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SESSION I June 18th - June 29th. 2018

THEME ROCK 'N ROBOTS and other GIZMOS & GADGETS 6/18-6/22

Campers will be drawn into the fascinating world of robotics and inventions. This session will allow our campers to engage in hands-on, interactive STEAM-related activities, as well as try their hands at basic engineering. They will expand their logical and mechanical thinking skills as they work in teams to mastermind their own robots. Throughout these 2 weeks campers will discover their inner creativity, all while developing their ability to troubleshoot dilemmas as they interact with each other.

SPARK	FRISBEE	Campers will practice all sorts of Frisbee techniques, skills, throws and hitting their marks with the disc.
THEATRE	METHOD ACTING	Campers will act out every day scenes from their life using real objects.
DANCE	DANCE	Generate & conceptualize artistic ideas and work. Enduring Understanding: Choreographers use a variety of sources as inspiration and transform concepts and ideas into movement for artistic expression. Essential Question(s): What happens when theatre artists use their imagination and/or learned theatre skills while engaging in creative exploration?
MUSIC	CAN U HEAR THE BEAT	Campers will participate in teachers guided music and movement activities
MEDIA ARTS	GENERATE & CONCEPTUALIZE ARTISTIC IDEAS & WORK	Campers will endure understanding about media arts ideas, works & processes are shaped by the imagination, creative processes & by experiences both within & outside of the arts.
VISUAL ARTS	I CAN CREATE	Campers will create paintings, sculptures & drawing with a variety of media based on daily themes.
POOL		GERMANTOWN OUTDOOR Pool , 18905 Kingsview Rd, Germantown
FIELDTRIP		BADLANDS Indoor Play Ground, Rockville MD
THEME		LEGO-MANIA 6/25-6/29
SPARK	SOCCER	It's soccer mania! This week our campers will focus on dribbling, passing, shooting, & ball control, as well as team building exercises.
THEATRE	METHOD ACTING	Campers will act out every day scenes from their life using real objects.
DANCE	LET'S DANCE	Campers will invent their own dance to accompany a certain music genres
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POOL		GERMANTOWN OUTDOOR Pool, 18905 Kingsview Rd, Germantown		
FIELDTRIP		GREENBRIAR National Park. Boonsboro		
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SESSION II July 2nd - July 13th, 2018

THEME	FIZZ, BUBBLE & FLASH 7/2-7/6 *NO CAMP ON 7/4
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What do elements have to do with our everyday life? They make our world -- and beyond -- move and groove, fizz, bubble and flash! Campers will discover what we have in common with party balloons, footballs, computer chips, pizza dough, table salt and TV screens; "Break" a water molecule, produce fluorescent light (without using a switch!), enjoy a half-life snack, compare antiperspirants, and separate the iron from your breakfast cereal!; Find out why broccoli smells, why soda makes a coin shine, the secret of static cling, and what makes a smoke detector work

SPARK	VOLLEYBALL	Bumping, setting and spiking...are some of the terms you will hear at home this week, while campers hone their volleyball skills.
THEATRE	MAKE A COMMERCIAL	Campers will be able to show they can work effectively with groups and leaders to create a commercial together.
DANCE	DANCE	Organize and develop artistic ideas and work. Enduring understanding: The elements of dance, dance structures, and choreographic devices serve as both foundation and a departure point for choreographers. Essential questions: What influences choice-making in creating choreography?
MUSIC	EMOTION	Campers will discuss how music can evoke emotions.
MEDIA ARTS	REFINE TECHNIQUES FOR PRESENTATION	Campers will endure understanding of how media artists require a range of skills and abilities to creatively solve problems within and through media arts productions.
VISUAL ARTS	ADVERTISING	Campers will create an ad nutritional ad campaign - using only primary colors, that will allow them to discover the how to mix colors

POOL		GERMANTOWN OUTDOOR POOL, 18905 Kingsview Rd, Germantown 20874		
FIELDTRIP		GOLDEN CORRAL		

THEME	CSI GERMANTOWN 7/9-7/13
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Problem Solving, Forensic Science, Critical Thinking -This week our campers will delve into the science of forensics and crime scene investigating. Our Crime Scene Investigators find out who committed crimes based on evidence, and they will get this evidence through fingerprints and clues. Campers will be examining fingerprints, bones and teeth impressions. More activities include Scavenger Hunt, Mystery Solving Game, and Decoding.

SPARK	KICKBALL	
THEATRE	MAKE A COMMERCIAL	Campers will be able to show they can work effectively with groups and leaders to create a commercial together.
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FIELDTRIP	VOLCANO ISLAND		
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SESSION III July 16th - July 28th, 2018

THEME	ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNERS 7/16-7/20
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Camper will explore the interesting world of architecture, from drawings to building models! Camper will examine the various delivery systems for houses (water, electricity, heating and cooling), and work in small groups to create a model of a house that they design together. Camper will also be able to build and decorate a town out of large cardboard boxes and various recyclable materials.

SPARK	BASKETBALL	Camper will focus on dribbling Basketball drills, defensive zig zag drills, shooting practice and passing practice during
THEATRE	SET DESIGN & TERMINOLOGY	Camper will create a set design for a play & learn theatre terminology: character, role, setting, story, etc.....
DANCE	DANCE	Camper will create a dance phrase with beginning, middle and end. Repeat with and without music
MUSIC	JAZZ	Camper will learn about jazz and its influence in today's music.
MEDIA ARTS	ORGANIZE & DEVELOP ARTISTIC IDEAS & WORK	Camper will discover multiple ideas for media artworks through brainstorming & improvising.
VISUAL ARTS	NON-TRADITIONAL MATERIALS	Camper will create paintings, sculptures & drawing using non traditional materials.

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FIELDTRIP	NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM EXHIBIT - ICEBERGS		
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THEME	A WEEK OF SUPER HEROS 7/23-7/27
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This week our camper will explore the world of Super Heros. Camper are encouraged to dress-up as much as they want, with capes, face masks, tights, and costumes. Each day will have a special challenge they must conquer. Exciting activities include Hulk-inspired weight-lifting challenge, Wonder Woman Lasso, Super hero obstacle course. Camper will also create their own comic strip, Write their own Powerful Wish Story, and design their costume from Cape to Super Hero Cuffs.

SPARK	FOOTBALL	
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FIELDTRIP	AUGUST 25TH	WALKERSVILLE STEAM ENGINE RIDE & PICNIC		12:00 AM
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SESSION IV July30th - August 10th, 2018

THEME	WIZARD WEEK 7/30-8/3			
Creative Writing, Chemistry, Astrology. Campers will be entering the magical world of wizardry. They will be learning and performing magic tricks, creating potions, making wands, creating their own Wizard Journal and spells, as well as participating in Magic Quest Scavenger Hunt				
SPARK	DODGEBALL			
THEATRE	MAKE A COMMERCIAL	Campers will be able to show they can work effectively with groups and leaders to create a commercial together.		
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POOL	MONDAY 8/8	GERMANTOWN OUTDOOR POOL, 18905 Kingsview Rd, Germantown 20874	12:30 PM	3:00 PM
FIELDTRIP	WEDNESDAY 8/10	NATIONAL ZOO		
THEME	CODING KIDS 8/6-8/10			
During this week we will be discovering the power of code and empower the children to create through technology. Whether the children aspire to become doctors, teachers, farmers or entrepreneurs coding (aka programming) teaches them key creative and problem solving skills necessary to learn and succeed in the 21st century.				
SPARK	BODY FITNESS	This will be a wet n' wild week where the youth club will start off summer break with a splash. They will get to get wet with		
THEATRE	IMROV ACTING	Campers will use real materials to come up with a small skit		
DANCE	EXPRESSION	Campers will observe, explore & discuss how movement can show feelings, images. "Peter & the Wolf"		
MUSIC	EMOTION	Campers will discuss how music can evoke emotions.		
MEDIA ARTS	SELECT,ANALYZE & INTERPRET WORK FOR PRESENTATION	Campers will endure understanding of how media artists integrate various forms & contents to develop complex, unified artworks		

VISUAL ARTS	MONOCHROMATIC	Campers will create paintings, sculptures & drawing using a monochromatic color scheme by varying shades and hues of one color.		
POOL		GERMANTOWN OUTDOOR POOL, 18905 Kingsview Rd, Germantown 20874		
FIELDTRIP		BOUNCE U		



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SESSION V August 13th - August 24th, 2018

THEME	CATAPULTS & ROCKETS 8/13-8/17			
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SPARK	TRACK AND FIELD			
THEATRE	MAKE A COMMERCIAL	Campers will be able to show they can work effectively with groups and leaders to create a commercial together.		
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POOL	MONDAY 8/8	GERMANTOWN OUTDOOR POOL, 18905 Kingsview Rd, Germantown 20874		
FIELDTRIP	WEDNESDAY 8/10	OPTIMAL CARNIVAL @ INT. CHILDREN'S CENTER		

THEME	LITTLE PICASSOS 8/20-8/24			
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SPARK	WATER WEEK	This will be a wet n' wild week where the youth club will start off summer break with a splash. They will get to get wet with		
THEATRE	IMROV ACTING	Campers will use real materials to come up with a small skit		
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FIELDTRIP		NATIONAL TROLLEY MUSEUM		

Please pack BAGGED, non-heatable lunches on fieldtrip days. Your child must wear the orange OPTIMAL camp t-shirt on all fieldtrips. Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing, hat and shoes on field trip days and apply sunscreen at home before your child arrives at camp. Flip flops and sandals are NOT encouraged

Having an OPTIMAL **Summer Time!**

CREATIVE THINKING AND EXPRESSION COMMUNICATION THROUGH THE ARTS



