



WJHSD Camp Jaguar

Summer 2025



WJHSD—Camp Jaguar is now available to WJHSD students enrolled in Kindergarten through 6th grade during the 2024-2025 school year. The program runs Tuesday through Thursday, from 12:45 to 3:45 p.m., at Thomas Jefferson High School or Jefferson Hills Intermediate School. Each three-day session costs \$90 per student. There are three camp sessions in July, the various camps are offered during different sessions. Please see the camp descriptions below for more information on the dates of the camps.

Student transportation to and from the camp is parent-provided. Bus transportation is available from the Jefferson Hills Borough Recreation Camp and the Pleasant Hills Borough Recreation Camp only. **All** students will need to be picked up at 3:45 pm at the location of the camp (Thomas Jefferson High School or Jefferson Hills Intermediate School). Students attending Camp Jaguar may pack a lunch or snack if needed.

Each camp session must have 15 students registered to run and has a maximum of 20 seats per session. If a session is canceled due to low enrollment, our staff will contact the parent/guardian.

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Camp Jaguar Sessions

- Session 1 July 8, 9, 10
- Session 2 July 15, 16, 17
- Session 3 July 22, 23, 24

Registration closes: May 31

The following pages contain our course catalog for the 2025 WJHSD Camp Jaguar. To register for Camp Jaguar, please click the banner above or visit the West Jefferson Hills School District website (wjhsd.net). Registration is now open and only available online.

We hope you will consider joining us for an enrichment activity (or two!) this summer! If you have any questions, please contact us by clicking the signature link below. We are happy to help!

[Dr. Janet Sardon, Superintendent](#)


[Dr. William Henderson, Assistant Superintendent](#)

[Dr. Melissa McCauley, Assistant Principal,
Jefferson Hills Intermediate School](#)

Course: Crafty Jaguars	Grades: K-2	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Angela Coyle	Session 1: July 8, 9, 10, Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: <i>Not Offered</i>
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Do you enjoy arts and crafts? Look no further than this exciting arts and crafts course. Each day, you'll have the opportunity to bring your ideas to life with a brand new project. During this exciting week, we will explore many different mediums and techniques. Come join us in a world of endless creativity!

Course: Quirky Quills	Grades: 4-6	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: TJHS	Instructor: Naomi Beres	Session 1: July 8, 9, 10, Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: July 22, 23, 24
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 *This course fosters a love for reading and writing by encouraging students to explore their creativity. Through interactive storytelling, imaginative writing exercises, and thoughtful discussions, students will develop their reading comprehension and writing skills. The course also focuses on vocabulary building, grammar essentials, and peer collaboration to enhance confidence in both reading and writing. The final day will include writing haiku using an authentic quill pen on rice paper. Students will be provided with a journal, rice paper and quill. There will be a light snack provided that ties thematically to the lesson of the day. Students should bring their own water.*


Course: Detective Week	Grades: 3-5	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Kelly Tarasi	Session 1: July 8, 9, 10 Session 2: <i>Not Offered</i> Session 3: <i>Not Offered</i>
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 *Detective Week (July 8, 9, 10)*

Escape room challenge – Can you solve the mystery? Fun detective games to sharpen your sleuthing skills. Meet a REAL police detective and dive into the world of investigations!

 *Snack of the Week: Detective Trail Mix – Crack the code for a secret treat!*

Course: Junkyard Creations & Innovation Week	Grades: 3-5	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Kelly Tarasi	Session 1: <i>Not Offered</i> Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: <i>Not Offered</i>
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 *Junkyard Creations & Innovation Week (July 15, 16, 17)*

Get inspired by Patricia Polacco's Junkyard Wonders and create something amazing!

Blast off with Alka Seltzer Rockets – Who can launch the highest? Build incredible projects using repurposed materials.

Meet an inventor and hear the coolest stories of innovation!

 *Snack of the Week: Scrap Heap Nachos – A delicious, messy masterpiece!*

Course: Traditional Summer Camp Fun Week	Grades: 3-5	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Kelly Tarasi	Session 1: <i>Not Offered</i> Session 2: <i>Not Offered</i> Session 3: July 22, 23, 24
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 *Traditional Summer Camp Fun Week (July 22, 23, 24)*

Make your own tie-dye t-shirts and bandanas. Show off your skills in the camp talent show – Sing, dance, juggle, anything goes! Work together to build tents & forts like a true outdoor adventurer. Create DIY birdfeeders and help our feathered friends. Meet a wildlife expert and discover amazing animals!


 *Snack of the Week: S'mores Bar – Build the ultimate gooey treat!*




Course: Red Cross Babysitting Course	Grades: Ages 11 -14	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Megan McKinley	Session 1: July 8, 9, 10, Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: <i>Not Offered</i>
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Designed primarily for youth ages 11 and older, this fun and valuable course will prepare you to become one of the most capable, trusted, and in-demand babysitters in your neighborhood! Start your babysitting business on the right foot and learn how to be a safe, professional, and reliable sitter. Topics include how to provide care for infants and children; how to stay safe; what to do in an emergency; how to choose age-appropriate activities; and how to recognize and handle a variety of behaviors. You will also learn the basics of starting and growing your babysitting business. A two-year certification is provided upon successful completion of the course.

Course: Logic Fun Camp: Where Thinking Meets Adventure!	Grades: 3-5	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Stephanie Shosky	Session 1: July 8, 9, 10, Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: <i>Not Offered</i>
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Get ready to unlock your brainpower at Logic Fun Camp! This exciting camp blends puzzles, brain teasers, games, and hands-on challenges to boost problem-solving skills in a fun and engaging way. Whether you're cracking codes, solving mysteries, or tackling mind-bending riddles, every day is packed with interactive activities designed to sharpen logic, critical thinking, and creativity.

 *What to Expect:*

-  *Strategy board games & brain teasers*
-  *Fun competitions and teamwork activities*
-  *Creative problem-solving*

Perfect for curious minds who love thinking outside the box, this camp builds confidence, teamwork, and analytical skills—all while having a blast!

Course: Sol y Español (Sun and Spanish)	Grades: 4-6	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Carly Rimel	Session 1: <i>Not Offered</i> Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: July 22, 23, 24
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¿Hablas español? Immerse yourself in the Spanish language through fun activities that include: music 🎵, dance 🕺, art 🎨, and stories 📖 from a Spanish-speaking country. Each day, you will explore a Spanish-speaking country through games, songs, crafts, and arts while learning a language. Get ready to have a fiesta because this session will be fantástico! 🇪🇸

Course: Summer with the Swifties	Grades: Session 1: Grades 1-4 Session 3: Grades 3-6	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Stephanie Martinis	Session 1: July 8, 9, 10 Session 2: <i>Not Offered</i> Session 3: July 22, 23, 24
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Get ready to bring out your inner crafter this summer with a variety of DIY projects inspired by Taylor Swift! This session is perfect for those who love to craft and are looking for new ideas to try out. Over her many Eras, the singer has displayed a remarkable talent for creating meaningful handmade objects for herself, her friends, and the Swiftie community. Students will be immersed in hands-on crafting while getting to experience the pop sensation of either dancing to music or viewing some of the concerts throughout the session. The possibilities are endless, but the session will include bracelet making, painting, no-bake snacks, and many more DIY project ideas.

Session 1: Grades 1-4 Session 3: Grades 3-6

Course: A Musical Showcase!	Grades: Session 1 Grades 3-6 Session 2 Grades 1-4	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Emily Kempa	Session 1: July 8, 9, 10 Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: <i>Not Offered</i>
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Do you love to sing? Come be part of a fun group of kids who love to sing and perform! We will spend 3 days learning some awesome music and movements with the goal of performing a small musical showcase for families at the end of the 3 days! Don't worry - you will not have to sing by yourself unless you want to - this is a fun space for all of us to learn about music performance together! Whether you sing in the school choir or you just sing in the car, this will be perfect for you!

Session 1: Grades 3-6 & Session 2: Grades 1-4 (the music will be different for each group and the older students will have a slightly higher difficulty)

Course: The Lego Lab	Grades: 2-5	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Ashley Paradise	Session 1: <i>Not Offered</i> Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: <i>Not Offered</i>
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Calling all young builders! Are you ready to unleash your creativity and dive into a world of imagination? Join our Lego Lab, where your wildest ideas come to life! Each day, you'll team up with fellow LEGO enthusiasts to tackle thrilling challenges, build epic structures, and embark on exciting themed projects. The only limit is your imagination! With fun games, friendly competitions, and the chance to showcase your masterpieces, this is a place to make new friends, explore new skills, and let your creativity shine. Competition winners will receive prizes and we'll have a variety of snack choices each day! Don't miss out on the fun, join us for an unforgettable adventure!

Course: Cooking & Crafting	Grades: 3-6	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: TJHS	Instructor: Rebecca Lumsden	Session 1: July 8, 9, 10 Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: <i>Not Offered</i>
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Unleash your creativity in the kitchen and craft corner with our fun-filled Cooking and Crafting Camp! This hands-on workshop is designed for young explorers who love to work hands-on, while learning new skills. Each day, you will create delicious, easy-to-make recipes and craft your own unique projects, all while discovering the joys of cooking and crafting.

Course: Sports of all Sorts!	Grades: 1-5	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: JHIS	Instructor: Jack Poziviak	Session 1: July 8, 9, 10 Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: <i>Not Offered</i>
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Get ready for an action-packed experience as we dive into a variety of exciting sports activities, including soccer, basketball, wiffleball, dodgeball, and kickball. During this engaging program, young athletes will have the opportunity to develop their skills, improve their coordination, and build confidence through friendly competition and fun challenges.

Course: Cooking Boot Camp for Kids 3.0	Grades: 5-6	Time: 12:45 pm -3:45 pm Location: TJHS	Instructor: Laura Herron	Session 1: <i>Not Offered</i> Session 2: July 15, 16, 17 Session 3: July 22, 23, 24
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In this program students will learn basic kitchen skills including measurement, safety, and cleanliness to prepare 3 basic meals appropriate for their age level. Students will have one day dedicated to breakfast bites, one day to planning lunch & munch, and the final day will be dinner & dessert. All easy meals are to encourage kitchen confidence and to help promote independence as young adults! (The final menu will be determined based on participant food allergies if known.) All participating students will be able to eat the foods they have cooked. Aprons and hair ties are not required but are encouraged. Students who attended Cooking Boot Camp last summer will be pleased to see different menu items in Cooking Boot Camp for Kids 3.0!