
- **Reading Enhancement Program**: Each classroom will participate in a reading program this summer. Students will participate in independent reading, buddy reading, and whole group reading activities. We encourage children to establish reading as a positive activity.
- **Guidance Policy**: Our goal is to provide the children with opportunities throughout the day to make good choices, self-regulate, learn to interact socially with confidence and gain a respect for others. A variety of techniques and strategies will be used to help gently guide your child's behavior to becoming a positive citizen inside the classroom, at home, and in the community.
- **Wii**: We have a Wii and Wii Fit as addition to our summer camp. It provides tons of entertainment for the children as well as one more great way to encourage health and fitness.



Nut Restrictive Policy

- ▶ Learning Ladder follows a very strict Nut Restrictive Policy. Please make sure to read and follow the following rules in order to keep ALL of our staff and students safe.
- Foods that say: “Processed in a facility that also processed nuts” or “Processed on a machine that also processes nuts” (or similar wording) are OK to bring in and may be included on our menu and may be brought to school with your child as a snack, brown bag lunch or shared with the classroom.
- Foods that say “May contain peanuts or tree nuts” (or similar wording) will not be served on our menu and may not be brought to school with your child as a snack, brown bag lunch, or to be shared with others.
- If labels have no allergy information, those food items, in most circumstances, are considered OK for children without nut allergies to consume in school. However these food items that are not labeled should not be given to children with allergies.
- If the child brings in a nut product to school, we simply use a ziplock bag to immediately bag the item with a reminder label that says “Learning Ladder is a Nut Restricted School, Please enjoy this food item at home.” Then we send the item home with the family at the end of the day. If the item is a large part of their snack or brown bag lunch we will substitute the food with a food item from our kitchen.
- Items purchased from store bakeries DO NOT meet the Nut Restricted School Requirements.



Camp Themes and Topics

- This summer we will be exploring some of the following themes and topics.
- We will also explore other topics that are inspired by the camp participants.
 - Getting to Know Each Other and our Families.
 - Space
 - The Great Outdoors
 - Camping and Forts
 - Sports
 - Animals Among Us
 - Super hero's
 - Gardening
 - Healthy Choices
 - Ancient Times
 - Character Education
 - Construction & Inventions
 - Movin' & Groovin'
 - Ancient Times
 - Pirates
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Character Education
 - Enhance Math and Literacy Skills
 - Exploring Wisconsin
 - Dazzling Dino's
 - Under the Big Top
 - Under the Sea
 - Myths and Legends
 - A bugs life



Clothing Policy

- With a mixed age group for our summer program we feel that it is important to have some guidelines for the children's clothing. Bodies are beginning to change at the school age level and more importantly peers are noticing the changes. We feel that it is important to make sure that all our students feel safe and comfortable at all times.
- Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for their day at Learning Ladder.
 - We ask that shorts are a reasonable length. A good suggestion is that their fingertips touch the bottom of the shorts.
 - Shirts and tanks should have straps that are at least 2 finger widths apart and properly cover all the body.
 - If your child is wearing a skirt/dress, please make sure that she has leggings or shorts underneath. If you choose to use bloomers, please make sure that they fit properly and are not see through.
 - Swimsuits should fit appropriately (not too loose and not too tight/small).



Electronic Devices & Toy Day Toy Policies

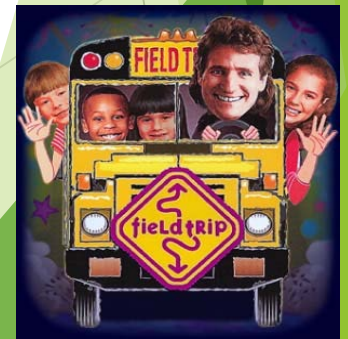
- Electronic Devices are allowed with the school age program and Summer Camp. Additional Electronic time can be earned at various times. The screen time will be limited to the following times of the day:
 - 7:00am-8:00am and 4:30pm-5:30pm during free choice times
- Toy Day Toys are allowed at Learning Ladder everyday in the school age program. Students are allowed to bring in a toy from home each day for our quiet time play. Please make sure that students bring only ONE toy each day. The toys will be used for the following times:
 - 12:30-1:30pm during quiet time
 - Toy Day Toys may also be integrated into your child's center playtime.



Field Trips

- Each week the Summer Camp will take a field trip. The trips will either be a walking trip in our community or trips that take us out of the Cottage Grove area.
- We are currently scheduling our trips for this summer. The following list of trips are potential trips for this summer. Families will receive a monthly calendar with the confirmed trip dates and destinations closer to summer. Please note that these calendars are subject to change throughout the summer, however staff will keep you posted of any changes.
- All fieldtrip fees are included in your summer tuition.
- Spending money for trips is optional for all families and should not exceed \$5.00 per child, unless otherwise noted by teacher.
- **Sample Trips:** Monona Pool, Monona Dream Park, Henry Vilas Zoo, Marcus Movie Theatre, Monona Public Library, Sun Prairie Aquatic Center, Fort Atkinson Aquatic Center, Prairie Athletic Club, Bowl A Vard, Jimmy Johns, Deerfield Splash Park, Cottage Grove Parks, Mallards Baseball Fun Day, Whitewater Aquatic Center, UW Geology Museum, Rock & Jump, Dolphin's Cove, Ultra Zone, and Double Days

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Wisconsin Excursions

- This summer we will be exploring some of Wisconsin's hot spots both in the classroom and in outdoor adventures. These adventures are in addition to the regular weekly field trips.
- Once a month we will be visiting one of Wisconsin's favorite attractions for kids.
- Spending money is optional and should not exceed \$10.00 per child.
- New this year is a **Parent Chaperone Sign Up** list. It will be sent out in June for parents to sign up for all Excursions. This will help us finalize the numbers when we are booking trips.



Typical Daily Routine

Time	Activity
6:30-8:20am	Arrivals, Guided activity, small group play, early morning snack and free choice
8:20-9:00am	Morning Meeting – This time is used to lay out the schedule of the day
9:00-9:20am	Breakfast
9:20-10:00am	Playground, park, backyard or water activity (apply sunscreen)
10:00-10:30am	Learning Center
10:30-11:00am	Themed project, group activity, and academic activities
11:00-11:30am	Learning Center
11:30-12:00pm	Group meeting, independent reading, and hand washing
12:00-12:30pm	Lunch
12:30-2:00pm	Rest time, books, individual guided activities, electronics, movie
2:00-2:45pm	Playground, park, backyard or water activity (apply sunscreen)
2:45-3:00pm	Afternoon Meeting – Review the day and discuss the next days activities
3:00-3:20pm	Snack
3:20-4:00pm	Free choice – Kids Choice
4:00-4:30pm	Guided Activity, character education, enrichment centers
4:30-5:30pm	Outside (Back Playground)
5:30-6:00pm	Free choice and close classrooms