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About Island Child

After a hiatus in 2020, The Beachcomber is glad to again be publishing this directory of summer camps and classes, as well as child care programs, preschools and after-school activities.

After a long pandemic year, we are hopeful that the days of summer ahead will be joyous.

We are big believers in the value of lying in the green grass and watching the clouds float by. But we also love summer adventures — whether they involve creating with clay, taking to the stage in a musical or perfecting moves on sports fields. Vashon is once again offering these types of activities for kids.

All too soon summer will pass, and many families are already looking ahead to fall and opportunities for children and youth. We hope the information here will help people chart their course for both summer and fall.

In your planning, please consider the long list of safety resources provided below.

— Elizabeth Shepherd, *The Beachcomber*

From our sponsor...

What sets Vashon apart, what truly makes this a special place, are the many people who work diligently to make it so. At John L. Scott Vashon, we count ourselves fortunate to live and work in this special place.

The ability to give back to the community, especially our children and those individuals and organizations who support them, is truly a pleasure. Please join us in the support of our island kids.

— The Vashon John L. Scott Family

SAFETY RESOURCES



Safety should be parents' first concern this year as they enroll their children in summer and fall programs. Be sure to check on specific COVID-19 protocols in place at all camps and programs listed here.

Further guidance regarding camps, visit the Center for Disease Control: <https://bit.ly/3vb7PGO>

For CDC guidance on childcare programs: <https://bit.ly/3enhySX>

For WA Department of Health guidelines for Schools, Childcare and Day Camps: <https://bit.ly/3dEvYio>

For WA Department of Health guidelines on overnight camps: <https://bit.ly/3gvCPfK>

Faith-based camps may overlap with guidance for religious services: <https://bit.ly/2QpT5o7>

Camp activities may overlap with outdoor recreation guidance: <https://bit.ly/3tFF3gB>

Camp activities may overlap with other general state guidance: <https://bit.ly/3avqMeL>

For public health news alerts on Vashon: <https://bit.ly/2RQfgnH>
Sign up to receive twice-weekly alerts and other important information by email.

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SUMMER LEARNING AT VASHON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

VISD Summer Learning Academy

Dates: July 26 to Aug. 19
Vashon Island School District's Summer Learning Academy is aimed at getting students engaged in our school community, excited about learning, and ready for the 2021/2022 school year. VISD staff will teach engaging sessions to our students in addition to our regular credit retrieval and special services extended school year programs. Sessions may include titles such as "Fun with Math: Math Support for grades 2-5" or "The Food of Anime: Cooking, Culture and Kawaii" or "College Essay Bootcamp." Students can individualize their learning experience to meet their particular academic needs and interests. Sessions will take place either three or four mornings a week, and will not include Fridays. More information and sign-up will be shared by May 21. For more information on the district, visit vashonsd.org.

ART AND CREATIVITY CAMPS

All Kinds of Sculpture!

Ages: 9 to 13
Dates: July 26 to 30
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Instructor: Alisara Martin
Location: Heron Meadow
Tuition: \$260
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
Jump into the world of 3D art and use a variety of materials to make sculptures straight out of your imagination, from the tiniest pieces to life-size experiments. Create plaster mâché creatures; wearable sculpture; larger constructions with wire and paper mâché; and molding polymer clay. Materials include wire mesh and cardboard for armatures; paper and plaster mâché; paper and polymer clays; found objects; and finishing painting and presenting supplies.

Art and Spanish Camp

Ages: 3 to 7
Dates: Aug. 16 to 20
Times: (3-5 y.o.) 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & (5-7 y.o.) 1 to 3 p.m.
Instructor: Victoria Clayton
Location: Blue Heron Backyard
Tuition: \$135
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
Sing, dance, create and explore in this playful camp! Each day includes art projects, Spanish songs and movement. Spanish language fun, culture and creative play. Parents welcome.

At the Beach on Vashon Clay Camp

Ages: 6 to 10
Dates: June 28 to July 2
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Instructor: Laurie Thorpe
Location: Blue Heron Backyard
Tuition: \$275
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
Imagine your favorite Vashon beaches and create sea stars, fish, sea-life plates and a Point Robinson Lighthouse. Learn clay techniques, including coil, slab, slump mold and hand-building.

Back to School Backpack & Lunchbox: Printmaking

Ages: 9 to 14
Dates: July 13 to 17
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Instructor: Caroline Rockey
Location: 17739 95th LN SW (1/2 mile from Thriftway)
Tuition: \$350
Contact: paperwingsart.com
Create a colorful design to print on your own natural hemp backpack and cold storage lunch box. Each student will draw a picture for their design and ink it with Prisma markers. We'll trace the design, cut a stencil and have that plastic stencil, printing it multiple times. Students will print their designs on their backpacks and lunch box and have extra time to print on paper or other goods.

Get Centered Clay Camp

Ages: 11 to 17
Dates: June 28 to July 2
Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Instructor: Liz Lewis
Location: Liz Lewis Studio & yard, 12741 SW Cemetery Rd.
Tuition: \$225
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
Learn and practice wheel throwing and make Year of the Ox sculptures. Fire up the raku kiln for smoky surprises.

In the Summer Garden Clay Camp

Ages: 6 to 10
Date: July 5 to 9
Times: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Instructor: Laurie Thorpe
Location: Blue Heron Backyard
Tuition: \$275
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
Take an imaginative garden stroll and create flower pots, berry bowls, wind chimes, fruit trees and silly slugs while learning clay techniques, including coil, slab, slump mold and hand-building.

Mixed Media Drawing

Ages: 10 to 15
Dates: Aug. 2 to 6
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Alisara Martin
Location: Blue Heron Backyard
Tuition: \$260
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
This camp is for anyone who loves ALL the art supplies! Explore your creativity and create mixed media 2D pieces in a variety of mediums. Projects include collage with handmade elements; printmaking and altered books; and drawing and painting with layers. Work with watercolor sprays and sticks; acrylic paints and mediums; natural earth pigments; collage materials and found objects; fine-line pens; alcohol markers; chalk pastel, and a wide selection of papers and substrates.

The Monstrous World of Maurice Sendak: Doing Art Together

Ages: 7 to 12 with parent/guardian
Dates: July 5 to 9
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Instructor: Caroline Rockey
Location: 17739 95th LN SW (1/2 mile from Thriftway)
Tuition: \$300
Contact: paperwingsart.com
Parents and children will imagine a hero's journey of themselves, creating an adventure, with their favorite monstrous friends. In this class, parents and children will create side by side, with inspiration from Maurice Sendak's work, "Where the Wild Things Are." We will mix watercolors, play with shading and brush techniques to paint our hero's journey and their world.

Unicorns and Butterflies in Anime Watercolor

Ages: 6 to 11
Dates: July 26 to 30
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Instructor: Caroline Rockey
Location: Blue Heron Backyard
Tuition: \$260
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
Anime style can offer simple drawing techniques to create faces, expressions and movement so your drawings come alive. Practice shapes, brush techniques and how to animate your pictures. Use your imagination to add wings, horns and patterns.

Weaving Camp

Ages: 8+
Dates: June 14 to 18, June 28 to July 2, July 12 to 16 and Aug. 3 to 6
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Vashon Llamas Farm, 26607 Wax Orchard Rd., SW
Cost: \$150 per week
Contact: Kelly Hubbell, vashonllamas@gmail.com 206-794-1252

Campers can expect to finish two projects, woven on any of 12 different looms. Learn parts of the loom, the role weaving played in history and mythology and all the steps necessary in "dressing" the loom. Llamas are here every day and campers will have plenty of time with the herd. Participation is limited to 4 campers per week.

Wild Wonder Nature Camp: Collaboration with VCA & Vashon Nature Center

Ages: 6 to 10
Dates: July 19 to 23
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Instructors: Vale Martinez Espinoza, Paulina Barry
Location: Heron Meadow (Mon/Tues/Fri), Island Center Forest (Wed), Point Robinson (Thu)
Tuition: \$335
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
Explore different ecosystems on Vashon and investigate meadow pollinators and amphibians, forests and pond



Wild Wonder Nature Camp

habitats, and explore island beaches. Individual and group activities include scientific research methods, art projects, hiking trails, walking beaches, and quiet contemplation.

Wonders of the Sky Clay Camp

Ages: 5 to 8
Date: July 12 to 16
Time: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm
Instructor: Laurie Thorpe
Location: Blue Heron Backyard
Tuition: \$275
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
Join us for a celestial journey and create a mobile of stars/suns/moons, rocket ship, plate with celestial texture stamps and a sun/moon face. Clay techniques taught including coil, slab, slump mold and hand-building.

DANCE AND MOVEMENT CAMPS

Imagination Dance Camp

Ages: 3 to 5
Dates: TBD
Times: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Dance Academy, 17645 100th Ave SW
Cost: \$125
Contact: 206-409-0591
Explore dance through movement stories, games, art & music!

UMO Aerial Camps

Ages: Varies depending on class (Aerial Intro, Aerial 1, 1/2 and 2/3 and Aerial Open Gym; six classes offered)
Dates: July 19 to 29
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., two times a week for two weeks, Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs.
Location: Open Space for Arts and Community
Cost: \$150 for one four-session class
Contact: Elizabeth Klob at school@umo.org
Build strength, flexibility and focus while learning tricks in the air on fabric apparatus. Visit umo.org/school for full details and age recommendations.

UMO Air Track tumbling

Ages: Varies depending on class.
Dates: July 19 to 29
Time: 1:30 to 3 p.m., two times a week for two weeks, Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs
Location: Open Space for Arts and Community
Cost: \$150 for one four-session class
Contact: Elizabeth Klob; school@umo.org
Learn tumbling skills on a giant air track mat/pad that allows students to get air and lift while doing their skills. Visit umo.org/school for full details and age recommendations for each class.

UMO Parkour Camps

Ages: Varies depending on class (Parkour Games, Parkour 1/2, Parkour 2/3)
Dates: July 19 to 29
Time: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Two times a week for two weeks, Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs.
Location: Open Space for Arts and Community
Cost: \$150 for one four-session class
Contact: Elizabeth Klob; school@umo.org
Parkour will take place outside, using obstacles to create courses that students navigate through, using balance strength and flexibility while having fun. Visit umo.org/school for full details and age recommendations for each class.



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Vashon Center for Dance

Vashon Center for Dance will be continuing the tradition of summer camp offerings with summer camp experiences for all ages from toddlers to teens. There will be a little something for everyone from the beginner dancer to the experienced dancer, from the tapper to the hip-hopper to the ballet dancers! Dance camp listings will be available for registration by June 1. Stay tuned & watch for info at vashoncenterforthearts.org.

Vashon Dance Academy Summer Dance Camp

Ages: 6 to 18
Dates: Aug. 2 to 13
Times: Various for different skill levels/ages
Location: Dance Academy, 17645 100th Ave SW
Cost: \$325 for one week, \$625 for both weeks (25% discount)

Classes in Ballet, Modern, Hip Hop, Swing, Bellydance, Musical Theatre, Dance Pantomime, Costume Design, Film for Dance, Choreography.

GENERAL, FAITH-BASED AND NATURE CAMPS



Camp Sealth

Camp Sealth Day and Overnight Camps

Ages: Grades K through 12
Dates: Weekly camps throughout summer
Time: Day Camps and Overnight Camps
Location: Camp Sealth
Cost: Varies according to camp
Contact: campfireseattle.org

Camp Sealth has 400 acres of forest and beach, and campers spend time having fun in the water and woods. Day and Overnight Camps are offered and include activities like boating, swimming, hikes, arts & crafts, archery, nature and outdoor skills. Visit our website for specific preventative COVID-19 measures we are taking.

Grade School Camp | Camp Burton (faith-based)

Ages: Students entering 2nd to 5th grades)
Dates: Aug. 8 to 12
Time: Residential / Overnight
Location: Camp Burton
Cost: \$250 (assistance available)
Contact: program@campburton.com

A traditional camp experience. Swimming, tie-dye, games, campfires and more!

Herbal Camp

Ages: 7 to 10
Dates: Waitlist only: July 12 to 16, July 26 to 30
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Island Center Forest + Beach Field Trip
Cost: \$340/week, scholarships available
Contact: vashonwilderness.org

In this farm and forest adventure, we'll learn the secret language of plants and discover their healing power. We'll make fairy feasts, forest folk remedies, flower essences, and more. Come discover the magic of the herbal world around us and our unique relationship with these green beings!

Huckleberry Forest Camp Forest Nature Connection

Name of Camp: Forest Nature Connection
Ages: 3 to 9
Dates: Waitlist only availability: July 12 to 15; July 19 to 22; July 26 to 29; Aug. 2 to 5; Aug. 9-12; Aug. 16 to 17; Aug. 23 to 26.
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Paradise Ridge Area
Cost: \$250/session - tuition assistance available
Contact: aly@huckleberry.earth

A nature immersion camp for kids that includes art creation, native plant identification, tasting wild edibles, building forts, balancing, climbing, and more.

Kindle

Ages: For boys in grades 3 to 5 and a parent/guardian
Dates: May 22 to 23
Time: Overnight
Location: Vashon
Cost: \$200 to \$600 (Sliding scale - Financial Aid available)
Contact: info@journeymen.us or 206-429-5203

Kindle campout is the perfect opportunity to share the magic of childhood with your special young guy. Kindle offers activities to build your bonds in the presence and support of community. Participants will be illuminated in engaging campfire stories and invited to explore their family roles in a new light. Placing our youth at the center of the village, Journeymen guides, parents and the boys themselves will come together to see and celebrate the beauty and benevolence of boyhood.

Middle School Camp | Camp Burton (faith-based)

Ages: 11 to 13 (students entering 6th to 8th grades)
Dates: Aug. 8 to 12
Time: Residential/Overnight
Location: Camp Burton
Cost: \$250 (assistance available)
Contact: program@campburton.com

A traditional overnight camp experience. Archery, kayaking, crafts, campfires and more!

Nature Adventurers Camp

Ages: 7 to 10
Dates: Waitlist only: July 5 to 9, July 19 to 23 & Aug. 2 to 6
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Island Center Forest + Beach Field Trip
Cost: \$340/week
Contact: vashonwilderness.org

We'll adventure among Vashon's beautiful forests to decode the language of the birds, unravel the mysteries of the mammal tracks, discover nature's apothecary, eat at hidden woodland cafes, and more. Games, stories, songs, and gratitude help us build community and have fun! Each week we'll take a field trip to explore the salt marsh, eelgrass beds, and marine critters found on Vashon's shores.

Nature Mysteries

Ages: 4 to 6
Dates: Waitlist only: July 5 to 9, July 12 to 16, July 19 to 23, July 26 to 30 and Aug. 2 to 6
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Island Center Forest plus Beach Field Trip
Cost: \$290/week, scholarships available
Contact: vashonwilderness.org

We will learn the quiet, mysterious ways of the forest to become invisible, follow the hidden trails of our animal friends, create forest feasts, and construct ephemeral shelters. One day each camp week, we'll wander the shores of Vashon's beautiful shoreline and uncover marine mysteries! Story, song, gratitude, and more help us build community during this fun-filled week.

New Horizons | Camp Burton (Faith-based)

Ages: 18 to Adult
Dates: Session #1 July 9 to 14, Session #2 July 25 to 30
Time: Residential / Overnight
Location: Camp Burton
Cost: \$300 (assistance available)
Contact: program@campburton.com

Camp: A traditional camp experience, thoughtfully programmed for adults with special needs.

Scout Skills Camp

Ages: 11 to 13
Dates: July 19 to 23, Aug. 2 to 6
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Island Center Forest

Camp Burton



Cost: \$340/week, scholarships available

Contact: vashonwilderness.org
 Learn to harness the power of your mind and body to move invisibly through the forest; decipher hidden messages in bird language; track animals; navigate without any aids; hone your senses; and more! Deepen your skills through missions, challenges, awareness games, stories, songs, and an attitude of gratitude. This a seriously fun-filled week for mature campers only.

Seedbees Farm Summer Camp

Ages: 5 to 12
Dates: July 12 to 16, July 19 to 23 and July 26 to 30
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Vashon Green School, 16245 Westside Hwy SW.
Cost: \$350 per session
Contact: seedbeesfarmcamp@gmail.com

Campers will adventure outdoors all day on seven acres of beautiful farm and woodland, home of Vashon Green School, forming connections and exploring creativity. Campers will milk goats, make cheese, gather eggs, forage farm-fresh food, can fruit, watercolor, make journals, felt wool, screenprint, play sensory awareness games, sing, and more! The farm is a short walk to the beach so we'll be taking some field trips there too!

Sisterhood Rise Up!

Ages: Female-identifying youth entering 7th to 9th grades in Fall 2021
Dates: July 12 to July 16
Time: 1 to 8:30 p.m. with one overnight on July 15
Location: Vashon
Cost: Sliding scale from \$450 to \$750
Contact: laura@vashonsisterhood.org

Rise Up! is a week-long camp for youth entering 7th to 9th grade in fall 2021. Join us for a five-day, one-night immersion into connection circles, nature exploration and creative expression. We will weave games, stories, nature, and crafting in a way that empowers youth to be more of their authentic selves. Together we cultivate a stronghold and a place to belong as youth navigate the waters of adolescence. Learn more at vashonsisterhood.org/riseup.

Sisterhood Roots

Ages: Rising 3rd to 5th graders
Dates: June 28 to July 2
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Open Space for Arts & Community
Cost: Sliding scale from \$280 - \$385
Contact: laura@vashonsisterhood.org

Join us for a week outdoors of connection, creation, and fun. We will create art and craft projects, play fun games, explore nature on nearby trails, grow self-awareness and leadership skills, connect to new and familiar friends, and learn the foundations of the Sisterhood connection circle. Learn more at vashonsisterhood.org/roots.

Starbreak Summer Camp

Ages: 4 to 9
Dates: Waitlist only: Weekly sessions beginning July 12, July 19, July 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays
Location: Starbreak, near KVI beach
Cost: \$175
Contact: Starbreak.org

Days will be filled with stories of magic, fairies, goblins, elves, knights, princesses, magicians and jesters. Mornings will be spent at the beach building forts and exploring. Afternoons will be in the woods of Kid's Village. Come work in the Magic shop or Peace Patrol station (our nonviolent police force). Get dressed up in the performance area and put on a play. The magic of Kid's Village awaits.

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The Quest - Young Men's Initiation

Ages: For boys 15 to 19
Dates: July 10 to 18
Time: Overnight
Location: Vashon & Olympic Peninsula
Cost: \$1,500 - \$2,500 (Sliding scale - Financial Aid available)
Contact: info@journeymen.us or 206-429-5203
 The Quest (our signature offering) is an intensive rite of passage experience designed to welcome our participants into a new story of life. Boys will be given opportunities to discover their authentic gifts, create a strong vision for their future, and fully engage in their lives through meaningful service and effective, heart-centered action. This course is not your typical summer camp. Recognizing the importance of ongoing support and integration of the experience, Journeymen staff and mentors are committed to our participants through the year after The Quest. Fees for the course include monthly council sessions and community service outings.

TRAC Teen Camp | Camp Burton (faith-based)

Ages: 14 to 18 (students entering 9th to 12th grades)
Dates: July 18 to 24
Time: Residential/Overnight
Location: Camp Burton & Alpine Lakes wilderness
Cost: \$325 (assistance available)
Contact: program@campburton.com
 Teens will take part in trip prep, backpacking and rafting on the Wenatchee River. Most gear provided. Only eight spots!

Vashon Kids Summer Enrichment Camp

Ages: 5 to 12
Dates: June 21 to Aug. 20
Time: 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (flexible drop off and pick up times within this time frame)
Location: Chautauqua Elementary School multi-purpose room
Cost: \$250 five days/week; \$235 four days/week, \$215 three days/week
Contact: Dalinda Vivero or Jen Beck at Vashonkids@vyfs.org or call 206-930-2592

Vashon Kids provides nine weeks of camps filled with hands-on activities, learning and play, in a community of learning with experienced and nurturing staff. Breakfast and healthy snacks are provided. Playtime focuses on team sports, art, literacy, science and social-emotional skill-building. Field trips, daily outside activities, biking and swimming ensure full use of the summer sun and warmth.

Vashon Roots Summer Camp

Ages: 2 to 9
Dates: Weekly sessions from July 25 to Aug. 16
Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Wax Orchard Rd. SW
Cost: \$12/hour/child or \$280/child for the entire week.
Contact: Ginger Krinsky, krigin08@gmail.com
 The mission of the camp, now in its sixth year, is to teach and grow Tribe Roots children through nature immersion, community building, self-directed experiences and interactive play with other Tribe Roots children. Camp is a safe, healthy and inclusive space where leaders use nature to teach responsibility, confidence and independence. Activities include music, storytelling, cookouts, gardening, foraging from nature, summer games, a zip line, fort building and much more.

Voyagers (Day Camp)

Ages: For boys in grades 3 to 5
Dates: June 21 to 25
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Vashon
Cost: \$250 to \$450 (Sliding scale)
Contact: info@journeymen.us or 206-429-5203
 Voyagers is a fun, dynamic and engaging day camp, specifically designed for boys in late elementary school, to support boys through the transition to adolescence with supportive role models, healthy peer relationships, and key life skills. Voyagers allows boys to connect and explore through playful adventure and games in nature while deepening their relationships with themselves, peers and mentors.

Wayfinders

Ages: For middle school boys in grades 6 to 8
Dates: June 29 to July 2
Time: Overnight
Location: Vashon
Cost: \$450 to \$700 (Sliding scale - Financial Aid available)
Contact: info@journeymen.us or 206-429-5203
 Wayfinders is an introductory, rite of passage experience specifically designed for male-identified middle schoolers. Boys will be encouraged and supported to test their physical,

emotional, social and psychological boundaries, growing in their self-confidence, refining their leadership capacity, and deepening in character.

Wilderness Survival Camp

Ages: 11 to 13
Dates: July 5 to 9, July 12 to 16 and July 26 to 30
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Island Center Forest
Cost: \$340/week, scholarships available
Contact: vashonwilderness.org
 Join us as we build shelters, harvest food and make medicine from the plants, make cordage, adventure off-trail, learn to stay found, tune up our senses, spark our imaginations and so much more! Gratitude, stories, songs, and awareness games make this a seriously fun-filled week. For mature campers only.

MUSIC CAMPS

Summer Suzuki Lessons

Ages: 4 to 18
Dates: Six sessions (Contact Gaye at: GayeD@vashoncenterforthearts.org to schedule)
Instructor: Gaye Detzer
Location: Blue Heron Classroom
Tuition: Varies based on lesson length. Contact VCA for more information.
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
 The Suzuki approach is based on the philosophy that young children learn music just as they learn to speak their native language — through regular listening, developmentally appropriate instruction and frequent opportunities to play alone and with others. Once registered, please contact Gaye directly to schedule lessons at GayeD@vashoncenterforthearts.org.

Young Songwriter Camp

Ages: 7 to 12
Dates: July 15 to 18
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Instructor: Havilah Rand
Location: Heron Meadow and VCA Greenroom
Tuition: \$255
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
 Find inspiration for songs and lyrics through theatre games, word and picture collaging, listening sessions, journaling and outdoor adventures. As your songs take shape, record them using a basic recording unit and high-quality microphones. Camp culminates with a full-length CD and CD release celebration.



Crazy about Photography (Ray Pfortner)

PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMMAKING CAMPS

Crazy About Photography

Ages: 8 to 12
Dates: July 5 to 9
Times: Mon. 10 a.m. to noon (in person), 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (via Zoom); Tues to Thurs. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Instructor: Ray Pfortner
Location: Beach walks — Point Robinson to Tramp Harbor; North End Ferry to Fern Cove; and Point Defiance Zoo/Aquarium
Tuition: \$290 (includes zoo admission)
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
 Shoot photographs in various Vashon locations, get feedback on your photos and create beeswax photo transfers. Explore

camera handling, camera settings and the principles of strong composition. Camp includes extensive handouts, including using Flickr.com, camera settings and composition, photography resources and making beeswax photo transfers, so you can continue learning all summer long. For any skill level using any digital camera, smartphone to mirrorless.

Intro to Filmmaking Camp

Ages: 9 to 15
Dates: July 19 to 23
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Instructor: Emalia Hinden
Location: Blue Heron Backyard
Tuition: \$240
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
 Explore the language of cinema, from writing and storyboarding to framing shots to editing a film. Develop an understanding of why certain shots feel the way they do and why editing techniques and shot composition create genres. Learn how to most effectively tell your original stories as you create a short film from start to finish during the week.

Teen Photo Intensive

Ages: 13 to 19
Dates: Aug. 16 to 20
Time: Mon. 10:30 am to 12:30 pm (in person), 1:30 to 3:30 pm (via Zoom); Tues. to Thurs. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Instructor: Ray Pfortner
Locations: Beach walks — Point Robinson to Tramp Harbor; North End Ferry to Fern Cove; Point Defiance to Point Ruston
Tuition: \$275
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005

Join Vashon photographer Ray Pfortner for a week that will take your photography to the next level. Take photos at various locations - on and off Vashon and share the results for feedback from Ray and your fellow students. Explore camera settings plus the principles of strong composition and experiment with turning your photographs into beeswax pieces to show or sell. Learn options to further your photography studies, including contests and careers in photography. For any skill level using any digital camera, smartphone to mirrorless.

SPORTS CAMPS

BARC Summer Skateboard Camps

Ages: 7 to 12 for beginners, 10 and up for Bowl Camp.
Dates: Beginners — weeklong sessions July 5 to Aug. 13. Advanced — two weeklong bowl camp sessions July 25 to Aug. 6
Time: Beginner classes from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bowl Camp sessions from 12 to 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$125 per weekly session
Contact: Call 206-463-9602 or email info@vashonparks.org for more information
 Beginner classes are designed to get campers comfortable with skating techniques, ranging from skating on flat surfaces and ramps in the indoor facility. Vashon Park District may provide helmets, pads and board depending upon current health conditions. The advanced bowl camp will teach skaters the ins and outs of mastering the outdoor skate bowl at BARC.

Bruce Haulman Junior Sailing Camp

Ages: Beginners 8 to 11, Juniors 12 to 18, Adults & families, too.
Dates: Mon. to Thurs. beginning July 12, running through the week of Aug. 16.
Time: Beginners 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Juniors 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Quartermaster Yacht Club
Cost: \$355
Contact: Register online at vashonparks.org. For questions about the camp, contact Jeff Chale at: jwchale@yahoo.com or call (206) 910-4864.
 Young sailors learn the basics of sailing on the protected waters of Quartermaster Harbor in this camp, offered by the Vashon Park District and Quartermaster Yacht Club. Instructors are teens and young adults who are certified in CPR and first aid. Adult and family lessons are also available.

Learn to Swim

Ages: 3 and up
Dates: June 21 to Aug. 19 (2-week sessions)
Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (1/2 hour lessons)
Location: Vashon Island Golf & Country Club 24615 75th Ave SW, Vashon, WA 98070
Cost: \$100 per session
Contact: Zoe Officer, 206-463-9410, Ext. 1 or vgsmembership@gmail.com

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Vashon Island Rowing Club

Summer camp with VIRC is happening. We are keeping social distancing and pods in mind, so you are encouraged to sign up with a friend. Contact Ben Steele for more info at ben.steele@vashoncrew.com.

THEATER CAMPS

Musical Theatre: Wizard of Oz

Ages: 8 to 18
Dates: Aug. 2 to 13
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Auditions for lead roles on Saturday, July 31 (time TBD) or via Zoom
 Performance for family and friends: 7 p.m. Fri., Aug. 13 (kids released at 1 p.m. that day & need to return at 6 p.m.)

Instructors: Elise Ericksen, Marita Ericksen
Location: Heron Meadow and Kay White Hall Stage
Tuition: \$495 (includes \$45 materials fee)
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
 Join us as we bring Dorothy, Scarecrow, Lion, Tin Man and the magical land of Oz to life on the big stage. With roles for over 20 students, this camp will be full of magic, humor and plenty of on-stage action. Audition process for those students wanting a lead role in the show; no audition necessary to be part of the ensemble cast.

Pandemic Pandemonium Puppet Performance

Ages: 8 to 13
Dates: July 12 to 16
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Instructor: Adam Ende
Location: Heron Meadow
Tuition: \$260
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
 Join puppeteer Adam Ende on a journey of creation and become part of a tight-knit puppet troupe working collaboratively to make a puppet show from start to finish. The process will focus on brainstorming and writing, sculpting, building and construction, upcycling "trash" materials, playing with the puppets, rehearsing and finally performing. Our theme for this camp is the pandemic — a chance for puppeteers to share thoughts, experiences, struggles and hopes regarding this worldwide historical event. Camp will end with a performance for friends and family on Friday.

Theatre Play

Ages: 5 to 8
Dates: Aug. 9 to 13
Times: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Instructor: Joy Ghiglieri
Location: Blue Heron Backyard and Kay White Hall Stage
Tuition: \$235
Contact: VashonCenterfortheArts.org or call 206-259-3005
 Join us for an imaginative introduction to the world of theatre. Play games and make crafts rooted in acting, dance, and story building. The goal of this camp is to expose children to the art of theatre and encourage the development of creativity, self-confidence, and collaboration all while having fun.

PRESCHOOLS, DAYCARES & BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

CES Preschool

(Chautauqua Early Childhood Program)
Type of program: Preschool
Contact: Kelly Murphy, Registrar, 206-463-8540
Ages: 3 and 4 (must turn 3 by Aug. 31)
 The school offers a morning class for younger students from 9:05 to 11:55 a.m. Mon. through Wed. There is also an afternoon class for students preparing to enter kindergarten the next year, from 12:55 to 3:45 p.m. Mon. through Thurs. The goal of the program is to provide an inclusive preschool setting for children with developmental delays and their typically developing peers, where different rates and styles of learning are honored and accommodated. The program's focus is on the social, communication and pre-academic skills that will contribute to later school success. The program also offers opportunities for developmental screening through Child Find. Parents who have questions or concerns about their child's development may call the district office at 206-463-2121, ext. 8638, to reach the Child Find Coordinator.
Special Needs: Yes
Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 4:1
Meals: Children bring a snack
Holidays: Follows the public school calendar
Buses: Yes (for special needs students only)

Creative Preschool

Type of program: Nonprofit preschool for ages 3 to 5
Contact: Sara Bennett (206) 304-4262, email us at info@creativevashon.com, or visit creativevashon.com
Openings: Enrollment opens May 1 for 2021-22 school year
 Our location is in the town center, within walking distance to businesses that offer local experiences. Learning themes are based on personal interests, individuality and how each child fits into this great planet. Creative Preschool offers opportunities to satisfy all types of learners, planning times of self-guided play as well as teacher-directed activities that target early childhood education and kindergarten readiness. Our mission is to grow happy, confident, kind citizens and nurture caring friendships through play and discovery!
Special Needs: Case-by-case basis
Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 8:1
Meals: Parents provide snack and lunch
Holidays: Follows public school calendar
Buses: No

Huckleberry Kids Nature School

Type of Program: Early Childhood Nature Connection Learning Community
Contact: aly@huckleberry.earth
Openings: Morning classes full; a couple of afternoon spots open
 We believe that children, especially those between the ages of 2 and 6, learn best through direct experience with the natural world. Our goal is to tap into their sense of wonder about the natural world by modeling curiosity and gratitude. We promote individual empowerment and group bonding, as well as creative flexibility and collaboration skills through open-ended play in a forested environment. We model respect for all living beings and demonstrate how to tend to the earth with compassion and heart-listening. Our lesson plans flow organically from what nature presents us with each day.
Special Needs: Please inquire so we can ensure we can support each child's needs in our forested environment
Student to Teacher Ratio: 4:1
Meals: Children bring a packed lunch each day. We forage for wild edibles daily as well.
Holidays: Winter break, mid-winter break, and spring break in line with VISD calendar
Buses: No

Kids Are People Too

Program: Preschool and extended care
Contact: Danielle York at 206-463-2610
Ages: 2 1/2 to 6 years for preschool and 2 1/2 to 9 years for extended care
Program: School provides a loving environment with a curriculum of creative play, hands-on math, nature, sharing and reading while nurturing children's self esteem. Each day time is dedicated to being outdoors — essential to the childhood experience. The program is located on Bank Road and has a big playground. The school takes weekly trips to the Vashon Athletic Club, where York and certified swimming instructor Dayna Rogers give the kids a group swimming lesson. The school takes three to five on-island field trips each year. Preschool hours are 9:30 a.m. to noon, with lunch provided. Extended hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
Special needs: Serves subsidized clients
Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 8:2
Meals: Yes
Holidays: Mostly follows the public school calendar but is open in summer - inquire
Buses: No, but school transports students to afternoon kindergarten

Klahanie School

Type of Program: Montessori Peace-Antibias School
Contact: Emily Graham/ Executive Director, klahanieschool.org or klahanieschool@gmail.com to schedule your visit.
Openings: Summer Session/ limited spots in ages 3 to 6 and Toddler Class. Waitlists have started for our 2021-22 school year classes, please check out our website for more details.



Little Islanders Preschool

Klahanie School is a 501c3 Montessori Peace and Anti Bias school for Early Education learners and families to feel the support they need. Following the needs of the child and running from a Compassionate Listening Circle foundation, a nurturing environment is created for an abundance of trust-building so the love of learning can shine for our 2.5 to 6-year-old old learners and the community of young people that come back to Klahanie School to mentor and feel continued support from our program. We seek to nurture a continued cycle of island connections and empowering supports in our intimate and dynamic programming.
Special Needs: Yes, please inquire
Student to Teacher Ratio: Toddler class 6:1, 3 to 6 class 8:1
Meals: Provided by families daily (special feasts cooked and enjoyed by class seasonally)
Holidays: Runs the same as district calendar
Buses: No

Little Islanders Preschool

Type of program: Multi-age preschool and kindergarten
Contact: Lisa Moe at 206-463-9797 or email littleislanders@comcast.net, or visit facebook.com/ LittleIslandersPreschool
Openings: Yes (drop-in available if space)
Ages: 18 months to 6 years
 Children should be allowed to grow at their own pace and to learn in ways that help them become confident in themselves as learners. Little Islanders' goal is to provide all of the children with a clean, safe, comfortable and nurturing environment. Respect toward self, others and the environment are emphasized. The school believes in play-based learning. Some activities are a little more structured, such as regular reading times, circle times, arts and crafts and musical activities. The school's students spend a lot of time outside even when it's raining, running, jumping and playing in puddles. The school's goal is to create an environment and program where the child's natural desire to learn is stimulated through meaningful, appropriate and playful learning experiences that meet the needs of each child as an individual.
Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mon. to Fri. following the school calendar. The school offers drop-in opportunities when space is available for all ages. A few summer camps may be offered, call to inquire.
Special Needs: Not at this time
Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 7:1
Meals: Children bring snack/lunch
Holidays: Inquire (some of public schools' calendar is followed)
Buses: No

Little Tree Montessori Preschool & Kindergarten

Program: Montessori, multi-age class, children usually start at age 3 or 4 and continue through their kindergarten year.
Contact: 206-463-9249
Website: littletreemontessori.org
Openings: Inquire to find out
Ages: 3 to 6 (children need to be completely out of diapers and pull-ups)
Program: Tailored to the social and learning needs unique to 3-6 year olds, the principles, methods and materials used in Montessori education are scientifically supported. During this period of development, children are especially drawn to activities that involve learning language, movement, sensory perception, understanding the order of people, places and things, social skills, personal relationships, and independence. A Montessori environment is a place where children thrive because it is an intentional, peaceful and protective environment that corresponds to their developmental needs. It feeds their curiosity about the real world, respects and protects their interests, preferences, concentration and, in essence, their early childhood.
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Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday
Special Needs: Not able to accept
Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 8:1
Meals: Children bring their own snack and lunch.
Holidays: Inquire. School year is August through mid-December; then February through June
Buses: No

Starbreak

Type of program: Preschool, kindergarten & summer camps
Contact: Director Dan Cullinan at 206-463-6277 or visit starbreak.org
Openings: Full for next year, with a waitlist.
Ages: 3 to 6
 The program includes art, practical life, outdoor nature

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activities, regular beach walks, science, animal care, gardening, tree climbing and stilt walking, as well as many academic materials. Everything is individualized; children make their own choices and work at their own pace. Emotional and social support is the foundation out of which the learning process grows. They use Montessori and Waldorf methods with their own creative touch. The camp is also signing up 11 to 14-year-old "elders" for the summer season.

Special needs: Case-by-case basis

Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 6:1

Meals: Students bring their own lunches

Holidays: Follows the public school calendar

Buses: No

UMO School of Physical Arts

Type of Program: Aerial, parkour and tumbling

Contact: Elizabeth Klob; school@umo.org

Openings: Many

UMO School of Physical Arts inspires creative possibility and recognizes students' creative force by giving them a safe place to learn and a variety of tools based on UMO's dynamic physical theatre. All camp classes will be outdoor and indoor, all COVID-19 protocols and more information and registration processes are detailed at umo.org/school.

Special Needs: available upon conversation with Elizabeth, the school's director.

Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 6:1 or 8:1

Meals: N/A

Holidays: N/A

Buses: N/A

Vashon ECEAP Preschool

Type of program: Full-day preschool

Contact: Sally Adam, family support worker, at 206-463-8594

Openings: Yes

Ages: 3 to 5, must be 3 years old by Aug. 31

This preschool is an all-day, four-day-per-week program focused on physical, cognitive, social and emotional development for children ages 3 to 5. It meets from 9:05 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. Mon. through Thurs. This program fosters imagination, play, and curiosity; gives fun exposure to the Spanish language and includes meals, bus to and from school, family support, health, dental and developmental screenings. Children graduate from this program ready for kindergarten and success in school and life. The program is free for families with the greatest need. The ECEAP Preschool also offers opportunities for developmental screening through Child Find. Parents who have questions or concerns about their child's development may call the district office at 206-463-2121, ext. 8638, to reach the Child Find Coordinator.

Special Needs: Yes, if recommended by IEP team

Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 7:1

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, 2 snacks each day provided by program

Holidays: Follows public school calendar except on PDD/Late Arrival Days when class will be in session for regular times

Buses: Yes

Vashon-Maury Cooperative Preschool

Type of program: Preschool

Contact: Email registration@vmcp.org, call the school at 206-463-2779, or visit vmcp.org

Openings: We have several spots in our toddler class for the 2021-22 school year, and anticipate a small number of openings over the summer in our older classes (ages 2 to 5). Email registration@vmcp.org for more information or join our waitlist.

Ages: Infant through pre-kindergarten

The co-op offers high-quality, play-based education for infants up to kindergarten. The classroom is a dynamic, hands-on laboratory where kids are invited to discover and explore. Children are encouraged to learn at their own pace and interest level. Social-emotional growth is a key element of this age-appropriate curriculum. Families benefit from the co-op's approach of educating both child and parent. Parents participate in the classroom once a week as assistant teachers, where they get to see their kids in action and learn as the teachers model positive communication and problem solving with the children. Monthly parent education classes with expert parent instructors are also offered. The nonprofit co-op is headed up by a volunteer board of parents, and all co-op families work together to run the school. New this year, we are introducing an infant class, birth to age 1. Similar to our toddler class, the infant class will be offered for parents and children together led by a teacher and a parent educator.

Meals: Snacks provided by parents

Holidays: Follows the public school calendar

Buses: No

Vashon Wilderness Program

Type of Program: Outdoor nature connection and community building for youth & families

Contact: Stacey Hinden, Executive Director

Openings: Various programs for 4 to 17-year-olds throughout the school year

Vashon Wilderness Program provides transformative nature immersion experiences that cultivate deep connections between self, community and the natural world. For more information, visit vashonwilderness.org.

Special Needs: Please contact VWP to discuss your situation

Student-to-Teacher Ratio: 7:1 (for 4 to 6-year-olds); 9:1 (for 7 to 12-year-olds); 10:1 (for teens)

Meals: No

Holidays: We follow the VISD holiday break schedule

Buses: No

VYFS Vashon Kids

Type of Program: School Age & Summer Enrichment Program
Contact: Jen Beck and Dalinda Vivero, vashonkids@vyfs.org or 206-930-2592

Openings: Open until full

Vashon Kids offers creative programming that fosters a community of learning with experienced and nurturing staff. Playtime focuses on team sports, art, literacy, science and social-emotional skill-building.

Special Needs: Yes, if your child can work within a group

Student to Teacher Ratio: 1:12

Meals: Breakfast and afternoon snack provided

Holidays: Closed all federal holidays

Buses: At Chautauqua Elementary



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