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Critter Seekers		6/22 – 6/26		7/6 – 7/10		7/20 – 7/24		8/3 – 8/7		8/17 – 8/21
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Kitchen Chemistry		6/22 – 6/26		7/6 – 7/10		7/20 – 7/24		8/3 – 8/7		8/17 – 8/21
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P.E.T.S.: Pet Education Training School	6/15 – 6/19		6/29 – 7/3		7/13 – 7/17		7/27 – 7/31		8/10 – 8/14	
Science Magic	6/15 – 6/19		6/29 – 7/3		7/13 – 7/17		7/27 – 7/31		8/10 – 8/14	
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3-2-1 Blast Off			6/29 – 7/3		7/13 – 7/17		7/27 – 7/31		8/10 – 8/14	
Animation	6/15 – 6/19	6/22 – 6/26	6/29 – 7/3	7/6 – 7/10	7/13 – 7/17	7/20 – 7/24	7/27 – 7/31	8/3 – 8/7	8/10 – 8/14	8/17 – 8/21
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Cool Concoctions		6/22 – 6/26			7/13 – 7/17		7/27 – 7/31		8/10 – 8/14	
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LEGO SPIKE Robotics	6/15 – 6/19		6/29 – 7/3		7/13 – 7/17		7/27 – 7/31		8/10 – 8/14	
Musical Science		6/22 – 6/26	6/29 – 7/3		7/13 – 7/17	7/20 – 7/24			8/10 – 8/14	
CAMPS FOR GRADES 4-5										
Animation		6/22 – 6/26			7/13 – 7/17	7/20 – 7/24		8/3 – 8/7	8/10 – 8/14	
Digital Bootcamp		6/22 – 6/26					7/27 – 7/31			
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Junior Veterinarian	6/15 – 6/19					7/20 – 7/24				
LEGO Machines			6/29 – 7/3		7/13 – 7/17		7/27 – 7/31		8/10 – 8/14	
LEGO Robotics		6/22 – 6/26		7/6 – 7/10		7/20 – 7/24				
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Natural Disasters Unlocked			6/29 – 7/3							8/17 – 8/21
Picking Up STEAM		6/22 – 6/26						8/3 – 8/7		
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Train Engineer				7/6 – 7/10				8/3 – 8/7		8/17 – 8/21
CAMPS FOR GRADES 4-8										
Animation II			6/29 – 7/3				7/27 – 7/31			8/17 – 8/21
Games Galore (Girls Only)	6/15 – 6/19						7/27 – 7/31			
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CAMPS FOR GRADES 6-8										
Animation	6/15 – 6/19			7/6 – 7/10						
Crafting the Future					7/13 – 7/17		7/27 – 7/31			
Digital Bootcamp			6/29 – 7/3						8/10 – 8/14	
FSI: Forensic Science Investigator			6/29 – 7/3		7/13 – 7/17				8/10 – 8/14	
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LEGO Robotics	6/15 – 6/19						7/27 – 7/31			
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Train Engineer		6/22 – 6/26								

At the Seashore

Dive in and make some waves as you explore how land and water come together at the seashore! You will investigate sandy beaches, shells, fish, whales, and other mysterious creatures of the sea. You will even walk inside a model of a 50-foot whale!

Start Dates: 6/22 | 7/6 | 7/20 | 8/3 | 8/17

Critter Seekers

Is a bald eagle really bald? Where do beetles live? Discover the answers! You will become amateur entomologists and ornithologists as you explore creatures of air, land, and pond. You will visit with live animals, make bird feeders, and learn how to invite beneficial and beautiful wildlife into your own backyard.

Start Dates: 6/22 | 7/6 | 7/20 | 8/3 | 8/17

Dinosaur Hunters

You're on the hunt—for dinosaurs! Learn about the fascinating world of dinosaurs by piecing together dinosaur puzzles and digging for bones like a paleontologist. We will be asking questions like “What colors were dinosaurs? How did they move? Did they care for their young?” and discovering how scientists figure out the answers. This class will visit with OMSI's Paleontology lab educators as they search for answers to these questions and more.

Start Dates: 6/22 | 7/6 | 7/20 | 8/3 | 8/17

Kitchen Chemistry

Turn your inner chef into a kitchen chemist! In this edible chemistry adventure, you will explore the science of cooking as we make muffins and munch, munch more! Discover the strange substance produced when mixing cornstarch and water, and learn the difference between a tablespoon, teaspoon, and other key kitchen measurements.

Note: Please consider any food allergies and dietary restrictions before enrolling in this class.

Start Dates: 6/22 | 7/6 | 7/20 | 8/3 | 8/17

Outer Space Adventure

Blast off to fun! Learn about our solar system to discover what makes earth so special, how moon phases work, and why we have night and day! Ask big questions about the universe and get your hands dirty with crater models as you become a top notch astronomer. You will even visit OMSI’s Kendall Planetarium to explore our fascinating universe from constellations to a crescent moon! Don't miss the adventure launching this summer!

Start Dates: 6/15 | 6/29 | 7/13 | 7/27 | 8/10

P.E.T.S. : Pet Education Training School

Are you a dog person or a cat person? Find out as you learn to care for some of the neatest and wildest pets around. From Ants to Zebra Finches, and everything in between, you will discover more than you ever thought possible about pets big and small. This class will even include animal visitors.

Start Dates: 6/15 | 6/29 | 7/13 | 7/27 | 8/10

Science Magic

Step right up! Step right up! Take a look at how magical science can seem! Wonder at bubbling potions and marvel at levitating objects as you discover the science that makes it all work. Try your hand at making color changing creations, moving unmovable seeming objects, sending astounding messages, and revealing unseen images. From chemistry to physics you will master much to become a science magician!

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Wild Inventions

What will you think of next? Put your imagination to the test as you brainstorm and build exciting creations. Discover the inspiring contraptions all around us from ramps to flying objects as you become a young inventor. You won't want to miss this opportunity to dream big and make your dreams a reality.

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3–2–1 Blast Off

Do you have what it takes to be an astronaut? Yes! From building and launching your own rocket to learning how to track a rocket’s flight, your countdown to summer begins with this blast of a class! You will even visit OMSI’s Kendall Planetarium to learn more about what it takes to lift off from planet Earth.

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Animation

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Cooking Up Science

Summer just got a little tastier! Bite into the science of cooking and nutrition, and the chemistry concepts that make food so fascinating and delicious. During this class you will visit with OMSI educators to learn more about the science of food. Enjoy!

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Cool Concoctions

Chemistry takes a fun twist as you mix, measure, and pour chemicals into amazing and sticky combinations. You will grow crystals, make slimes, create dye, and even make experiments you can eat! This week will have you looking at chemistry in a wild new way.

Start Dates: 6/22 | 7/13 | 7/27 | 8/10

Digital Design

Are you into computers? Get into digital design where you can use your passion to become a programmer, artist, and engineer! Get your creative computer juices flowing as you design T-shirts, compose music, create a virtual car, and more! This experience is perfect for students at all levels of computer know-how.

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Dinosaur Discoveries

Get ready for a wild week as you go on a Jurassic adventure into the age of dinosaurs! How do scientists know what dinosaurs looked like? What did they eat? How fast could they run? Find out on a visit to OMSI’s Paleontology lab as you embark on your prehistoric explorations.

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Explosive Volcanoes!

Ever seen a volcano erupt? Now is your chance! Dig into this geologic adventure as you discover a dynamic world right under our feet. Learn about surprising and exciting geology throughout this rockin’ week. You’re sure to take home at least one geologic treasure of your own.

Start Dates: 7/6 | 7/20 | 8/3

Grossed Out

Do you want to be grossed out? Come join a yuck-filled week where we will explore the science behind burping, grow your own mold, form and pick model scabs, and even dissect a real cow eyeball! Figure out whose poo is whose or how germs spread in this superbly disgusting class. Don’t forget to take home your ickiest creations to enjoy all year long!

Start Dates: 6/15 | 7/6 | 7/27 | 8/10

LEGO Building Blocks

Can you really do science with LEGO? Of course you can! Experiment with LEGO bricks as we explore engineering and physics concepts. From building fast-moving feats of science to visualizing the tiniest bits of matter, you will look at the world and LEGO differently than ever before.

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Start Dates: 7/20

Junior Veterinarian

Do you love animals? Become a junior veterinarian! From geckos to giraffes, learn about the diverse anatomy and physiology that animal doctors must understand to keep livestock, pets, and zoo creatures healthy. Explore animal husbandry techniques, create enrichment activities for our best friends, and learn about how we can diagnose and treat non-human patients when they aren't feeling well. This class will even include animal visitors.

Start Dates: 6/15 | 7/20

LEGO Machines

Ready? Set? LEGO!! Use a lever, inclined plane, wheel and axle, and pulley to construct a variety of exciting machines. Design and create a catapult while you learn the physical forces at work in simple and complex machines. Put your skills together to build and race LEGO cars as you endeavor to win the day!

Start Dates: 6/29 | 7/13 | 7/27 | 8/10

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Natural Disasters Unlocked

Somewhere the ground is rolling and a mountain is shaking and where are you? At OMSI! Learn all about the science behind avalanches, volcanoes, and earthquakes this summer. Take a deep look at natural disasters common in the Pacific Northwest to learn more about the exciting geology in our region.

Start Dates: 6/29 | 8/17

Picking Up STEAM

Are you an artist who loves science? Or a scientist who loves art? Learn about the world of STEAM – science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Discover the connection between science and art; then use your creativity to make artwork based on your scientific discoveries. You will learn about the science of color and perception, the beauty of mathematics in fractals, engineer a scribbling art robot, and even discover the impact that artist renderings have had on scientific understanding throughout human history.

Start Dates: 6/22 | 8/3

Science of Soccer

Ever wonder about the science behind what you see on the pitch? Why does the ball curve on a corner kick? How quickly does a goalkeeper need to react to make a save? The Science of Soccer is your chance to see how science, technology, engineering, art and math are revolutionizing the game. No cleats needed throughout this week as you will be using your mind to dissect and better understand soccer. This class will include a potential field trip to Providence Park.

Start Dates: 6/15 | 7/6

Train Engineer

All aboard for a rail adventure! Explore historic steam and diesel locomotives to reveal the marvels of engineering behind these behemoth machines. Become an engineer designing trains of the future or sit down as a city planner integrating multi-modal transport into your town. See the rail transport industry as you've never seen it before! This class will include a potential field trip on a train. This class is hosted in collaboration with the Oregon Rail Heritage Center.

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Crafting the Future

Design tomorrow today! Science, art, and engineering come together as you create everything from illuminated textiles to a hydro dipped masterpiece. Bring your ideas to life using 3D printing, electronic cutting and engraving, EL wire, and more. This class is just the beginning on your tech-craft journey!

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Start Dates: 6/29 | 8/10

FSI: Forensic Science Investigator

Discover the science of solving crime! Learn how to lift fingerprints, examine and extract DNA, and use a variety of other forensic techniques to find out what it takes to solve some of the most mind-boggling crimes. You will even visit with a real police department as you investigate the world of modern forensics.

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Start Dates: 7/20

LEGO Architecture & Cities

What does it take to build the world's strongest city? We’re using your favorite colorful bricks to break down city planning, civil engineering, and the world of design. After learning about earthquakes and how to construct buildings to withstand them, we will team up to build and test your prototype cities.

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Start Dates: 8/3

Tabletop Game Designer

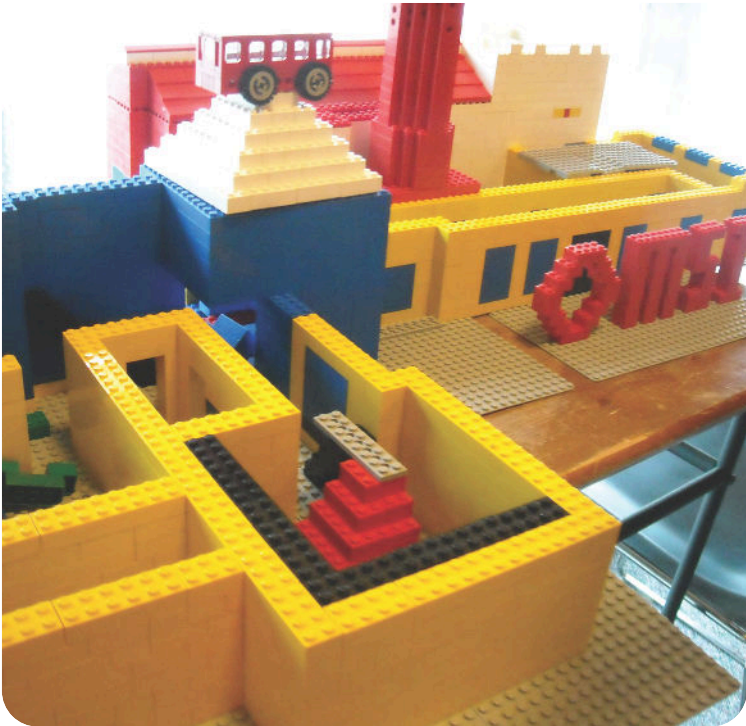
Do you love board and card games?! Leave your screens and video games behind as you jump into the world of tabletop games! Explore ancient games from cultures across the world to figure out how they influence games we play today. Learn to balance probability, strategy, and luck, to create and playtest your own original game with fellow gamers. Make your own custom resin dice, game pieces, and boards with our games workshop; then bring your family and friends together to play at home!

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OMSI on the West Side 2026 Day Camps & Classes

Join us in Hillsboro

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CAMPS FOR GRADES 2-3

Awesome Astronomy

Stars, constellations, and nebulae—oh my! Do you know how high you can jump on the Moon? Or how to tell time with the sun and stars? Unlock the stories of your favorite constellations—and the science behind them—this summer with exciting experiments and planetarium projections.

Dates: 6/29-7/3 | 7/13-7/17 | 7/27-7/31 | 8/10-8/14

Design Studio

Want to be a scientist or an artist? Why not be both! Think creatively and cleverly as you work to complete engineering-design challenges that include building model roller coasters, race cars, and flight suits. You will solve problems, build creations, and even bring some of their own inventions to life in this exciting introduction to the engineering-design process.

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CAMPS FOR GRADES 4-5

Cosmic Explorers

Learn about and help design the future of human solar system exploration! Build model landers to safely visit other planets, discover how gravity assists work for spacecraft, and even launch rockets. Take a giant leap toward becoming a planetary scientist!

Dates: 6/29-7/3 | 7/13-7/17 | 7/27-7/31 | 8/10-8/14

Science School of Wizardry

Come explore science's most magical experiments! Simulate the magic of your favorite books and movies as you discover the science behind the astounding. You'll brew up chemical potions, make colors change, and objects shrink or swell with just a flick of the wrist! Become a science wizard!

Dates: 6/22-6/26 | 7/6-7/10 | 7/20-7/24 | 8/3-8/7
8/17-8/21

CAMPS FOR GRADES 6-8

Master Chemist

Unleash your inner mad scientist as you combine chemicals to create explosive (and safe!) reactions! Put your skills to the test as you learn how to control the amazing power of chemistry through hands-on experiments with unexpected outcomes. This week of bonding will be one you won't forget!

Dates: 6/22-6/26 | 7/6-7/10 | 7/20-7/24 | 8/3-8/7
8/17-8/21



LOCATION

Tamarack Elementary School
7201 SE Kinnaman St, Hillsboro, OR 97007

Check-in from 9:00am to 9:15am
Pick-up from 3:45pm to 4:00pm

OMSI at the Oregon Zoo 2026 Day Camps & Classes

Join us at the Zoo

Register at:
omsi.edu/camps

CAMPS FOR GRADES 2-3

Backyard Zoology

Have you ever wondered what wildlife lives right outside your door? Discover all of the different animals and pollinators that live in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. You will get to connect with zoo staff and peek behind the scenes while exploring the zoo. From bees to bears, learn about what these animals need to thrive in their environment and how we can help support our animal neighbors!

Dates: 6/29-7/3 | 7/6-7/10 | 7/13-7/17 | 7/20-7/24
7/27-7/31 | 8/3-8/7 | 8/10-8/14



Junior Zoo Keeper

Do you love going to the zoo? Maybe you even want to work there! Think like a zoologist as you find out how to care for zoo creatures big and small. Build model habitats as you discover the unique needs of diverse animals. Connect with zoo staff and even get a behind the scenes peek at what it takes to work at the zoo. From river otters to rocky mountain goats, you will learn what each animal needs to thrive.

Dates: 6/29-7/3 | 7/6-7/10 | 7/13-7/17 | 7/20-7/24
7/27-7/31 | 8/3-8/7 | 8/10-8/14

CAMPS FOR GRADES 4-5

Creature Conservation

Do you love animals? Do you want to learn how to help them? Explore how the zoo is working to be a model of sustainable conservation of natural resources and what you can do. Through connections with zoo staff, peeks behind the scenes, and hands-on learning, you will get the know-how to assist local and global conservation efforts. You may just end up seeing the world in a completely new way!

Dates: 6/29-7/3 | 7/6-7/10 | 7/13-7/17 | 7/20-7/24
7/27-7/31 | 8/3-8/7 | 8/10-8/14



LOCATION

Oregon Zoo
4001 SW Canyon Rd, Portland, OR 97221

Check-in from 9:00am to 9:15am
Pick-up from 3:45pm to 4:00pm

OMSI in the Wilderness 2026 Backpacking Camps

Register at:
omsi.edu/camps

BACKPACKING CAMPS FOR GRADES 6–8 | Three Sisters Wilderness | Cascade Range

Three Sisters Wilderness

Dust off your hiking boots as you prepare to hike deep into the lush forests of the Three Sisters Wilderness, camping each night at beautiful mountain lakes. While practicing low-impact camping, wilderness survival, and map and compass skills, you'll also learn about this amazing range's ecological, geologic, and cultural significance. Recommended for beginning backpackers who are in good physical condition. Trails and camping locations are subject to change based on campsite availability and trail conditions.

Dates: 8/10–8/14 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Mountains
Activity: Challenging

Teen Girls

Stretch your adventurous spirit and your legs as you trek through Central Oregon's stunning alpine meadows and ancient lava flows with other tenacious young individuals who identify as women, non-binary, and/or gender-expansive. You'll learn low-impact camping, wilderness survival skills, and orienteering with a map and compass. Recommended for beginning backpackers who are in good physical condition. Trails and camping locations are subject to change based on campsite availability and trail conditions.

Dates: 8/3–8/7 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Mountains
Activity: Challenging

BACKPACKING CAMPS FOR GRADES 9–12 | Eagle Cap Wilderness | Wallowa Mountains

Wallowas

Explore the cultural and natural history of the "Alps of Oregon," the exquisite Wallowa Mountains. This is OMSI's most challenging, high-elevation camp, and campers should be prepared for big days of uphill and downhill travel with a heavy pack. This trip is an amazing opportunity for anyone interested in alpine ecology, glacial geology, and wilderness skills. You'll practice low-impact camping, wilderness survival skills, and orienteering with a map and compass. Participants should be in good physical condition, and backpacking experience is recommended. Trails and camping locations are subject to change based on campsite availability and trail conditions.

Dates: 7/26–7/31 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Mountains
Activity: Challenging



LOCATIONS

Three Sisters Wilderness | Cascade Range
Eagle Cap Wilderness | Wallowa Mountains

CHECK-IN AND PICK-UP

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OMSI at the Coast 2026 Overnight Camps

Join us at Camp Gray

Register at:
omsi.edu/camps

CAMP TITLE	JUNE		JULY				AUGUST		
	6/22 – 6/26	6/29 – 7/2	7/6 – 7/10	7/13 – 7/17	7/20 – 7/24	7/27 – 7/31	8/3 – 8/7	8/10 – 8/14	8/17 – 8/21
CAMPUS FOR GRADES 2-3									
Eco-Explorers		6/29 – 7/2*							
Seashore Explorers	6/22 – 6/26								8/17 – 8/21
CAMPUS FOR GRADES 4-5									
Eco-Explorers		6/29 – 7/2*							
Wild Pacific				7/13 – 7/17				8/10 – 8/14	8/17 – 8/21
Yaquina Quest	6/22 – 6/26		7/6 – 7/10						
CAMPUS FOR GRADES 6-8									
Coastal Ramblers				7/13 – 7/17				8/10 – 8/14	
Design Naturalists					7/20 – 7/24	7/27 – 7/31			
Salt, Sand, and Sea Foam			7/6 – 7/10				8/3 – 8/7		
CAMPUS FOR GRADES 9-12									
Coastal Documentary Explorers					7/20 – 7/31*				
OMSI Surfing Adventure	6/22 – 6/26						8/3 – 8/7		
CAMPUS FOR GRADES 10-12									
OMSI Ambassadors					7/21 – 8/1*				

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LOCATION

Coastal Discovery Center at Camp Gray | Newport, OR

CHECK-IN AND PICK-UP

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- Check-in is at 7am on the start date of the program, and pick-up is at 5:00pm on the end date of the program with the exception of Coastal Documentary Explorers (pick-up is at 4pm) and OMSI Ambassadors (pick-up is at 2pm).

CAMPS FOR GRADES 2–3

Eco-Explorers

Are you new to overnight camp? Eco-Explorers is a great way to get your feet wet, literally! Get a taste of everything at Camp Gray. Spend your mornings exploring the coast. Hike in an old growth forest and search for seashells at the beach. In the afternoon, you'll participate in your choice of activities while making new friends and creating lasting memories. You'll spend four days and three nights immersed in camp activities including arts and crafts, skits, sports, and nature hikes. End your days with games and songs around the campfire.

Start Dates: 6/29 **Duration:** 4 days
Level of Physical Activity: Easy **Environment:** Coast

Seashore Explorers

Come “sea” all the fun we have at camp, you're “shore” to have a great time! Investigate the natural world at Camp Gray as you spend a week exploring Oregon beaches and forests to find coastal plants and animals. Play in the sand, search for seashells, hike sandy trails, make nature art and more. Stay the week in cabins with other explorers, spending your days at the ocean's edge and your nights with friends around the campfire.

Start Date: 6/22 | 8/17 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical Activity: Easy **Environment:** Coast

CAMPS FOR GRADES 4–5

Eco-Explorers

Are you new to overnight camp? Eco-Explorers is a great way to get your feet wet, literally! Get a taste of everything at Camp Gray. Spend your mornings exploring the coast. Hike in an old growth forest and search for seashells at the beach. In the afternoon, you'll participate in your choice of activities while making new friends and creating lasting memories. You'll spend four days and three nights immersed in camp activities including arts and crafts, skits, sports, and nature hikes. End your days with games and songs around the campfire.

Start Date: 6/29 **Duration:** 4 days
Level of Physical Activity: Easy **Environment:** Coast

Yaquina Quest

Explore some epic quests along the Oregon Coast! You and a team of your newest friends will work together to solve clues and riddles while creating your own that will take you on an adventure like nothing else. Each camp session will get to participate in creating a quest to get fully immersed in the world of questing! Hike an old-growth forest and make your own quest book. Spend your afternoons making art and playing games and your evenings with friends around the campfire.

Start Dates: 6/22 | 7/6 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical Activity: Moderate **Environment:** Coast

Wild Pacific

Spend your time adventuring around local beaches and forests, discovering the unique plants and wildlife of the Oregon Coast. Become a Junior Aquarist at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, hike through a lush green old growth forest, and investigate the many creatures of the Oregon Coast tidepools. Stay the week in the cabins with your fellow adventurers, spending your days at the ocean's edge and your nights with friends playing games and singing songs around the campfire.

Start Dates: 7/13 | 8/10 | 8/17 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical Activity: Easy **Environment:** Coast



CAMPS FOR GRADES 6-8

Coastal Ramblers

Whale, whale, whale, what do we have here? From our home base at Camp Gray, we'll take day trips around Newport to estuaries, sandy beaches, and rocky tide pools to seek out the gems of coastal plants and animals. You'll get up close with tide pool creatures and then head out onto the water on a sea life cruise, where you'll search for birds, crabs, sea lions, and gray whales. With the guidance of our experienced OMSI instructors, you'll see the coast in a way you've never seen before!

Start Dates: 7/13 | 8/10 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical Activity: Moderate **Environment:** Coast

Design Naturalists

Let your creativity run wild! Be inspired by the land and the ocean as you take on art and design projects during your fun-filled adventure at the coast. Learn about local ecology while designing pieces that blend art, science, and play. Collaborate with OMSI staff to create an art installation for Camp Gray. Woven into the week are games at the beach, campfire, and cabin time with new friends.

Start Dates: 7/20 | 7/27 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical Activity: Moderate **Environment:** Coast

Salt, Sand, and Sea Foam

Looking for an adventure? Join us as we travel to a new place each day for a trip that can only happen on the Oregon Coast! You'll take a surfing lesson from licensed surf instructors from Ossie's Surf Shop, paddle a canoe in an estuary, and hike on sandy dunes. Back at Camp Gray, you'll also get to choose afternoon activities, so whether you want to learn more about the local wildlife, create art projects, or play sports or games, there's something for everyone.

Start Dates: 7/6 | 8/3 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical Activity: Intermediate **Environment:** Coast

CAMPS FOR GRADES 9-12

Coastal Documentary Explorers

Learn documentary filmmaking while working with a team of professional filmmakers from NW Documentary and fellow campers! Students will get hands-on experience with professional equipment and editing software as they interview experts, write narration, and edit their films together.

This camp is perfect for students who are curious about filmmaking and storytelling. The work is creative and rewarding, and includes a mix of active film production, research, writing, and quiet computer time for editing. Campers should be self-motivated and ready to collaborate closely as a team throughout the week.

The films are made in partnership with local organizations and shared with them for distribution. Family and friends are invited to see the films at the Empirical Theatre at OMSI on the final day of camp. You can watch films from last year here: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11900285>.

If hands-on video production and documentary work sound exciting to you, you'll love it here!

Start Dates: 7/20 **Duration:** 12 days
Level of Physical Activity: Moderate **Environment:** Coast

OMSI Surfing Adventure

Join us for our most action-packed adventure on the coast! Learn to surf this summer with OMSI and licensed surf instructors from Ossie's Surf Shop in Newport. Whether you've never surfed before or want to improve your skills, you'll have the opportunity to gain board-riding ability, confidence, and knowledge of our oceans. Plus, you will explore other cool activities that camp has to offer and end the day around the campfire. No prior surfing experience is necessary, but participants should be in good physical condition.

Start Dates: 6/22 | 8/3 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical Activity: Challenging **Environment:** Coast



CAMPS FOR GRADES 10-12

OMSI Ambassadors

Do you love showing off the Pacific Northwest? Then come be an OMSI Ambassador to a group of young adults from Japan as they journey through the unique ecosystems of California's Redwoods and the Oregon Coast. Share pop culture, food, and tourism while hiking, camping, and making international friends. In addition to enjoying outdoor activities and being interested in other cultures, ambassadors must have completed at least one year of high school and be mature, friendly, and helpful. Being an Ambassador is a position of responsibility that gives you the opportunity to represent your community and be a peer leader.

Start Dates: 7/21 **Duration:** 12 days
Level of Physical Activity: Intermediate **Environment:** Coast



OMSI in the Desert 2026 Overnight Camps

Join us at Camp Hancock

Register at:
omsⁱ.edu/camps

CAMP TITLE	MAY	JUNE		JULY				AUGUST			SEPTEMBER
	5/22 – 5/25	6/22 – 6/26	6/29 – 7/2	7/6 – 7/10	7/13 – 7/17	7/20 – 7/24	7/27 – 7/31	8/3 – 8/7	8/10 – 8/14	8/17 – 8/21	9/4 – 9/7
Camps for Grades 2–3											
High Desert Adventure Rookie Camp			6/29 – 7/2*								
Junior High Desert Adventure					7/13 – 7/17			8/3 – 8/7			
Camps for Grades 4–5											
Desert Survival						7/20 – 7/24					
Fossils and Geology							7/27 – 7/31				
High Desert Adventure		6/22 – 6/26		7/6 – 7/10						8/17 – 8/21	
High Desert Adventure Rookie Camp			6/29 – 7/2*								
Rookie Rafting				7/6 – 7/10	7/13 – 7/17						
Stargazers									8/10 – 8/14		
Camps for Grades 6–8											
Desert Documentary Explorers				7/6 – 7/10							
Galaxy Adventurers									8/10 – 8/14		
High Desert Adventure		6/22 – 6/26						8/3 – 8/7		8/17 – 8/21	
Lower Deschutes Rafting				7/6 – 7/10	7/13 – 7/17						
Paleontology Field Study							7/27 – 7/31				
Wilderness Survival						7/20 – 7/24					
Camps for Grades 9–12											
High Desert Expedition		6/22 – 7/2*									
Master Astronomers									8/10 – 8/14		
Family Camps											
Memorial Day at Hancock Field Station	5/22 – 5/25										
Labor Day at Hancock Field Station											9/4 – 9/7

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LOCATION

Hancock Field Station | Fossil, OR

CHECK-IN AND PICK-UP

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CAMPS FOR GRADES 2–3

High Desert Adventure Rookie Camp

This 4-day adventure camp samples some of the greatest things Camp Hancock has to offer. Make new friends, hunt for fossils, and watch the stars! Hangout with your cabin buddies and experience new activities with the counselors and instructors. Learn about insects and catch lizards scientist-style! This camp is a great introduction to overnight camps or a stepping stone to one of our other camps. There are a lot of activities to choose from when OMSI leads the way!

Start Date: 6/29 **Duration:** 4 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Desert
Activity: Easy

Junior High Desert Adventure

High Desert Adventure camp offers a little bit of a lot of exciting activities, from astronomy to zoology! Meet high desert critters, find fossils, sleep outside under the stars, learn to navigate with a map and compass, and meet new friends. If you like variety and are looking for adventure, this camp is for you. Come get in the camp spirit!

Start Date: 7/13 | 8/3 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Desert
Activity: Easy

CAMPS FOR GRADES 4–5

Desert Survival

Survive in the wild? Learn basic survival skills and make new friends! We'll build shelters with available resources and make a survival wristband to keep with your memories of this great week! Experience many of Hancock's traditions like exploring canyons and trails, cooling off in the river, and sleeping under the stars. Ready? Challenge accepted!

Start Date: 7/20 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Desert
Activity: Moderate

Fossils and Geology

Imagine ancient Oregon: tropical rainforests, volcanoes and giant beasts-oh, my! If you enjoy prehistoric mysteries, this might be the week for you. Enjoy camp activities like river time and singing songs. Explore the surrounding desert landscape and aspire to be a future Paleontologist? Maybe!

Start Date: 7/27 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Desert
Activity: Moderate

High Desert Adventure

Camp Hancock has many amazing activities to choose from! Meet high desert critters, find fossils, sleep out under the stars, and learn to navigate with a map and compass. You'll make new friends, play games and explore the beautiful desert. Whether you're a first-time camper or returning, you are invited! Adventure is around every corner at OMSI camps!

Start Dates: 6/22 | 7/6 | 8/17 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Desert
Activity: Moderate

High Desert Adventure Rookie Camp

This 4-day adventure camp samples some of the greatest things Camp Hancock has to offer. Make new friends, hunt for fossils, and watch the stars! Hang with your cabin buddies and experience new activities with the counselors and instructors. Learn about insects and catch lizards scientist-style! This camp is a great introduction to overnight camps or a stepping stone to one of our other camps. There are a lot of activities to choose from when OMSI leads the way!

Start Date: 6/29 **Duration:** 4 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Desert
Activity: Easy

Rookie Rafting

"What a cool view!" We imagine that's what you'll say while rafting on the Lower Deschutes River with OMSI staff and guides from Ouzel Outfitters. Stay the first two nights at Camp Hancock, then pack up for an incredible all-day adventure and overnight campout. One whole day will be spent splashing through the river and paddling along looking for wildlife. On the last day of camp you'll rejoin the crew at Hancock to share your stories with other campers and staff. All rafting and camping gear will be provided by OMSI and Ouzel.

Start Dates: 7/6 | 7/13 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Desert
Activity: Moderate

Stargazers

How do you throw the best Star Party ever? You plan-et! Fill the nights with telescope time, and the days with space puns! Make friends with other budding astronomers as you learn about red dwarfs and blue giants. Sleep under the stars, and peer through telescopes to get a closer look. Clear skies in eastern Oregon are typical, so there will be plenty of telescope time. Cool off during river time, play games, and sing songs. Are you ready to take off on your next OMSI adventure?

Start Date: 8/10 **Duration:** 5 days
Level of Physical **Environment:** Desert
Activity: Easy

CAMPS FOR GRADES 6–8

Desert Documentary Explorers

Lights! Camera! Action! "Desert Doc" is an introduction to documentary filmmaking based at Camp Hancock in the high desert. With your fellow cast and crew members you'll film, narrate, and edit a mini documentary. OMSI and NW Documentary instructors teach you to use state of the art equipment and software. While following your filmmaking dreams, you'll also get to enjoy camp traditions like river time, games, and sleeping out under the stars. Watch the 2024 films here: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11363399>

Start Date: 7/6

Duration: 5 days

Level of Physical Activity: Easy

Environment: Desert

Galaxy Adventurers

If deep space is your jam, look no further! Use OMSI's fancy equipment to guide your intergalactic journey as instructors help you pilot your telescope to sparkling star clusters and distant galaxies. Clear night skies mean plenty of telescope time and late night stargazing. Have friendly debates with your fellow campers about the possibility of extraterrestrial life, enjoy river time and other traditions special to Hancock. If you're new to astronomy, there is definitely more than meets the eye!

Start Date: 8/10

Duration: 5 days

Level of Physical Activity: Moderate

Environment: Desert

High Desert Adventure

With all the amazing activities at Camp Hancock it's tough to choose, we understand! High Desert Adventure has a little bit of everything from astronomy to zoology. Learn orienteering skills, find fossils, meet high desert critters, and sleep out under the stars. You'll have opportunities to make new friends, play games with a science twist, and sing silly songs. Whether you're a first-time camper or a seasoned pro, you are welcome!

Start Dates: 6/22 | 8/3 | 8/17

Duration: 5 days

Level of Physical Activity: Moderate

Environment: Desert

Lower Deschutes Rafting

Whitewater adventuring on the Lower Deschutes River with OMSI! Admire basalt formations, spot wildlife, and run class I–III rapids. On day two of camp, we travel to the launch site to start the 3-day adventure. Once on the water, you'll hit some sweet splashes, dry out in the sun, and learn about the Deschutes River. Camping on the shore each night, eating outside, and sleeping in tents adds to the adventure. You'll travel back to Hancock to celebrate your many accomplishments! This camp is recommended for campers 12 years and older. Previous rafting experience is not required. All camping and river gear will be provided by OMSI and Ouzel Outfitters.

Start Dates: 7/6 | 7/13

Duration: 5 days

Level of Physical Activity: Intermediate

Environment: Rivers

Paleontology Field Study

Check out the interesting fossils of ancient Oregon. Explore the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument with OMSI instructors, learning all about the amazing history of the area. Experience the best camp food, play in the river, hike, and meet new people. Seasoned campers and newcomers will have fun experiences, and learn new things about really old things!

Start Date: 7/27

Duration: 5 days

Level of Physical Activity: Moderate

Environment: Desert

Wilderness Survival

You never know when you'll need wilderness survival skills! Stay in rustic cabins and learn with new friends while enjoying classic Camp Hancock traditions like river time, s'mores and songs, and eating breakfast in your pajamas. You'll learn to build shelters, use hand tools, forage for food, and filter water. What better way to impress your friends and family, than to share with them the skills you learn here in the desert wilderness? If you've experienced activities like this before, you can share your knowledge with others and hone your skills.

Start Date: 7/20

Duration: 5 days

Level of Physical Activity: Intermediate

Environment: Desert



CAMPS FOR GRADES 9–12

High Desert Expedition

It’s a combination of backcountry adventure and whitewater expedition! Spend time in the backcountry learning survival skills and hiking. Over the weekend, float the John Day River with OMSI leaders and guides from Ouzel Outfitters. Once on the water, admire amazing rock formations, run rapids, spot wildlife and learn many other facts that make the John Day River basin so special. During your 11 days, you will stay in cabins at Hancock, camp in tents several nights while rafting, and make memories to last a lifetime! Prior experience paddling is helpful but not necessary. OMSI and Ouzel will provide all camping and rafting gear. Participants must be physically able to paddle up to 10 miles per day (with breaks).

Dates:

6/22

Duration:

11 days

Level of Physical Activity:

Challenging

Environment:

Desert

Master Astronomers

Dive deep into space science from Camp Hancock! Enjoy some of the darkest, clearest skies in Oregon using our fancy telescopes. You'll get to learn how to use telescopes and develop the skills you need to navigate the universe. Master Astronomers camp builds on Galaxy Adventurers material, and with all there is to learn about space, every camp is different. First time astronomers are encouraged!

Start Date:

8/10

Duration:

5 days

Level of Physical Activity:

Moderate

Environment:

Desert

FAMILY CAMPS

Memorial Day at Hancock Field Station

Visit Camp Hancock for a weekend of exploration in the canyons of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Fill your days with activities led by OMSI instructors; fill your evenings with astronomy and family fun around the campfire. Move in to your cabin, sign up for activities, enjoy a snack and relax. We serve family-style meals, packed lunches, and snacks. Field activities, rest time, and interest groups are offered each full day. After dinner, we'll host evening programs. There's something for everyone out here, and we're eager to share this beautiful place!

Dates:

5/22

Duration:

4 days

Level of Physical Activity:

Moderate

Environment:

Desert

Labor Day at Hancock Field Station

Visit Camp Hancock and create memories that will last a lifetime. The weekend is full of guided exploration in and around the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument by OMSI staff. Activities, rest time, and evening programs are offered each full day. Rockhound volunteers will share decades of knowledge and provide guidance in Lapidary. You can learn more about the rocks and fossils in the area, and have the opportunity to make jewelry. Travel to camp, move in to your cabin, sign up for activities, and relax in the peaceful surroundings. We serve family-style meals, packed lunches, and snacks. Come enjoy the dark, starry skies in this magical place!

Start Date:

9/4

Duration:

4 days

Level of Physical Activity:

Moderate

Environment:

Desert

