



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE
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SUMMER CAMPS



CATALOG

June-July 2026

Welcome to Christian Heritage Academy Summer Camps 2026!

Welcome to a summer of exploration, creativity, and growth at Christian Heritage Academy! We are thrilled to invite both our CHA family and the wider community to join us for a memorable season of learning and fun.

Our 2026 Summer Camps are designed to help students from PK4 through 12th grade engage, learn, and mature in Christ. Whether your child is a budding scientist, a gifted artist, or an aspiring athlete, our programs offer a supportive environment to discover new passions and build lasting memories. From diving into the physics of buoyancy in our STEM camps to honing teamwork on the soccer field, every session is focused on helping students appreciate God's creation while developing their unique skills and confidence.

In this catalog you will find a summary of programming as well as full details on our camps. Camps are offered on a week-by-week basis, so make your selections according to your family's summer schedule!

Registration Information

To secure your child's spot in summer camp(s), please note the following:

- Visit our website to access registration links at christianheritage.org/camp.
- Enroll by **March 27, 2026**, to receive the **discounted early bird rate**. Standard pricing begins on March 28, 2026.
- CHA must have a signed [Permission Form & Medical Waiver](#) on file for *each* camper before he/she is allowed to participate.
- The final cut-off date to register is one week before each specific camp begins.
- Offices will be closed and no camps will be held the week of July 6–10 due to the holiday break.
- If needed, refunds will be made through June 1st with a \$35 processing fee. After June 1st no refunds will be issued.

Contact Us

If you have questions regarding our camp offerings, staffing, or the registration process, please reach out to our camp administration team.

- Email: camp@christianheritage.org
- Website: christianheritage.org/camp
- Location: 315 Waukegan Road, Northfield, IL 60093

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

JUNE 15 - 19, 2026

Camp Name	Grade Level (Rising)	Time
Sports Camp (Multi-Sport)	2nd–5th	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Middle School Soccer	6th–8th	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Middle School Basketball	6th–8th	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Middle School Volleyball	6th–8th	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

JUNE 22 - 26, 2026

Camp Name	Grade Level (Rising)	Time
STEAM I: Science (Beach/Boats)	PK4–1st	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 3:00 PM
STEAM II: Science & Technology	2nd–3rd	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 3:00 PM
STEM: Storytelling (Coding/Robots)	4th–5th	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 3:00 PM
Upper School Soccer	9th–12th	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Upper School Basketball	9th–12th	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Upper School Volleyball	9th–12th	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2026

Camp Name	Grade Level (Rising)	Time
STEAM I: Technology/Engineering	PK4-1st	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 3:00 PM
STEAM II: Engineering, Math & Music	2nd-3rd	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 3:00 PM
STEM: On the Playground (Physics)	4th-5th	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 3:00 PM

JULY 13 - 17, 2026

Camp Name	Grade Level (Rising)	Time
STEAM I: Make Believe - Puppets	PK4-1st	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 3:00 PM
Art Camp: Art & Illustration	3rd-5th	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

JULY 20 - 24, 2026

Camp Name	Grade Level (Rising)	Time
STEAM I: Make Believe - Theater	PK4-1st	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 3:00 PM
Art Camp: Drawing, Painting, and Sculpting Animals and Nature	2nd-5th	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

SPORTS CAMPS

The CHA Athletic Department offers exciting camps for participants of all skill levels. Each camp fosters growth and excellence in a supportive atmosphere with skill-building and teamwork.

SPORTS CAMP (Grades 2-5)

DATES: June 15-19, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

RATE: \$120 (by 3/27) or \$150 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: The Christian Heritage Academy Lower School Sports Camp is designed for students in grades 2-5 to explore and enjoy a variety of sports in a fun, safe, and Christ-centered environment. Throughout the camp, students will be introduced to multiple sports, including soccer, basketball, volleyball, and other age-appropriate activities that promote movement, coordination, and teamwork. Instruction will focus on basic skills, rules, and game play, with an emphasis on participation, effort, and enjoyment.

MEET THE TEACHER: Mr. Seongho Han is the Lower School Physical Education Teacher at CHA. He earned a BA in Biblical Studies with an emphasis in Sports Ministry from Moody Bible Institute and an MDiv from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He served a local Korean immigrant church as a youth pastor for six years and experienced the joy of nurturing the hearts of God's children. Mr. Han has played various sports throughout his life and has been teaching tennis since 2023. He is passionate about using sports as a tool to share joy, glorify God, and, most importantly, lead people to Christ.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER CAMP (Grades 6-8)

DATES: June 15-19, 2026

TIME: 8:00-10:00 AM

RATE: \$80 (by 3/27) or \$100 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: The Christian Heritage Academy Middle School Soccer Camp is designed for students in grades 6-8 who are interested in learning and developing their soccer skills in a Christ-centered, positive environment. Camp instruction will focus on fundamental soccer skills, including dribbling, passing, shooting, ball control, and defensive positioning, while also introducing basic team concepts, game rules, and effective on-field communication.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL CAMP (Grades 6–8)

DATES: June 15–19, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

RATE: \$80 (by 3/27) or \$100 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: The Christian Heritage Academy Middle School Basketball Camp is designed for students in grades 6–8 who are interested in learning and developing their basketball skills in a Christ-centered, encouraging environment. Camp instruction will focus on fundamental basketball skills, including dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, and team defense, as well as an introduction to offensive concepts, game rules, and on-court communication.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL CAMP (Grades 6–8)

DATES: June 15–19, 2026

TIME: 1:00PM–3:00 PM

RATE: \$80 (by 3/27) or \$100 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: The Christian Heritage Academy Middle School Volleyball Camp is designed for students in grades 6–8 who are interested in learning and developing volleyball skills in a Christ-centered, supportive environment. Camp instruction will focus on fundamental volleyball techniques, including serving, passing, setting, attacking, and team defense, while also introducing positional responsibilities, rules of the game, and effective on-court communication.

UPPER SCHOOL SOCCER CAMP (Grades 9–12)

DATES: June 22–26, 2026

TIME: 8:00–10:00 AM

RATE: \$80 (by 3/27) or \$100 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: The Christian Heritage Academy Upper School Soccer Camp is designed for students in grades 9–12 who are seeking to further develop their soccer skills in a Christ-centered, competitive, and growth-oriented environment. This camp will build upon foundational skills while emphasizing more advanced technical, tactical, and physical aspects of the game. Instruction will include advanced ball control, passing combinations, finishing, defending principles, positional responsibilities, and team shape, as well as speed of play and decision-making in game-like situations.

UPPER SCHOOL BASKETBALL CAMP (Grades 9–12)

DATES: June 22–26, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

RATE: \$80 (by 3/27) or \$100 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: The Christian Heritage Academy Upper School Basketball Camp is designed for students in grades 9–12 who are seeking to advance their basketball skills in a Christ-centered, competitive, and growth-oriented environment. This camp will build upon foundational skills while emphasizing more advanced technical and tactical aspects of the game. Instruction will include advanced ball-handling, shooting development, finishing at the rim, on-ball and team defense, rebounding, and offensive concepts such as spacing, ball movement, and decision-making at game speed.

UPPER SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL CAMP (Grades 9–12)

DATES: June 22–26, 2026

TIME: 1:00–3:00 PM

RATE: \$80 (by 3/27) or \$100 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: The Christian Heritage Academy Upper School Volleyball Camp is designed for students in grades 9–12 who are seeking to advance their volleyball skills in a Christ-centered, competitive, and growth-oriented environment. This camp builds upon foundational techniques while emphasizing more advanced technical and tactical aspects of the game. Instruction will include advanced serving and serve-serve strategies, attacking and blocking techniques, positional responsibilities, team defense, offensive systems, and decision-making in game-speed situations.

STEAM I CAMPS

CHA's STEAM I camps bring students together in a fun and engaging way that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Math with arts integrated throughout. Mornings involve structured lessons, and afternoons allow for open exploration where students can incorporate what they have learned as they work collaboratively or independently to create and explore through various activities. We desire for camp to help instill confidence and skills in exploring God's creative world around them...and create fun memories while doing so!

CAMP DIRECTOR:

Mrs. Tanya Platt has been a preschool teacher at CHA for 7 years and holds a BA in Human Services from Moody Bible Institute. Mrs. Platt has also been the Director of Children and Family Ministries for the past 24 years at her church which has included coordinating and teaching Children's Church, leading Youth Ministries, and directing VBS. She has also been the Worship Director at her church since 2015.

MEET THE TEACHERS:

Ms. Jen Van Winkle holds a PEL (Professional Educator's License), a BA in Education and English (Calvin College), and a Master's degree in Educational Ministry (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School). She has taught early childhood and elementary education for 14 years and has taught at CHA for 7 years. Ms. Van Winkle is the Early Education team lead, and is entering her second year of STEAM camp at CHA. She is actively involved in her church, passionate about the Lord and education, and enjoys traveling the world.

Mrs. Faith Stewart earned a Bachelor's degree in Education Science from Concordia University Chicago in 2022. She has been teaching at CHA for four years. Previously, she served as a director and assistant at a summer camp in Roselle for four consecutive summers. She has been involved in theater since the age of seven. Mrs. Stewart has directed an arts-based VBS for two years and has assisted in directing both the Middle and Upper School musicals for the past four years.

Mr. Kevin Luthardt is the K-8 Art Teacher at CHA. He earned a BFA in painting from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He spent 28+ years as a self-employed artist, author/illustrator, and muralist. He has created 9 published children's picture books

including *Larabee*, *Peep!*, *Flying!*, and *When Edgar Met Cecil*. His paintings were represented by Mars Gallery in Chicago for 25+ years. He has painted more than 150 mural projects in schools, libraries, and churches in Illinois, New York, Iowa, California, and Mexico. Kevin has been a visiting artist/teacher in hundreds of schools over the past few decades, and has taught in numerous art camps, workshops, VBS programs, and other art classes. This summer he is excited to teach and inspire.

Mrs. Megan McClellan is in her second year teaching Preschool 4 at CHA and has coached Middle School Soccer. She graduated from Grace College and Theological Seminary with a BS in psychology. She went on to work as a preschool aide at a Christian school and was the director of their summer camp program. Mrs. McClellan recently got her certificate in Early Childhood at Rasmussen University. She has a deep passion for serving the Lord through missions, going on a mission trip every summer with Trinity Lutheran Church youth. In her free time she loves to run and play soccer.

STEAM I CAMP: Science (Grades PK4-1)

DATES: June 22-26, 2026

HALF DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM — \$195 (by 3/27) or \$250 (after 3/27)

FULL DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00-3:00 PM — \$295 (by 3/27) or \$350 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: Dive into a week of sun, science, and seaworthy fun! In this beach-themed summer camp, students explore the concept of density through hands-on engineering challenges. Campers will design, build, and test their own miniature boats using a variety of materials, learning how density affects buoyancy and stability. Throughout the week, they'll experiment, problem-solve, and refine their creations before putting them to the test in exciting boat races. With a mix of creativity, teamwork, and water-side excitement, this camp turns physics into an unforgettable summer adventure.

STEAM I CAMP: Technology/Engineering (PK4-1)

DATES: June 29-July 3, 2026

HALF DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM — \$195 (by 3/27) or \$250 (after 3/27)

FULL DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00-3:00 PM — \$295 (by 3/27) or \$350 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: Our Engineering & Technology Summer Camp invites young innovators to explore the exciting world of hands-on building, problem-solving, and creative design. Throughout the program, campers will work like real engineers—using critical thinking, teamwork, and imagination to bring their ideas to life. Campers will learn the fundamentals of motion, force, and simple machines as they design and construct vehicles powered by rubber bands, balloons, springs, or other mechanisms. After building, they'll test

and refine their creations in fun challenges. Campers will also use LEGO bricks to explore important concepts in structural integrity and architectural design.

STEAM I CAMP: Make-Believe - Puppets (Grades PK4-1)

DATES: July 13-17, 2026

HALF DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM — \$195 (by 3/27) or \$250 (after 3/27)

FULL DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00-3:00 PM — \$295 (by 3/27) or \$350 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: Make-Believe Puppet Camp invites young creators to explore the magical world of puppets through fun, hands-on activities. Campers will make simple puppets, decorate them with colorful materials, and use their imaginations during guided storytelling and play. Our caring staff provides a warm, playful environment that supports creativity, confidence, and social skills. At the end of the week, families are invited to a brief puppet share-time to see what the children have created. Perfect for children who love to pretend and create!

STEAM I CAMP: MAKE-BELIEVE - THEATER (Grades PK4-1)

DATES: July 20-24, 2026

HALF DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM — \$195 (by 3/27) or \$250 (after 3/27)

FULL DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00-3:00 PM — \$295 (by 3/27) or \$350 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: Make-Believe Theater Camp invites young performers to step into a world of imagination and play. Throughout the week, children will explore storytelling, pretend play, simple costumes, and creative movement designed just for early learners. Campers will act out short stories, create characters, and build confidence through fun, guided games and activities. Our supportive staff encourages creativity, cooperation, and joyful expression. At the end of the week, families are invited to a brief, informal share-time to see the magic the children have created together. A perfect camp for kids who love to pretend, move, and make stories come alive!

STEAM II CAMPS

Students will engage, learn, and mature in Christ at CHA's STEAM II camps, beginning with prayer and worship every morning and ending with journal writing and sharing. Students will learn to problem solve, create, collaborate, and explore through activities and playing a variety of games at different stations. The goal of this camp is to appreciate God, the creator, and build self-esteem to influence others in the Lord.

MEET THE TEACHER:

Dr. Ennie Oh has a PEL (Professional Educator's License), EL (English Learners) Endorsement, and a PhD in Christian Education and Counseling. She studied at Northwestern University and Moody Bible Institute. Dr. Oh has taught PK4-Grade 1 at CHA for the past 11 years, following 12 years of teaching PK-2 in the public school system. She served as an Educational Director for 25 years for Sunday school coordinating VBS, field trips, and teacher training. Dr. Oh worked with Mrs. Kathy Severson (former Preschool Director at CHA) for two summers during STEM Summer Camp.

STEAM II CAMP: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (GRADES: 2-3)

DATES: June 22-26, 2026

HALF DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM — \$195 (by 3/27) or \$250 (after 3/27)

FULL DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00-3:00 PM — \$295 (by 3/27) or \$350 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: Students will engage, learn, and mature in Christ at CHA's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) summer camp. We will start with prayer and worship time every morning and end with journal writing and sharing. Students will learn to problem solve, create, collaborate, and explore through activities and playing a variety of games at different stations. The goal of this camp is to appreciate God, the creator, and build self-esteem to influence others in Christ.

STEAM II CAMP: ENGINEERING, MATH, & MUSIC (GRADES: 2-3)

DATES: June 29-July 3, 2026

HALF DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM — \$195 (by 3/27) or \$250 (after 3/27)

FULL DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00-3:00 PM — \$295 (by 3/27) or \$350 (after 3/27)

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games at different stations. Students will also learn to play at least one instrument. The goal of this camp is to appreciate God, the creator, and build self-esteem to influence others in Christ.

STEM CAMPS

Students will immerse themselves in an exciting week of STEM learning by engaging in the Engineering Design Process: defining a problem, brainstorming ideas, creating and testing prototypes, evaluating solutions, and sharing results. This year's camps have a Storytelling focus with coding and robots and a STEM on the Playground focus with physics. Mornings feature structured lessons, and afternoons allow for open exploration at STEM stations. The camp aims to inspire students to see themselves as future scientists, inventors, and innovators!

MEET THE TEACHER:

Mrs. Sarah Joe has 15 years of experience teaching math, science, and STEM to PK-8th grade students. She earned a B.A. in Elementary and Middle School Education from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and a Master's in Educational Sociology and International Policy Studies from Loyola University. Mrs. Joe loves teaching STEM because it inspires students to use their creativity, solve problems, and connect their learning to real-world challenges. Fun fact: If not an educator, she would have pursued her dream of becoming a librarian!

STEM CAMP: STORYTELLING (Grades 4-5)

DATES: June 22-26, 2026

HALF DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM — \$195 (by 3/27) or \$250 (after 3/27)

FULL DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00-3:00 PM — \$295 (by 3/27) or \$350 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: Students will blend creativity, engineering, and technology to bring stories to life using Scratch coding, Sphero robots, stop motion animation, and green screen productions.

STEM CAMP: STEM ON THE PLAYGROUND (Grades 4-5)

DATES: June 29-July 3, 2026

HALF DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM — \$195 (by 3/27) or \$250 (after 3/27)

FULL DAY TIME/RATES: 9:00-3:00 PM — \$295 (by 3/27) or \$350 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: Students become playground engineers and scientists as they explore the physics, design, and creativity behind how playgrounds are built and how they work.

ART CAMPS

Ignite your child's imagination and artistic skills this summer with our immersive Art Camps! Whether your child is passionate about character design and storytelling or captivated by the beauty of the natural world, our programs provide the perfect environment to explore new mediums and refine their techniques. From the technical fundamentals of line, color, and form to the hands-on excitement of sculpting with clay and painting final masterpieces, students will grow both as artists and creators. Each week is designed to be highly interactive, culminating in a celebration of the students' hard work and creative achievements.

MEET THE TEACHER:

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Art and Illustration Camp (Grades 3-5)

DATES: July 13-17, 2026

TIME: 12:00-3:00 PM

RATE: \$195 (by 3/27) or \$250 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: In this camp, students will learn to become visual storytellers! They will learn the fundamentals of drawing and painting, as well as build upon their knowledge of the elements of art (line, shape, color, value, texture, form, and space). They will use these skills to create their own illustrated story. Mr. Luthardt will take the students through the steps of creating a picture book: brainstorming story ideas, creating a storyboard with words and pictures, drawing preliminary sketches, making a manuscript dummy, and painting the final illustrations for their story. On the last day of camp, our student author/illustrators will share their stories together as a storytime celebration!

Drawing, Painting, and Sculpting Animals and Nature (Grades 2-5)

DATES: July 20-24, 2026

TIME: 12:00-3:00 PM

RATE: \$195 (by 3/27) or \$250 (after 3/27)

CAMP DESCRIPTION: In this camp, students will learn to reflect God's marvelous creation with beautiful artwork! They will learn the fundamentals of drawing, painting, and sculpting with clay, as well as build upon their knowledge of the elements of art (line, shape, color, value, texture, form, and space). We will use these elements and a variety of fun art media to create works of art that celebrate and reflect God's natural world around us.