



# SUMMER CAMPS 2008!



By Susan Figaro

Planning for summer fun for your kids? Here's our first annual summer camp guide, with a focus on local programs in our area. We've broken down the section into four categories: **Arts, Music & Dance**; **Educational**; **General Sports**; and **Equestrian**. We've listed websites so you can get additional information. Costs are given either by session (which may be one week at a time or for the entire program, which might be 8 weeks).

You'll find activities for sports, such as **RDV Ice Den** or karate mixed with other fun activities at **Kickin' Kids Summer Camp** to educational programs at the **Orlando Science Center** and **Orlando Regional History Center** where's there's Adventure in History.

Or, perhaps your child loves to perform – there are programs at **Next Generation Kids** where they can learn to sing, dance, act and at the end of the session participate in a performance for family and friends!

For all around camp fun, check out city programs. Some are for residents only, while others accept non-residents (at a slightly higher rate). The **JCC of Greater Orlando** has two locations (Maitland and South Orlando) where kids have a multitude of programs to choose what they like best.

Some programs have half-day programs, while others offer extended hours. Some include snacks or lunch, while others require you provide your own bagged lunch. Many have field trips, but find out if they are included in the fee. If your child has special needs, be sure to check it out ahead of time.

Most of all, make sure your kids have a say in their summer fun, so everyone enjoys their summer break!

## Arts, Music & Dance

### Next Generation Kids Summer Camp

#### Next Generation Kids

Phone: 321-207-0300

Website: [www.nextgenkids.com](http://www.nextgenkids.com)

302 Live Oak Blvd. Casselberry

Age: Various age groups. Programs for K - 10.

Cost: Prices range from \$170 - \$195.

Description: Weekly programs. 9 am-2 pm.

Students learn songs, dances, paint their set and design their costume and perform their show on Friday night for family and friends! If your child loves to perform, this is a great experience. Newest camp: Hanna Montana for grades 3 - 6. Sing the songs, learn the dances and have a ball! Register online at [www.nextgenkids.com](http://www.nextgenkids.com)



### Summer Camps

#### Orlando Shakespeare Theater

Phone: 407-447-1700 x 254

Website: [www.orlandoshakes.org](http://www.orlandoshakes.org)

Age: 2 years to college freshman

Cost: Price varies depending on the program (\$150 - \$300)

Description: Camps occur throughout June, July and August at the Lowndes Shakespeare Center in Loch Haven Cultural Park. Young artists explore Shakespeare's mind-expanding concepts and beautiful world vision. Every camp culminates in a public performance.

Programs include CLOWNS, JESTERS, TROUBADOUR PLAYERS, BARDS, SHAKESPEARE WITH HEART, AND THE YOUNG COMPANY.  
Contact: Bob Dolan

### Daydreams Summer VPK Program

#### Daydreams Child Development Center

Phone: 407-814-0444

Website: [www.daydreamscdc.com](http://www.daydreamscdc.com)

204 S. Central Ave. Apopka

Age: Children entering kindergarten in Fall.

Cost: No cost if child eligible for VPK.

Description: 8:45 am - 3:15 pm M-F. A weekly "water day" is included.

Contact: Ask for Lenka or Shana.

See ad on page 11.

### SPCA of Central Florida

Phone: 407-248-1746, 407-248-1756

Website: [www.orlandopets.org](http://www.orlandopets.org)

Orlando

Age: Grades 3 - 5

Cost: \$150

Description: August 4-8, 8am - 5pm.

Held at the Orlando Shelter. Children learn about animal care and behavior activities; hands-on interactions with puppies and dogs, kittens and cats; animal welfare projects; craft activities; discussions with experts. Register online or call for more info. Limit: 15 children.

Contact: Humane Educators - call or email [tlance@ohs-spcfa.org](mailto:tlance@ohs-spcfa.org) or [rodriguez@ohs-spcfa.org](mailto:rodriguez@ohs-spcfa.org)

## Educational

### Summer Reading Clinic

#### Bridges Academy

Phone: 407-366-1099

894 Gary Hillery Drive Winter Springs

Age: Grades 2 - 8

Description: 6 week program that focuses on skills for effective reading: decoding, vocabulary, comprehension, and oral reading fluency. Geared for students who are struggling to make the grade or pass the FCAT. Reading specialists provide pre and post evaluations and classroom instruction for students.

Contact: Jacqueline Egli, Exec. Dir.

### Summer Camp & Adventures in History Orange County

#### Regional History Center

Phone: 407-838-8598

Website: [www.thehistorycenter.org](http://www.thehistorycenter.org)

65 E. Central Blvd. Orlando

Age: Varies by program, Grades K - 5.

Cost: \$100 for members,

\$125 for non-members.

Description: Programs run from 9 am

- 3 pm. Early drop-off at 7:30 am (upon request). Extended pickup at 5:30 pm.

for an additional \$10 charge per day.

Children learn about a creepy crawly world; reptiles and amphibians; heroes and superheroes. There's Adventures in History - young American women and a soldier's life.



### Summer Adventures Camp

#### Central Florida Zoo

Phone: 407-323-4450 x123

Website: [www.centralfloridazoo.org](http://www.centralfloridazoo.org)

3755 NW Hwy 17-92 Sanford

Age:

2 - 12 years old

Description: Half & Full Day Camps.

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Call to register or go online.

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## Summer Camp 2008

**Orlando Science Center**  
 Phone: 407-514-2112  
 Website: [www.osc.org](http://www.osc.org)  
 772 E. Princeton St. Orlando  
 Age: Varies by program.  
 Cost: Half-day: OSC members \$105/week; non-members \$115/week.  
 Full-day: OSC members \$185/week; non-members \$205/week. Science Academy: OSC members \$275/week; non-members \$305/week.  
 Description: Weekly programs. Half-day & full day camp, Science academy camp. Register by phone or online. Special Needs must make arrangements in advance 407-514-2108.  
 Contact: Summer Camp Director  
 407-514-2035 mbrady@osc.org

optional field trips. Open to residents only. Other activities are available at additional cost. Registration packets available in April on website or Westmonte Park, Eastmonte Park, Merrill Park or library.  
 Contact: Ryan Thompson.

## Apopka Adventure Camp

**City of Apopka Recreation Dept.**  
 Phone: 407-703-1741  
 Website: [www.apopka.net](http://www.apopka.net)  
 11 N. Forest Avenue Apopka  
 Age: Grades 1 - 5  
 Cost: \$100 residents;  
 \$137.50 non-residents.  
 Description: June 9 - August 15.  
 7:30 am - 5:30 pm.

## Summer Camp

**City of Longwood**  
 Phone: 407-260-3484  
 Website: [www.ci.longwood.fl.us](http://www.ci.longwood.fl.us)  
 Age: Entering 1st - 8th grade  
 Cost: \$100 residents; \$85/week residents; \$100/week non-residents.  
 Regular fees: \$105/week residents; \$120/week non-residents.  
 Description: June 16 - August 1. Open to residents and non-residents. Limited to 80 campers. Camp program held at Lyman High School. Field trips included in price. Application and flyer online.

## Maitland Summer Camp

**City of Maitland**  
 Phone: 407-539-6269  
 Website: [www.itsmymaitland.com](http://www.itsmymaitland.com)  
 Description: 10 themed weeks of activities and field trips.  
 Open to residents & non-residents.  
 Contact: [aparsons@itsmymaitland.com](mailto:aparsons@itsmymaitland.com)

## Kidzquest Summer Survivor Camp

**City of Mount Dora Parks & Recreation Dept.**  
 Phone: 352-735-7183  
 Website: <http://ci.mount-dora.fl.us>  
 900 N. Donnelly St.  
 Mount Dora  
 Age: 5 - 11 years old  
 Cost: \$95 per week  
 (Includes all field trips)  
 Description: June 9 - August 1. Limited to 60 kids per week. Activities include



swimming, crafts, movies, field trips.  
 Registration now - June 3rd.  
 Contact: Mount Dora Parks and Recreation Dept.

## Summer Camp

**JCC of Greater Orlando**  
 Phone: 407-845-5933  
 Website: [www.orlandojcc.org](http://www.orlandojcc.org)  
 Maitland  
 Age: 18 months - 15 years old.  
 Description: Art, theatre, dance, gym camps. Swimming. Field trips every week. Caring CPR-certified staff. Available in Maitland and South Orlando.



## Summer Camp

**Kickin' Kids**  
 Phone: 407-889-5425  
 2234 Semoran Blvd. Apopka  
 Age: 7 - 12 years old  
 Description: Free Field Trips, arts & crafts, swimming, movies, karate lessons. Full or part-time programs. Conveniently located to Altamonte, Apopka & Wekiva areas.  
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## Summer Camp

**Viktory Gymnastics**  
 Phone: 407-858-8030  
 Website: [www.viktoryfun.com](http://www.viktoryfun.com)  
 2157 Viscount Row Orlando  
 Age: 3 - 5 years old  
 Cost: \$145 per week; \$32 per day.  
 Description: June 16th - August 15. M-F. Drop at 9am, Pick up at 4 pm. Early and late pickups at no additional charge. Half Day programs available.  
 Contact: [leah\\_jason@earthlink.net](mailto:leah_jason@earthlink.net)

## Summer Day Camp

**YMCA Camp Wewa**  
 Phone: 407-886-1240  
 Website: [www.ymcawewa.org](http://www.ymcawewa.org)  
 211 S. Binion Rd. Apopka  
 Age: 6 - 12 years old

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## General

### Super Kids Summer Boot Camp

Phone: 407-869-8307  
 280 SR 434 Suite 2044  
 Altamonte Springs  
 Description: Field trips every day, martial arts, hip hop dance, drama/acting, sign language.

### Summer Zone 2008

**Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida**  
 Phone: 407-841-8855 x 20  
 Website: [www.bgccf.org](http://www.bgccf.org)  
 Age: Grades 5 - 8  
 Cost: \$180 for 8 weeks.  
 Description: June 9 - August 1. 8 am - 4 pm. Apopka Middle School, Piedmont Lakes Middle School, Wolf Lake Middle School.  
 Check website for additional locations.

### Summer Program

**City of Altamonte Springs**  
 Phone: 407-571-8730  
 Website: [www.altamonte.org/](http://www.altamonte.org/)  
 Age: 6 - 12 years old  
 Cost: \$280 per child.  
 Description: June 9 - August 8 (Closed July 4 - 11). 9 am - 4 pm M-F. Program is located at Westmonte Park. Daily activities include organized sports, swimming, arts & crafts, movies and

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[daydreamscdc.com](http://daydreamscdc.com)

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**Daydreams**

**Child Development Center**

204 S. Central Ave, Apopka, FL 32703

(Only 1 Mile from 429)

407-814-0444

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**170 S. Washington Avenue, Apopka**  
**(407)464-2000 [www.MosquitoCreek.com](http://www.MosquitoCreek.com)**  
 Located on Hwy 441, One Mile South of 429  
 Hrs: Tues-Fri 10am-6pm/Sat 10am-4pm/ Sun & Mon-Closed

**Where The Adventure Begins**

## Summer Camps

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Cost: \$135 per session  
Description: 10 Sessions available. Each session is 5 days.  
June 9 - August 15.  
9am - 4pm with extended hours from 7:30 am - 6 pm.  
Residential Camp Program available. Call or check website for more info.

## Sports

**RDV Sportsplex Ice Den**  
Phone: 407-916-2442  
Website: www.rdvsportsplex.com  
8701 Mattland Summit Blvd. Orlando

### 3 Programs Available:

#### Figure Skating

Age: 7+  
Cost per weekly session: \$225 w/o lunch; \$260 with lunch.  
Description: Figure Skating Camp for boys and girls. Weekly camp program. Sessions run June 9 - August 15. Full day camp. Program includes stretch class, two freestyle sessions, conditioning class, and an off-ice jump class. Skaters eat lunch together as a group every day. Extended care is available.



#### Hockey Camp

Age: Grades 1 - 12  
Cost: \$389, \$370 if you register by May 21.  
Discounts for siblings.  
Description: Sessions run June 16 - 20.

#### Learn to Skate Camp

Age: 7+  
Cost per weekly session: \$225 w/o lunch; \$260 with lunch.  
Description: Weekly camp program. Sessions run June 9 - August 15. Full day camp. 9am - 3pm. Program includes private ice group class instruction, conditioning class and supervised public skate time. Skaters eat lunch together as a group every day. Extended care is available.

## Equestrian

### Trademark Equestrian



**Summer Camp Trademark Equestrian Center**

Phone: 407-889-8752 Apopka

Age: 6 and up  
Cost: \$350 per week or \$65 per day  
Description: Private lessons every day. Learn barn management; proper horse show grooming/preparation; braiding, mane pulling, trimming, body clipping, wrapping, proper foot care/management, proper bathing techniques. Reservations are required.  
8 am - 2:30 pm, Mon - Fri.  
5 people maximum at each session.  
Contact: Lisa

## Culture & Entertainment

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Fall to Pieces, Sweet Dreams and Waking After Midnight... 27 songs in all. The show's title was inspired by Cline's letters to Seger, which were consistently signed "Love ALWAYS... Patsy Cline."  
For tickets, call 352-383-4616 or visit website: www.icehouse theatre.com. Located at 1100 N. Unser St., Mt. Dora.



Garden Theatre

### April 25 - May 4

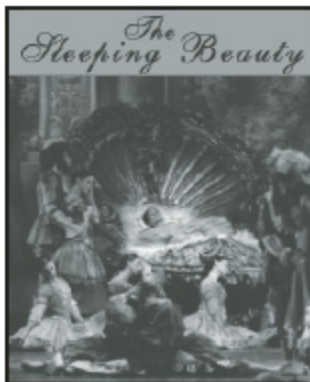
Based on the bestselling non-fiction book, Tuesdays with Morrie is the autobiographical story of Mitch Albom, an accomplished journalist driven solely by his career, and Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor. Showtimes: Fridays/Saturdays 8pm, Sundays 2pm. Tickets: Adults \$22, Seniors/Students \$18. Located at 160 W. Plant Street, Winter Garden. For tickets call 407-877-4736 or visit website: [www.wgtheatre.org](http://www.wgtheatre.org)



Moonlight and Magnolias

### May 9 - 25

Comedy set in 1939 based on events that led to the completion of the screenplay for Gone With the Wind. Watch as David O. Selznick, Ben Hecht and Victor Fleming are trapped in an office for one week surviving only on peanuts and bananas so that they may re-write and act out the famous movie. Showtimes: Fridays/Saturdays 8pm, Sundays 2pm. Tickets: Adults \$22, Seniors/Students \$18. Located at 160 W. Plant Street, Winter Garden. For tickets call 407-877-4736 or visit website: [www.wgtheatre.org](http://www.wgtheatre.org)



## Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre

### Orlando Ballet presents Sleeping Beauty

#### May 16 - 18

The Sleeping Beauty is a classic tale of good versus evil. Experience this unforgettable ballet that has captivated audiences for over a century. From curse to kiss, The Sleeping Beauty features Tchaikovsky's extraordinary score and some of the most memorable choreography in all of ballet. This timeless story is brought to life by a glorious and lavish production, filled with virtuoso dance and bravura variations. Orlando Ballet dances this classic fairytale for its final performance of the season.

Showtimes: Friday & Saturday 8pm, Sunday 2pm. Tickets from \$14.50 to \$70 are on sale now. For ticket information, call (407) 426-1739 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre is located at 401 West Livingston St., Orlando, FL 32801.

## Mad Cow Theatre Orlando

### Assassins

By Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman  
May 29 - July 6

A darkly-comic and compelling look at the lives, loves, and legacies of nine presidential assassins, Stephen Sondheim's mini-masterpiece is a warped and tuneful tour through history. The winner of five Tony Awards, Assassins explores the dark underbelly of the American dream. For tickets, call 407-297-8788 or visit website: [www.madcowtheatre.com](http://www.madcowtheatre.com). Theatre is located at 105 South Magnolia Avenue, Orlando.

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## Photography with Barbara

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Then there's Ulead's 'PhotoImpact X3' at \$69.99. It's more expensive but it is a program you can grow into if you are serious about your photos. It uses easy wizards to create fun photo projects and gifts. Choose from over 200 customizable templates for a wide range of ways to share your pictures. Turn your images into collages, comic strips, calendars and/or greeting cards. Keep track of all your digital images with its media management suite. You can import, tag and sort your photos and video, and find any image fast.

PhotoImpact X3 lets you create virtual groups, or "Smart Collections" to keep your photos organized. Add descriptions and tags, to retrieve images individually or in groups. Create video slideshows to send to friends and family. It includes a complete home art studio for novices.

You can draw or paint original artwork, or enhance your photos with paint effects. It includes watercolor and oil paint brushes that behave like the real thing. Turn your photos of kids, travel, or weddings into stunning paintings - in 3 easy steps.

Another choice and my favorite is Adobe's 'Photoshop Elements'. The current version is 6 and right now you can buy it at Amazon.com for \$74.99 and get a \$20 rebate so that the final cost is \$54.99. You won't need more than this program for your editing work unless you are a pro. Then it would be 'Photoshop' I would recommend along with 'Lightroom' for the ultra management software.

'Elements' does it all and easily manages your images so you can find them, work on them, and send and print them.

You can even perform more advanced retouching and enhancing thanks to easy image-selection tools, compositing capabilities and more. You can share your stories in photo books, scrapbook pages, slide shows and interactive web galleries.

A new feature, Photomerge makes it easy for you to combine the best parts of several group shots into one image. There is also a new Quick Selection tool and three edit modes aimed at different skill levels. The \$20 rebate makes it very competitive and a great value.

If you are serious about your images, want to be able to find them on demand, and have fun with them so you can share them with family and friends, don't hesitate to get yourself one of these programs. You'll find it is time and money well invested.

I'm always happy to answer your questions. Email me at [barbara@rockspringsnews.net](mailto:barbara@rockspringsnews.net)