Summer at Woodland Hill begins with a deep respect for each child as an individual. Every day will include activities that promote learning in a fun and peaceful environment inspired by the Montessori Method. Each session will include theme-based activities as outlined in camp descriptions. Daily activities may include music, movement, gardening, games, arts & crafts, and time in nature. A morning snack time is set aside, with lunch at approximately 12 pm. Extended Day is offered before and after the Summer Program and consists of more outdoor playtime fun with arts & crafts, stories, and games.

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Nestled in the woods of North Greenbush, our beautiful 11-acre campus is conveniently located just off of I-90 across the river from Downtown Albany. Woodland Hill is entering its 59th year of exciting and engaging programs for children rooted in Montessori Philosophy.

For more information, please call (518) 323-5400, or visit our website at woodlandhill.org.
Registration for the 2023 summer program opens on Monday, February 13. Please register online at woodlandhill.org/summer. Mastercard, Amex, Discover, Visa are all acceptable forms of payment. A 50% deposit is due at registration. Registrations are not guaranteed without a deposit.

A discount of $20 off per week will be given to families who register before March 12, 2023.

**REGISTRATION**

A 50% deposit is due at the time of registration. Registrations are not guaranteed without a deposit. Payment in full is due by June 18, 2023. Cancellations made two weeks or more prior to the camp start date will receive a full refund, less a $50 administrative fee per week. No refunds will be issued for cancellations later than that. There is a $20 charge for change to registration. Changes to weeks will not be accepted unless submitted in writing to summercamp@woodlandhill.org. Children absent from camp will not be entitled to a refund or exchange of dates. There are no drop-ins for extended day, children who use extended day will be charged for the week.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

The health and safety of our students, our staff and their families are our top priority. Proper cleanliness, hand washing, and cleaning protocols will be in place while camp is in session.

**SUMMER CAMPS**

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*Immersion Camp is a camp option which allows our campers to have an opportunity to develop and refine skills centered around an area of expertise. Spaces are limited.

** Includes WHMS Travelers Camp Shirt
Acorns Camp allows our youngest campers - three-year-olds - the opportunity to dive into summer camp supported by our nurturing, experienced Montessori staff. Our teachers are eager to help make the transition to camp and beyond a smooth one for these new campers. Learn more about the curriculum areas they will explore below!

While not a replacement for our school-year phase-in, this program will give children the chance to become comfortable with the Woodland Hill campus and Primary level environment. They will gain confidence in their ability to make new friends, try new challenges and have a fabulous summer!

**PRACTICAL LIFE**

The practical life curriculum provides opportunities for the developing three-year-old mind that is drawn to order, concentration, coordination, and independence. Real life skill lessons are offered in the steps for preparing snack, dressing oneself, sweeping an area of the classroom, planting a garden, washing dishes, and more. Fine-motor skills are developed, a variety of utensils are offered, and purposeful work is celebrated, all at a three-year-old's pace and developmental stage. Practical Life activities support life at home with family and social interactions with peers at school.

**SENSORIAL**

The sensorial curriculum includes lessons that inspire the five senses through which Montessori observed that children absorb knowledge. Through hands-on materials, children will explore touch, sound, taste, temperature, and visual discrimination activities that call to their natural desire to learn. Curiosity will be encouraged and whole-child developmental needs supported in this fun and creative time.
The language curriculum provides the three-year-old child with opportunities to interact with hands-on materials that stoke their growing interest in pre-writing and pre-reading skills. Matching objects, rhyming words, memorizing poetry, and imagining story lines they think of on their own will fill their fun summer day. A variety of whole-child activities will be offered for our friends to stay engaged in purposeful work and expression of their creativity.

Interest in numbers, counting, and asking “how many?” are hallmark qualities of the developing three-year-old. Trying to count as high as we can and telling everyone around us how old we are comes naturally at this age. Our Montessori math materials are hands-on opportunities to use our fingers and their desire to manipulate small items. We will count and make patterns while exploring simple mathematical concepts that call to this developmental stage of the young mind. Creativity will expand into activities where math and art meet, where sharing snack and dividing servings equally combine. The young child is a mathematician by design and this session will support and encourage them.

The cultural curriculum explores geography, world studies, science, art, and music. Our global citizens-in-training will explore the world through songs, dancing, art projects, scientific experiments, and puzzle maps. Opening our minds and hearts to experiencing the world around us is foundational to the Montessori student’s experience. We will have snacks that invoke global spice flavors, and we will encounter something new every day! This camp will awaken our senses and our academic interests in a variety of lessons and materials.

Session Dates

Our three-year-old children sign up per week for camp and may choose a half-day option. Children who attend half-day will attend from 9:00 am until 11:45 am. Children who attend for a full day will be eligible to attend our extended day option. Sessions for three-year-old children are listed below.

- Week One (June 26 - 30) – Practical Life
- Week Two (July 3 - 7) – Sensorial
- Week Three (July 10 - 14) – Language
- Week Four (July 17 - 21) – Math
- Week Five (July 24 - 28) – Cultural
- Week Six (July 31 - Aug 4) – Practical Life
- Week Seven (Aug 7 - 11) – Sensorial
- Week Eight (Aug 14 - 18) – Language
- Week Nine (Aug 21 - 25) – Math
PRIMARY CAMP OFFERINGS

Shark Week  Is it a great white, a hammerhead, or a tiger shark? Come and find out when we dive into shark week head on as we learn and play with one of the ocean’s biggest predators.

Little Picassos  “Every child is an artist,” said Pablo Picasso and every camper is as well! Come use paint, pastels, collage work, and clay to turn our imaginative ideas into inspired creations. Smocks are welcome!

Soccer Stars  Empowering athletes for beginner soccer! You will learn basic soccer technique, motor skills, life skills, and self-confidence.

WEEK ONE
JUNE 26 - 30

WEEK TWO
JULY 3 - 7

*No camp on July 4

PRIMARY CAMP OFFERINGS

Shark Week
Little Picassos
Soccer Stars

ELEMENTARY CAMP OFFERINGS

Basketball Camp  Learn how to dribble, pass, and shoot with the head coach of the WHMS Basketball team himself! The children will learn fundamentals of the game along with advanced tips based on their competitive level.

Dungeons and Dragons  Elves, halflings, orcs, trolls, and humans! Dungeons & Dragons is a wonderful way to escape the confines of your world through group storytelling. Players will be grouped in adventuring teams and will embark on a week-long quest!

Freestyle Art  We invite you to enrich our environment with your artistic expression! Creative prompts and interactive experiences will get our inner artists in the mood to freely explore artistic modalities and make inspired choices with a variety of Art materials.

Wonderful World of Wizardry  Immerse yourself into fictional worlds as you don your house colors, mix magical potions, play games and challenge your skills in the tournaments we create.

World Chefs*  Join us for this immersive cooking camp with Lidia of Lidia’s Empanadas to explore our culinary skills and love for food! We’ll hone our cooking skills while creating our favorite dishes and some new ones too!

*Immersion camp
WEEK THREE
JULY 10 - 14

PRIMARY CAMP OFFERINGS

Backyard Athletes We’ll work on physical challenges that test coordination, endurance, and balance. We’ll play games that foster teamwork, focus on good sportsmanship, as well as challenging our limits!

Ooey Gooey Science We can mix things to eat, mix things that are fantastic to watch, and make things that are fun to combine with our hands. Let’s see what we can concoct together!

Old Fashioned Outdoor Fun This camp is all about bringing it back to basics! We’ll play outdoor games, explore nature in the woods, tie dye colorful shirts and much more!

ELEMENTARY CAMP OFFERINGS

Mad Scientists This program features fun-filled, hands-on, experiments each day that allow the children to explore their natural desire for the unknown. The children are empowered to ask questions, make observations, collect evidence, and draw conclusions, gaining a new perspective on their formulated hypothesis.

Lawn Games We’ll work on physical challenges that test coordination, endurance, and balance. We’ll play games that foster teamwork such as cornhole, kan jam, spikeball, and more!

Riddle Me This? Treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, puzzle boxes, geocaching and so much more. Join us on our beautiful 11-acre campus for a fun filled week of the unknown. Who knows what you’ll find?

Archery and Navigation Could you survive on your own in the wild? In this camp we will learn life skills needed to survive in the wild! Campers will acquire skills in archery, navigation, and environmental awareness. Come explore with us!

Styled Creations Let’s collaborate on artistic challenges and tap into our inner designer. Zooming out beyond individual expression, we will pool our artistic skill and resource into creations that are greater than the sum of their parts. For artists and inspired designers alike, we will display our work in a gallery at the end of our time together.

WEEK FOUR
JULY 17 - 21

PRIMARY CAMP OFFERINGS

Backyard Athletes
Ooey Gooey Science
Old Fashioned Outdoor Fun

ELEMENTARY CAMP OFFERINGS

Mad Scientists
Lawn Games
Riddle Me This?
Archery and Navigation
Styled Creations

WEEK FIVE
JULY 24 - 28

PRIMARY CAMP OFFERINGS

Visitors Camp While the elementary students are on field trips throughout the Capital Region, we’ll have our own version of fun here at school as we host a week’s worth of special visitors. We’ll have visits from interesting animals, vehicles, science presentations, and community members.
WEEK FIVE
JULY 24 - 28
ELEMENTARY CAMP OFFERINGS
Summer Fun Travelers Camp
Woodland Hill Campers are off on another great trip around the Capital Region for our most popular, field trip based camp! This summer we will visit museums, historical sites, and other areas of interest. Join us for another great week of fascinating trips!

Stay on Campus Crawl
Stay here on campus with us for the week as we explore our 11 acres property. Together we will work on projects to beautify our campus with your creativity.

WEEK SIX
JULY 31 - AUGUST 4
PRIMARY CAMP OFFERINGS
Dinosaur Park  Step back to a time when the land was filled with plants and dinosaurs. Be the first humans to see these creatures with your own eyes! Travel among the dinosaurs and see how small your footsteps are compared to theirs.

Under The Sea  Explore the sea in this fun interactive camp! You’ll learn about all types of sea creatures that inhabit different bodies of water, the ocean’s ancient history, its current condition, and its future!

ELEMENTARY CAMP OFFERINGS
Obstacles and Games  Run! Craw! Climb! In this camp we will be doing all the activities required to complete an obstacle course. You will learn how to build your own obstacle course where you will be able to determine the level of difficulty.

Wonderful World of Wizardry (Advanced)  After getting acquainted with protective magic in beginner’s Wonderful World of Wizardry, Advanced World of Wizardry is diving deeper into verbal spell work, potions, crystals, astrology, and the Wheel of the Year. Alohomora!

Rocket Power  1....2....3.... Blast off! In this camp we will learn all about rockets! We will work on crafting rockets together and learn the science behind rockets. Join us for an exploration of how rockets drift, zoom, scuttle, circle, sail and fly through the air.

Makerspace Camp*  In this camp we will explore woodworking, building, crafting and the architecture behind making an actual house. You will learn techniques used to cut, form and create these architectural structures.

WEEK SEVEN
AUGUST 7 - 11
PRIMARY CAMP OFFERINGS
Dinosaur Park
Under The Sea

ELEMENTARY CAMP OFFERINGS
Obstacles and Games

Makerspace Camp*
WEEK EIGHT  
AUGUST 14 - 18

PRIMARY CAMP OFFERINGS

All About Legos  In this camp we will be utilizing a children toy favorite: Legos! We will be building all sorts of creations in this camp, from cars, to houses to towns!

Animal Kingdom  Animals have inspired some of our favorite stories over the years. Each day we will read a story together and then visit or meet the animals up close who inspired the story and characters! Our favorite books will come to life right before our eyes!

ELEMENTARY CAMP OFFERINGS

Live Action Role Play  In this camp we’ll explore the world of fantasy and strategy games and other role-playing games. We’ll work on character creation, gameplay, and the creation of our own fantastic games to play with our peers.

Top Score  This camp will focus on getting fitter, faster, and, stronger! We’ll learn about all kinds of sports and exercise and how to have fun doing it! We’ll work on physical challenges that test coordination, endurance, and balance. We’ll play games that foster teamwork and good sportsmanship as well as test our own personal records in individual challenges.

Wild Ways  Well, come on, let’s go! Learn to build shelters, navigate in the woods, purify water, read animal tracks, and identify edible plants. There will be team-based challenges and problems to solve daily in the wilderness here on our beautiful 11-acre campus.

Art Lab  Create, collaborate, and experiment with WHMS Art Lab! Each day students will get to choose their own artistic adventure, drawing inspiration from our outdoor campus and exploring materials and techniques new and old.

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