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OF ALACHUA COUNTY

Summer 2024 Program Guide

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Welcome

Dear Families,

Before we know it, summer will be here again. And while your children are surely looking forward to a few months of relaxation and fun, we also want them to be safe and set for success in the next school year.

The Children's Trust of Alachua County is now entering its fourth summer providing scholarships for eligible families to attend camps throughout the county. Your child could have the chance to explore their artistic abilities, engage their scientific or mathematical mind, stretch their reading muscles, and so much more. Year after year, kids and families have reported high levels of satisfaction with their camp experience.

You'll notice in the table of contents on the next page that this guide is color-coded for families to find the right care for their child's age group. Give that a glance before you explore the programs available this year on the following pages, and contact the summer camp that seems to be the best fit for your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marsha Kiner".

Marsha Kiner
Executive Director
Children's Trust of Alachua County

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Scholarship Eligibility

IS YOUR FAMILY/CHILD...



**Below the 2024 federal poverty threshold?
(At or below 200% OR between 200-400%.)**

MUST PROVIDE one of the following:

- Income statements (pay stubs)
- Previous year tax return
- Letter from employer



Receiving SNAP benefits?

MUST PROVIDE: SNAP eligibility form or letter with date.

- Note: Copy of SNAP or EBT card is not accepted as verification.



On an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan?

MUST PROVIDE: A copy of IEP or 504 Plan.

- Note: Must also be at or below 400% of the 2024 federal poverty threshold.










In foster care, in voluntary formal kinship care, or under in-home case management supervision?

MUST PROVIDE: Placement letter.

*Supporting documentation for at least one selection must be provided to verify scholarship eligibility.

Poverty Guidelines

2024 Federal Poverty Level for the 48 Contiguous United States

Number of persons in household	200%	400%
 2	\$40,880	\$81,760
 3	\$51,640	\$103,280
 4	\$62,400	\$124,800
 5	\$73,160	\$146,320
 6	\$83,920	\$167,840
 7	\$94,680	\$189,360
 8	\$105,440	\$210,880

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,380 for each additional person.

Akwaaba Freedom School

The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools provide a summer reading program focused on combating summer slide and motivating low-income and racially minoritized children to fall in love with reading. Freedom Schools also emphasize how scholars can make a difference in themselves, their families, schools, community, the country and world. Program features integrated reading curriculum, weekly field trips, weekly parent meetings/workshops, enrichment activities (music, dance, sports, arts, STEM, etc.), and more.



Grades K-12

June 10 - July 19, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m; aftercare until 5:30 p.m.

PK Yonge Developmental Research School
1080 SW 11th Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Contact: freedomschool@coe.ufl.edu



education.ufl.edu/akwaaba-freedom-school

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida Northwest and Woodland Park locations



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA**

BGCNF offers five hours of academic learning weekly supported by certified teachers, plus Youth Development Professionals offer Personal Enrichment Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math + Literacy (STEAM+L) programming. Student-to-adult ratios are 10:1 for Academic/Certified Teachers and 20:1 for Enrichment / Non-Academic.

Grades 1-5

June 10 - July 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NORTHWEST

2661 NW 51st Street
Gainesville, FL 32606

WOODLAND PARK

331 SE 20th Place
Gainesville, FL 32641

Contact: Kenyatta Jackson, 352-377-8003



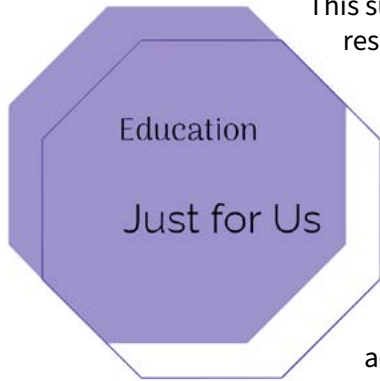
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Camp Just for Us Edu

Lewis Place at Ironwood residents only



This summer program is being held for residents of Lewis Place at Ironwood in the community center. Residents have asked the office manager for academic and activity support for elementary- and middle school-age kids, especially since Covid. Kids will have a safe, fun, and familiar environment that they can thrive in, with summer academic support in math and English, plus enrichment and a host of

other activities. All while providing parents with the convenience of not having to leave their community.

Grades K-6

June 3 - July 25 (Monday-Thursday)

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lewis Place at Ironwood Community Center

4121 NE 15th St.

Gainesville, FL 32609

Contact: LaToya Lopez, 352-756-2365



@justforusedu

City of Alachua



Through the Legacy Park Summer Arts Camp, children have the opportunity to discover new skills, build self-confidence, make new friends, and feel a sense of achievement. Activities include art, music, swimming, character development, games, sports, and outdoor activities. Each week of camp puts focus on a different artistic medium — from ceramics and sculpture, to painting and drawing, to creative writing and theater, to sewing and fiber arts, and more — led by a practicing professional artist. At the end of the summer, students will exhibit their works to the public and showcase the creative talents they have pursued.

Grades K-8

June 10 - July 26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Not open week of July 4th

Legacy Park Multipurpose Center

15400 Peggy Road

Alachua, FL 32615

Contact: Damon Messina, 386-462-1610



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Community Impact Corporation Summer Camp



This camp is an educational, fun, engaging 10-week full day camp. The program will assist children/youth with continuing academic achievements past the school year, by using integrative curricula through STEAM, enhancement of cultural and social skills, enrichment and recreational activities aimed at providing children a full array of supportive learning activities (including field trips) provided by caring and competent staff in a safe and supportive environment. Reading and math skills are also reinforced in collaboration with the Alachua County School Board.

Grades K-12
June 3 - August 9, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

3575 NE 15th Street
Gainesville, FL 32609

Contact: Pearlie Shelton
pshelton43@hotmail.com • 352-264-0006

 urwelcomehere.org

 [/urwelcomehere](https://www.facebook.com/urwelcomehere)

Cultural Arts Coalition




The Environmental Ambassadors 5-week summer program teaches high school youth job skills and climate awareness through collaboration with community agencies and individuals. Teens meet 4 days a week to learn about the environment, water, energy, food, leadership, making decisions about the environment, and working with younger students to teach some basic ways to protect the environment. The youth visit waste treatment, recycling, and energy production facilities, tour nearby lakes and rivers, and meet with city, county, and state officials.

Ages 15-19
June 24 - July 26, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wilhelmina Johnson Resource Center
321 NW 10th Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Contact: Nkwanda Jah, 352-372-0216

 culturalartscoalition.org

 [/culturalartscoalitiongnv](https://www.facebook.com/culturalartscoalitiongnv)

Cuscowilla Day Camp

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners



CUSCOWILLA
NATURE & RETREAT CENTER

Cuscowilla offers an Olympic-sized, fenced-in swimming pool; air conditioned classrooms, large dining hall, game room with air hockey, ping pong and more, basketball courts, fishing and boating dock with a pond, archery range, and a large field to accommodate large games.

Grades 2-8

June 10 - August 2, 7:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Cuscowilla Nature and Retreat Center
210 SE 134th Ave.
Micanopy, FL 32667

Contact: Jamie Bass, 352-274-2372



alachua.recdesk.com/Community/Program

Deeper Purpose Kids Academy



The Excel & Adventure Summer Camp focuses on learning life management and other skills that will benefit campers, both now & later in life. Kids are invited to be who they truly are. Other activities include mentoring, reading and math skill building, science and STEM projects, health and fitness, public speaking,

skits, arts and crafts, theatre, dance, and sports. Each week will also feature guest speakers and organized field trips.

Grades K-7

June 3 - August 9, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

19930 N US Hwy 441
High Springs, FL 32643

Contact: Pastor Adam Joy, 386-454-5300



deeperpurposecommunitychurch.org

Gainesville Circus Center, Inc.



**GAINESVILLE
CIRCUS
CENTER**


Gainesville Circus Center offers circus classes, camp, workshops and performances for both recreational and professionally minded students. Circus arts have the power to build strength on physical, emotional and mental levels and promote cross-cultural and intergenerational collaboration. From aerial silks to trapeze to group acrobatics, Gainesville Circus Center has a vision to make circus and movement arts accessible to children and adults of all backgrounds; to promote cultural and generational exchange; and to build a thriving artistic community.


Ages K-8

June 10 - July 19, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

1925 NW 2nd Street, Suite B
Gainesville, FL 32609

Contact: Corey Cheval, 352-316-0682

 gainesvillecircus.com

 [/gainesvillecircuscenter](https://www.facebook.com/gainesvillecircuscenter)

Girls Place



Girls Place offers trauma-informed, strengths-based positive youth development programming. Structure and opportunities are provided to develop skills and a sense of belonging through Summer Day Camp, ACHIEVE, Athletics and BrainPower while providing a safe and enriching environment where girls can thrive.

Grades K-9

June 3 - August 9, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

2101 NW 39th Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32605

Contact: Christi Arrington, 352-373-4475

 girlsplace.net

 [/girlsplaceinc](https://www.facebook.com/girlsplaceinc)

Good News Arts



The Good News Arts Summer Arts Camp provides accessible and exciting arts and athletics learning, with days split between various games and sports as well as various artistic mediums, from ceramics and sculpture, to painting and drawing, to creative writing and theater, and even to sewing and fiber arts and more. Each week the camp will focus on a different medium, lead by a practicing professional artist. At the end of the Summer, students will exhibit their works to the public and showcase the creative talents they have pursued.

Grades K-8

June 10 - July 26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

High Springs Old Elementary School
23760 NW 187th Ave.
High Springs, FL 32643

Contact: Jessica Caldas
goodnewsarts@goodnewsarts.com • 706-254-6750



goodnewsarts.com



/goodnewsarts

Greater Duval Early Learning Academy

Summer Sling is a six-week program that helps develop a plan for after high school while building leadership skills. Students are given the chance to see different career opportunities that will provide them with a living wage, visiting several colleges, universities, alternative programs and job sites that only require a high school diploma. Civic engagement is another focus of the program, creating conversations with several city officials on civic duties and careers in politics. The group is taught conflict resolution, teamwork and decision-making skills for career options. This program is free and targets low-income participants and those with special needs.



Grades 7-12

June 17 - July 27, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Clarence R. Kelly Community Center
1701 NE 8th Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32641

Contact: Andrew Miles, 352-225-5939



greaterduval.org



outeastyouth.com

I AM STEM



This comprehensive enrichment summer camp targets populations who are underrepresented in STEM fields, with goals of improving their interest, identity and engagement in STEM. The curriculum integrates technology, engineering, and mathematics instruction into science. All activities have clear learning goals, and provide opportunities for children to engage in scientific phenomena while supporting their learning.

Grades K-12

June 3 - July 26, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Caring and Sharing Learning School
1951 SE 4th Street
Gainesville, FL 32641

Contact: Natalie King, 352-372-1004



iamstemcamps.com



[/IAMSTEMCamps](https://www.facebook.com/IAMSTEMCamps)

Kids Count



Kids Count Summer Camp provides Rawlings and Metcalfe Elementary School students with a safe and nurturing environment where they participate in engaging enrichment and recreational activities. This includes field trips, outside groups, and literacy activities related to a summer theme.

Grades 1-3, plus select 4-5

June 3 - 27 (Monday - Thursday), 1 - 5 p.m.

Faith Mission

3701 NE 15th Street

Gainesville, FL 32609

Contact: Allysén Marks, 352-244-9723



kidscountalachua.org



[/kidscountalachua](https://www.facebook.com/kidscountalachua)

Santa Fe College for Kids



College for Kids

SF College for Kids (CFK) exposes students to the college environment; provides challenging, fun, hands-on learning experiences beyond the ordinary school environment; and

promotes critical thinking and the desire for lifelong learning. Students in the Northwest Campus program choose four classes during one-week camps; choices include science, technology, art & crafts, astronomy, sports and more. The camp hosted at the Perry Center is centered around science and technology activities.

Ages 10-14

SF NORTHWEST CAMPUS

3000 NW 83rd Street
Gainesville, FL 32606

July 8-12 | July 15-19 | July 22-26
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SF PERRY CENTER

14180 NW 119th Terrace
Alachua, FL 32615

June 10-14
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Counselor-In-Training Leadership Program

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Leadership program gives teens ages 15-18 the opportunity to assist the College for Kids instructors and staff. Teens report to the CIT Coordinator and are given college readiness and leadership training.

Ages 15-18

July 8 - 26, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SF Northwest Campus

Contact: Jennifer Mullis, 352-395-5193



sfcollege.edu/cfk



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[sfcollege.edu/
cfk/perry-center](http://sfcollege.edu/cfk/perry-center)

St. Barbara Leadership Institute



St. Barbara Leadership Institute Summer program allows students to receive group and individual academic mentoring, participate in recreational activities, engage in life skills development, and offers health & wellness sessions.

June 10 - July 26

Grades K-3

7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Grades 4-5

7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

908 SE Williston Road
Gainesville, FL 32641

Contact: Phyllis Thomas
sbli.pthomas@gmail.com • 352-281-6226



sblisaints.org



[/StBarbara2000](https://www.facebook.com/StBarbara2000)

Star Center Theatre




The seven-week S.M.Art summer camp exposes youth to the performing and fine arts. Activities are designed for all youth and provide opportunities for youth to develop and explore their artistic abilities while building character.


Grades K-12

June 3 - July 19, 7:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

11 NE 23rd Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32609

Contact: Judith Ford-Martin, 352-378-3311

 starcentertheatre.org

 [/starcentergainesville](https://www.facebook.com/starcentergainesville)

Traveling Art Camp, LLC



Traveling Art Camp is an exciting and innovative summer camp for kids. The program focuses on fostering creativity, providing fun and memorable experiences, and encouraging friendship among campers. Campers have access to a wide variety of art materials from around the world, allowing campers to explore their artistic talents and find their unique style. Traveling Art Camp believes that every child has an inner artist waiting to be discovered.


Grades 1-8

June 3 - August 2, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cross Point Church of God
1520 NW 34th St.
Gainesville, FL 32605

Contact: Jennifer McClure, 858-692-7303

 travelingartcamp.com

 [/travelingartcamp](https://www.facebook.com/travelingartcamp)

UF College Reach-Out Program

UF Full STEAM Ahead Camp is five weeks total. The first four weeks is a day camp using a STEAM curriculum, followed by a week of residential camp using UF residential and dining halls. During the final week, students will take lessons learned and incorporate them into activities. Most activities will be held on the University of Florida campus.



Grades 6-8

June 10 - July 12, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

323 Yon Hall
1908 Stadium Road
Gainesville, FL 32611

Contact: Michael V. Bowie, 352-294-8954



cpet.ufl.edu/students/college-reach-out-programs-crop/

YMCA Summer Camps

At each North Central Florida YMCA location, campers will enjoy breakfast and lunch, weekly swimming, STEM programming, sports, dance, visual art and more! A “Counselor In Training” program is available to grades 7-10 to build leadership and character development. CITs will learn important skills to assist with future employment and entrepreneurship.



Dates: June 10 - July 26

Contact: Angela Howard, info@ncfymca.org • 352-374-9622



ncfymca.org



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Archer

Grades K-6
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Archer Elementary
14533 SW 170th St.
Archer, FL 32618

Hawthorne

Grades K-7
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Shell Elementary
21633 SE 65th Ave.
Hawthorne, FL 32640

Gainesville

Grades K-7
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

North Central Florida YMCA
5201 NW 34th Blvd.
Gainesville, FL 32605

Micanopy

Grades K-6
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Willie Mae Stokes
Community Center
355 NW 6th Ave.
Micanopy, FL 32667

2024 SUMMER CAMP BREAKDOWN

- 20 providers of summer camp programming, some with multiple locations and dates.
- Reaches rising K-12 students.
- 1,275 full or partial scholarship spaces available.

Locations in:

- Alachua
- Archer
- Gainesville
- Hawthorne
- High Springs
- Micanopy

Serving interests like:

- Arts and the performing arts
- Environmental issues
- Exposure to college and potential career paths
- Science and technology
- Sports and outdoor activities
- Summer slide prevention

Dates served by this year's camps*

June						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

July						
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

August						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

*Each color represents one camp.

Note: Some camps may have holiday closures June 19 and July 4.



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