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Walt Clark Middle School  
June 8-12 & June 15-19  
Classes start at $70

Click Here to review class choices and to register.
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**Summer Learning**
More Than a Hunch: Kids Lose Learning Skills Over the Summer Months

To succeed in school and life, children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. This is especially true during the summer months. Many Americans have a wonderful image of summer as a carefree, happy time when "kids can be kids," and take for granted the prospect of enriching experiences such as summer camps, time with family, and trips to museums, parks, and libraries. Read more

Duke University Professor Harris Cooper ~ National Summer Learning Association

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**YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM**
Application deadline is April 14, 2015!

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program, a selective pre-college scholarship, seeks high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. The program cultivates scholars' talents and abilities throughout high school by providing individualized academic advising, financial support, and a pathway to the foundation's $40,000 per year College Scholarship.

http://hubs.ly/yv0uejC0

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**Zero Robotics**
For Middle School Students

Zero Robotics is a robotics programming competition where the robots are SPHERES (Synchronized Position Hold Engage and Reorient Experimental Satellites) inside the International Space Station. The competition starts online, where teams program the SPHERES to solve an annual challenge. After several phases of virtual competition in a simulation environment that mimics the real SPHERES, finalists are selected to compete in a live championship aboard
Students learn to program through a graphical interface. The participants compete to win a technically challenging game by programming their strategies into the SPHERES satellites. The game is motivated by a current problem of interest to DARPA, NASA and MIT. Student software controls satellite speed, rotation, direction of travel, etc. Depending on the game premise, the students must program their satellites to complete game objectives (navigate obstacles, pick up virtual objects, etc.) while conserving resources (fuel, charge, etc.) and staying within specified time and code-size limits. The programs are "autonomous" - that is, the students cannot control the satellites during the test itself.

This middle school summer program runs M-F 8:30 - 11:30 am for 5 weeks starting June 8th at Berthoud High School. Learn more [here].
Summer B.A.S.E. Camp

The only "summer slide" your kids will experience will be at the pool!

Field trips, Swimming, Themed and Enrichment Activities! View more information here.

Hearts & Horses

Summer Camp Dates are now posted!

Check out the schedule here.

Denver Post

Searchable summer camp listing

With more than 500 camp listings for the summer, you'll find options for day and overnight camps throughout the metro area and beyond. Use the search box to search the listings using a keyword or multiple keywords. The dropdown menus can be used to narrow a search. Happy camping! View summer activities list here.

Sylvan Dale Ranch

Learning for all ages

The Heart-J Center is a living laboratory in the foothills west of Loveland, Colorado with incredible geologic variation, more than 400 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and butterflies, and a wonderfully rich human history.

The Center offers field trips, classes, workshops, retreats, and research projects that make the most of the rich natural history and cultural heritage of Sylvan Dale Ranch. Upcoming events include:

- Get the Most from Your Summer Vegetable Garden (Fort Collins) - Saturday, April 18
- Birdwatching Adventure: the Colorado migration from Prairie to Peaks - April 23-26, 2015
- Ride the Range Backcountry History Adventure - May 23-25, 2015 (Memorial Day Weekend)
- Native American Living History Week - July 19-25, 2015

Events for Adults and Families
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Play Well

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Colorado Summer Programs and Camps
for High School Students and Middle School Students
Summer of 2015

View Program Descriptions here
Center for Bright Kids
Regional Talent Center

CBK SHINE (Students Headed Into New Enrichment) is a one-week residential program for 4th-6th graders who live on campus. Students take one accelerated enrichment course of interest that offers exploration for four 1/2 hours a day, with a strong, daily, organized residential program to complement the experience. This program focuses on conceptual development through hands-on experiences that include inquiry, creativity, aesthetic expression, and problem solving.

STUDENTS: Students entering grades 4-6 in fall 2015 or ages 8-12
DATES: August 2-8, 2015

A transitional program between CBK SHINE and The Luminary Project, CBK GLOW (Gaining Leadership, Obtaining Wisdom) is for 6th-8th graders. These participants attend a two-week residential experience living on campus and focus on one course of study for five 1/2 hours a day that may be either an accelerated enrichment opportunity or an intensive, accelerated, rigorous experience. CBK GLOW serves to help students move from enrichment work to more intensive study with a dynamic group of high-interest peers.

STUDENTS: Students entering grades 6-8 in fall 2015 or ages 10-14
DATES: June 14-27, 2015

The Luminary Project is a three-week residential program held on campus for mature 8th-11th graders. Students focus on one intensive course of study for six 1/2 hours a day that is equivalent to one full year of honors level high school content or one semester of college content. Many schools consider these courses for high school credit, although CBK cannot guarantee this transfer. As much as students think hard in the accelerated courses, they play hard in this deepened residential experience.

STUDENTS: Students entering grades 8-11 in fall 2015 or ages 12-17
DATES: July 5-25, 2015

Learn more...

ColoradoKids.com
Two minute camp planner!

Complete the Camp Finder Form to directly email camps matching the experience you specify. They will send you their detailed information directly, OR Click Here to search camps descriptions.

Harrington Arts Academy
Creative Expression for All

All campers will explore their creativity in acting for the stage, acting for the camera, dancing, singing, drawing, painting, jewelry/craft making, creative writing, speech and debate, stage combat, improvisation, and other fun theatre games. Campers will also get a steady dose of fun sports and exercise opportunities; stressing the importance of healthy living and team-building skills. No other place could offer such a talented staff, diversity of activities, and guaranteed enjoyment! The performances at the end of the session will showcase the fun they've had and the skills they've learned. Our goal is to inspire them and make each day and activity a meaningful learning experience.

CAMP # 1: Ages: 12-16 year olds
Note: We have made some age exceptions in the past.
Meets: Monday June 1st - Friday June 12th (2 weeks, 10 days) Hours: 9-2:30pm
Showcase Performance: Friday June 12th @ 6pm
Price: $250 - 10% sibling discount, $25.00 annual registration fee for new students.

CAMP # 2: Ages: 9-12 year olds
Note: We have made some age exceptions in the past.
Meets: Monday June 15th - Friday June 26th (2 weeks, 10 days) Hours: 9-2:30pm
Showcase Performance: Friday June 26th @ 6pm
Price: $250 - 10% sibling discount, $25.00 annual registration fee for new students.

CAMP # 3: Ages: 5-9 year olds
Note: We have made some age exceptions in the past.
Meets: Monday July 6th - Friday July 17th (2 weeks, 10 days) Hours: 9-2:30pm
Showcase Performance: Friday July 17th @ 6pm
Price: $250 - 10% sibling discount, $25.00 annual registration fee for new students.

SUMMER SHOWS
"Lights... Camera... Zombies!" and "JUNGLE BOOK"

"Lights...Camera...Zombies", written and directed by Brandon Harrington. Auditions will be May 16th from 12-3pm. Rehearsals will be June 1st-26th, Monday-Friday from 3:00-5:00pm. Performances are June 26th, 27th and 28th. This show will be for ages 9-16.
In July we will be doing "Jungle Book", directed by Brittany Harrington, Trevor Shuffler and Wyatt Suit. Auditions will be June 27th from 12:00-2:00pm. Rehearsals will be July 7th-24th, Monday-Friday from 3:00-5:00pm. Performances will be July 24th, 25th and 26th. This show will be for ages 4-12.

Visit Harrington Arts Academy

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Join the anytime, anywhere real-world adventure.

There are 39 geocaches near Loveland. And that's not all-there are millions of geocaches around the world, just waiting for you to find them. To get started, all you need is a free Geocaching account and the Official Geocaching app or a GPS. Sign up here.

Summer 2015
Front Range Summer Opportunities

Loveland Public Library
Activities for kids and teens

Poudre River Public Library
Discover Your Power!

Berthoud Community Library
Experience the Power of Story

Kids Activities
Capitalize on several child-friendly activities
How about bowling, laser tag or indoor playhouses? Or, catch some air or perfect your carve at one
of Loveland's skate parks. While we are nestled between the plains and the Rocky Mountains, there is no shortage of water sports and activities in Loveland. Families have access to a sandy swim beach at Lake Loveland, an indoor water park and pools (including a slide, lazy river, lap pool, and hot tubs) at the Chilson Center, and slides and diving at the Winona Pool. It's never too early to get your children into golf with the S.N.A.G. (Starting New at Golf) program at the new Cattail Creek Mini-Course. View summer activities list here.

Gifted & Talented Library

Take advantage of hundreds of titles and resources

From perfectionism, social/emotional needs and underachievement to gifted boys and girls, twice exceptionality, differentiated learning and more, there are hundreds of resources available for check out. Click here to access our online library search.

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“ It is important that students bring a certain ragamuffin, barefoot irreverence to their studies; they are not here to worship what is known, but to question it.”

~Jacob Bronowski