

OGLEBAY INSTITUTE SUMMER DAY CAMPS

JUNE-AUGUST 2026



Oglebay Institute
Inspiring the Imagination

PARENTS CALL IT
LEARNING
KIDS CALL IT
FUN!



NATURE • ART • DANCE • PERFORMING ARTS

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

OGLEBAY INSTITUTE

A season of discovery, a lifetime of memories!

Oglebay Institute has provided area children with safe, well-supervised, educational camps for nearly 60 years. Each week offers new themes, new adventures, and new ways to inspire. Whether your child is the creative type, a performer, or a nature lover, there is something for everyone each summer at Oglebay Institute.

Our instructors develop and present creative, hands-on programs that stimulate children's interests and imaginations. Our campers gain independence and leadership skills and develop their creative potential.



Oglebay Institute Summer Day Camps are supported in part by the Appalachian Power Foundation and Ann Sonneborn Charitable Foundation.

Don't delay! Make Oglebay Institute a part of your child's summer vacation.



CAMP REGISTRATION

Register early to avoid disappointment. Registrations will be processed in the order received. No spaces will be held without full payment. Once registration and fees are received, participants will receive an e-mail confirmation with a link to a camper packet. It is the responsibility of the participant to appear in camp on the correct day and hour without additional notice.

ONLINE – Visit www.oionline.com/camps to register and pay online.

BY TELEPHONE – Registrations with credit cards can be made by calling:

- 304-242-7700 for Visual & Performing Arts Camps
- 304-242-6855 for Nature Camps
- 304-242-8807 for Dance Camps

IN PERSON – Register in person at Stifel Fine Arts Center, School of Dance, or Schrader Center.

Oglebay Institute accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and personal checks. Full payment is due at the time of registration.



CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Oglebay Institute is committed to offering a wide variety of camps. As a result, camps sometimes have to be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. In such cases, you will be notified no later than 72 hours before the camp start date and the full fee will be refunded. Oglebay Institute reserves the right to substitute instructors.

In order for participants to cancel and receive a full refund, they must notify the facility and cancel on or before April 1. After April 1, you must notify the facility and cancel at least 2 WEEKS before the camp start date. No refunds will be granted less than two weeks from the camp start date, and there is no proration of camp fees once the camp has started. In addition, a cancellation fee of \$20 is in effect for cancellations made after April 1, even those made within a two-week period.

Full payment is due at the time of registration.

Camps	Ages	Drop-off Location	Drop-off Time	Pick-up Location	Pick-up Time
Visual Arts	Preschool	Stifel Center	9:15-9:30am	Stifel Center	Noon
Visual Arts	Grades 1-7	Stifel Center	8:45-9am	Mon., Wed. & Fri.: Stifel Center Tues. & Thurs.: Wheeling Park Pool	3pm
Visual Arts	Grades 8-12	Stifel Center	8:45-9am	Stifel Center	3pm
Performing Arts	All	Towngate Theatre	8:45-9am	Towngate Theatre	3pm
Dance	All	Dance Studios	Varies	Dance Studios	Varies by camp. Consult your camps guide or receipt.
Nature Day Camps	Grade K	Schrader Center	8:30am-9am	Mon.-Thurs.: Schrader Center Fri.: Splashpad	3pm (Post-care available from 3-4pm)
Nature Day Camps	Grades 1-7	Schrader Center	8:30am-9am	Mon., Wed. & Fri. or Tues., Thurs. & Fri. (Depending on group): Oglebay Park Pool (Unless in post-care) Schrader Center: Non-pool days	3pm (Post-care available from 3-4pm)

HEALTH & INFORMATION FORMS

Parents must complete camper health and information forms for each child attending Oglebay Institute's summer day camp. Forms must be completed and returned 2 weeks prior to the first day of camp. No child will be admitted to camp without these forms.

Forms can be found at oionline.com/camps under the "Camp Resources" sidebar. Forms can be submitted online or mailed.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

As a non-profit organization, Oglebay Institute relies on membership contributions to help ensure the quality of our programs and facilities that are enjoyed by nearly 70,000 people each year.

OI membership can pay for itself in as few as two weeks of camps. Membership savings and benefits, which include early Summer Camp registration, also apply to classes and many other OI programs throughout the year.

A full list of levels and benefits can be found at oionline.com/support.

SOLD-OUT CAMPS

Some camps sell out during the members-only registration period in February. If interested in a particular camp and week, parents are urged to call to be added to the wait list.

Should spots become available, those on the wait list will be contacted in the order in which they were received.

FOR PARENTS

For detailed camp information and a Parent Handbook with frequently asked questions, visit oionline.com/camps.



NATURE DAY CAMPS

SCHRADER CENTER

Oglebay Park, Wheeling
304-242-6855

Nature Day Camps at Schrader Center provide a safe and supportive environment for children to discover the wonders of nature. Our campers spend their days exploring and learning about our woods, meadows, streams, and local habitats. We believe that a strong environmental ethic can best develop in children who learn to love being outdoors. Our camp program builds the foundation for a lifetime of love and respect for the environment. And it's fun!

Minnows and *Salamanders* will swim at Oglebay Park's outdoor pool and will be picked up at the pool on pool days. *Salamanders* will swim on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. *Minnows* will swim Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Pick up will be at Schrader Center on non-pool days. Cookouts will take place every Friday at Schrader Center. Post-care is available from 3pm-4pm.



Tadpoles

Entering Kindergarten

Times: 9am-3pm • \$180/\$150 OI members

June 8-12: Pollinator Pals

Get up close and personal with pollinators that call West Virginia home! Butterflies, beetles, & other critters that pollinate our garden are center stage in this fun camp. Design your own pollinator, get moving with our bee waggle dance, plant flowers, & more!

June 15-19: Puddle Jumpers

Cool off from the hot summer days with this fun water camp. Learn about the animals that live in the stream and pond by working together in our Aquatic Scavenger Hunt. Enjoy a week of water games and activities like "Drip, drip, SPLASH" and water relays. Meet the animals at the Schrader Center that love water too. Make sure you pack a swimsuit as we will be at the Splash Pad every day!

June 22-26: Summertime Sprites NEW!

Get ready to explore the forests just like fairies, nymphs, and sprites! Learn about our mushrooms, flowers, and the inhabitants of our butterfly garden. Create your own magical wings, crown, and wand fit for any forest Prince or Princess. Get ready to take our homemade boats to the stream for a "boat mote race".

Minnows

Entering Grades 1-3

Times: 9am-3pm • \$180/\$150 OI members

June 8-12: Shipwrecked

Ahoy, Campers! Shipwrecked week is all about survival! Build shelters, start fires, find water, and identify edible plants. Create a pirate flag and wrap-up with an epic capture the flag game!

June 15-19: Super-Humans

Join the movement to protect our planet. Plant native flowers, learn composting, and build bird feeders to take home. Create capes and masks from recycled materials. How will you use your powers to save the planet?

June 22-26: Ding, Dang, Dinosaurs!

Welcome to Prehistoric Park! Future paleontologists will create dinosaurs, explore prehistoric creatures, and dig for fossils. A week of excavation and discovery awaits!

July 6-10: Myths & Mystery Files

Calling all gumshoes! Create a secret agent code name, gather daily clues, and solve a camp mystery while investigating cryptids like Bigfoot. Learn the truth behind some of the most famous myths. Real or fake? You be the judge.

July 6-10: Wizards & Wands

Enter the world of magic in this Harry Potter & DND-inspired camp. Create nature potions, design wands, and cast spells on the camp “bad guy” trying to wreak havoc. Put your creativity to the test by designing your own companion and growing crystals!

July 13-17: Ants in Our Plants

Dig in the dirt, flip logs, and discover the bugs and creatures that live there. Create bug, learn to press flowers, and explore our butterfly garden. Impress your family by learning to identify plants and animals found in our woods.

July 13-17: Catch ‘Em All

Create your own Pokémon character inspired by animals and nature. Learn about animal’s special powers (adaptations) that inspire the popular characters. Who will you catch in our real-life Pokémon-Go Scavenger hunt! (Cards allowed w/parental approval.)

July 20-24: Drip, Drip, Splash

Grab your boots & swimsuit and dive into a week of water fun! Explore the stream, discover critters, play water games, and enjoy cool experiments. Test your skills in Schrader Center’s H2Olympics. This camp will go the pool everyday!

July 27-31: Exploring the Unexplored

Journey into the wonders of the unknown! Dive deep into the Ocean and learn about the rarely seen creatures that live there. Blast off into space where we turn our classroom into an indoor planetarium! Craft a starry night sensory bag to take home.

July 27-31: Toad-ally Toadstools **NEW!**

Find a quiet spot in the woods and have a toadstool seat. Designed for campers who prefer a calm, noncompetitive environment, this camp blends mindfulness, art, and nature through journaling, mud sculptures, and creating a shared fairy garden.

August 3-7: Critter Crossing **NEW!**

Uncover the excitement of Animal Crossing right here at camp! Dig-up fossils & compete in a lake scavenger hunt. Discover the stars while we create our own constellation. See if you have a green thumb by growing your own plants and flowers.

August 3-7: Camp-ologist! **NEW!**

Investigate Earth’s wonders by exploring a new “ologist” each day. Create a pet tornado, track animals, make a rain gauge, and earn daily stickers in your ologist journal as you become an “Awesome-ologist.”

Salamanders

Entering Grades 4-7

Times: 9am-3pm • \$180/\$150 OI members

June 8-12: Camp Rotwood **NEW!**

Campers will learn practical, off-grid survival skills while in a zombie apocalypse-themed camp! Escape the Outbreak Maze & learn to ID Cordyceps, but don’t become patient zero! At Camp Rotwood, the sunrise is earned and every step deeper into the woods brings new secrets...and new dangers.

June 15-19: What’s the Buzz? **NEW!**

Celebrate our new butterfly enclosure by discovering West Virginia’s pollinators! Learn about raising Monarchs, meet our beekeeper, explore honeybee care, and enjoy unique honey activities while appreciating the importance of insects.

June 22-26: Survive & Thrive 2.0

Outwit, outplay, and outlast at SCHRADER SURVIVOR! Work in teams, pick your name, design your flag, and compete in our survivor challenges. Learn essential survival skills like tracking, fire building, and more.

July 6-10: Nature Spy Headquarters

This camp is a blend of mystery and teamwork. Participate in secret agent training with fingerprint dusting, code breaking, disguises and theme-based classified missions.

July 12-25: Junior Nature Camp (Residential Camp)

Make summer memories that will last a lifetime! Campers ages 10-16 are invited to experience our residential camp just 10 minutes from Wheeling. Study everything from invertebrates and ferns to birds and mammals in a picturesque outdoor classroom. Other activities include canoeing, swimming, orienteering, arts & crafts, music, archery, and nightly campfires. Attend one or both weeks. [Call 304-242-6855 to learn more.](#)

Oglebay Institute gratefully acknowledges the 2025 support of Junior Nature Camp from The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and the West Virginia Department of Tourism.

July 20-24: Water Bout’ That

Ready, get wet, go! Dive into summer while exploring the world of water. Compete in our Water Olympics, play baby-pool kickball, and learn about the aquatic critters that call our stream home!

July 27-31: Appalachian Folklore **NEW!**

Folklore isn’t just told; it’s lived with this camp inspired by Appalachian folklore and cryptids. Craft protection charms or good luck tokens using items found in the natural world. Hear old superstitions and learn their meanings. Fact or Fiction? You be the judge!

August 3-7: Ruin Zone **NEW!**

Controlled CHAOS! That’s how we describe this camp! Enter the “ruin zone” and test your creativity by destroying, gathering materials, and rebuilding things even cooler! Launch recycled items onto targets in our Catapult build & launch! Campers will smash, crash, and tear through destructive missions every day in this camp.

VISUAL ARTS CAMPS

STIFEL FINE ARTS CENTER

**1330 National Road, Wheeling
304-242-7700**

Stifel art camps provide exciting hands-on activities that allow each child to explore art, meet creative challenges, and exercise the imagination. From painting to pottery, children explore their creativity through a variety of artistic mediums.

A trained staff of educators with experience working with children and teaching about art lead all camp activities. Campers in grades 1-7 will swim at the Wheeling Park Pool Tuesday & Thursday and will be picked up at the pool entrance at 3pm. Cookouts will take place every Friday at Stifel Fine Arts Center with hotdogs, chips, cookies, and juice. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday pick-up is 3pm at Stifel Fine Arts Center.



Entering Grades 1-3

Times: 9am-3pm
\$180/\$155 OI members

June 1-5: Pocket Monster Mania

Dive into the world of Pokémon! Catch and learn about different Pokémon, enjoy battles, craft unique creations, and tackle outdoor challenges. Join the adventure and become a Pokémon Master! Beth Allen, instructor.

June 8-12: Mine Craft & Create

Bring your Minecraft dreams to life! Craft epic structures, solve puzzles, and design unique worlds in-game and through hands-on projects. Enjoy digital play, outdoor games, and teamwork activities. Samantha Jeffries, instructor.

June 15-19: Art Sampler

Explore endless creativity and unleash your imagination to create stunning masterpieces. Experiment with watercolors, acrylics, pastels, and more to discover your unique artistic style. Samantha Jeffries, instructor.

June 22-26: Summer Swifties NEW!

Calling all elementary-aged Swifties! This week-long camp celebrates music, creativity, and confidence with sing-alongs, friendship bracelets, album-inspired art, and dance. Campers will make new friends, shine bright, and enjoy a summer full of fun and sparkle. Kashia Robbins, instructor.

July 6-10: Yer' a Wizard!

Calling all magical kids for a week of Harry Potter-themed fun! Join a house and compete for the House Cup. Enjoy crafts, games, and challenges that build teamwork and problem-solving skills. Leahhna Sparling, instructor.

July 6-10: NFL Art Week NEW!

Huddle up and create with a week that blends football excitement and hands-on art as campers design team logos, posters, and fan gear inspired by the game. With creative projects, light movement, and team-building activities, it's the perfect camp for young artists and football fans. Kashia Robbins, instructor.

July 13-17: Girls Rule!

Join a sisterhood of creativity and connection! Enjoy painting, crafting, storytelling, and self-expression in a fun, supportive space where friendships blossom and creativity shines. Kashia Robbins, instructor.

July 20-24: Disney Art Academy

Step into the magic of Disney! Create Disney-inspired art, sing along to favorite songs, and enjoy a week of laughter, friendship, and unforgettable Disney fun! Katie Everson, instructor.

July 27-31: Shape & Sculpt

Unleash your creativity in this fun and interactive introduction to the art of clay sculpting. Learn hand-building techniques like pinching, coiling, and slab-building to craft unique clay masterpieces to take home.

August 3-7: Level Up!

Level up your creativity! This camp is perfect for kids who love Nintendo classics, Minecraft, and other favorites, with hands-on art projects inspired by game worlds. Design levels, create characters, and enjoy a week of fun, creativity, and adventure.

Entering Grades 4-7

Times: 9am-3pm • \$180/\$155 OI members
(unless otherwise noted)

June 1-5: Pokémon Studio

Embark on an exciting Pokémon adventure! Campers will explore the Pokémon world by designing their own Pokémon and joining friendly battles, all while sparking creativity and having fun with fellow trainers. Samantha Jeffries, instructor.

June 8-12: Percy Jackson: Mythology in Art Camp **NEW!**

Calling all demigods! Explore Greek mythology and the world of Percy Jackson through character art, myth-inspired creations, and legendary creature designs. Build your skills and creativity on an epic quest worthy of Mount Olympus. Rachel Holden, instructor.

June 8-12 or 22-26: Magic of the Pottery Wheel

Discover the endless possibilities with ceramics as you mold, shape, and sculpt your own unique masterpieces from clay. Learn wheel-throwing, hand-building, and glazing techniques along with firing methods. **A glazing class will be held at noon on Wed., June 17 and Wed., July 1 and is included with each camp.** Rick Morgan, instructor. \$190/\$165 OI members (Includes material fee.)

June 15-19: Slime & Slime Again!

Join us for a squishy, stretchy adventure! Master slime-making, experiment with ingredients, create unique recipes, and design custom packaging. Endless gooey fun awaits! Brad Johnson, instructor.

June 15-19: Lego Legends

Build your LEGO dreams! Create sculptures, artwork, and designs with LEGO bricks while learning engineering and design basics. Unleash your creativity in a world of endless possibilities! Rachel Holden, instructor.

June 22-26: The Painter's Palette **NEW!**

Explore color, technique, and expression through watercolor, acrylic, and mixed media. With guided projects and creative challenges inspired by famous artists, campers build skills, confidence, and a love of painting. Rachel Holden, instructor.

July 6-10 and/or 13-17: Harry Potter Camp

\$180/\$155 OI members (1 week) • \$350/\$300 OI members (2 weeks)

Enter the wizarding world of Harry Potter! Join fellow witches and wizards for a creative journey filled with Hogwarts-inspired art, magical adventures, and spellbinding fun. Unleash your inner artist! Rachel Holden, instructor.

July 13-17: Back to the Drawing Board

Perfect for budding artists, this camp explores drawing fundamentals using graphite, colored pencils, charcoal, and ink. Enjoy hands-on projects, enhance creativity, and build confidence while sketching and illustrating. Brad Johnson, instructor.

July 20-24: Animé Art Adventures **NEW!**

Step into the world of animé! Campers will receive an introduction to animé drawing through character design, facial expressions, and dynamic poses as they bring their own animé creations to life. Rachel Holden, instructor.

July 20-24: Video Game Crazy

Explore game design, create characters, and compete in an epic tournament for trophies and prizes. A week of gaming, creativity, and friendly competition awaits! Brad Johnson, instructor.

July 27-31: Dollhouse Designs **NEW!**

Perfect for imaginative artists, this camp focuses on miniature art and design as campers plan and build their own dollhouses. Explore creativity and imaginative play through mixed-media projects and detailed creations. Kashia Robbins, instructor.

August 3-7: Imagination Station **NEW!**

Unleash your creativity at this arts & crafts camp! Explore painting, pottery, and more as you create unique art every day. Enjoy a week of inspiration, friendship, and artistic fun! Kashia Robbins, instructor.

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Preschool Art Camps (Ages 3-5)

Times: 9:30am-noon • \$95/\$80 OI members
(These camps **DO NOT** go to the pool.)

June 8-12: Wonderful World of Disney

Designed for preschoolers, this enchanting camp features favorite characters like Mickey, Minnie, and Goofy through themed crafts, games, and interactive storytelling. In a safe, welcoming environment, campers will spark their imaginations and create magical memories all week long.

June 15-19: Hey Barbie!

Step into a world of pink-tastic fun with activities inspired by Barbie's many careers and stories. From fashion design and dancing, to pretend play and creative crafts, each day is filled with exciting experiences. We'll have snack breaks, interactive games, and a chance to explore the magical world of Barbie.

June 22-26: Bluey & Friends

Give your preschooler a week of unforgettable fun! Themed activities, crafts, and games inspired by *Bluey and Gabby's Dollhouse* will spark imagination, foster social skills, and encourage active play in a safe environment.

July 13-17: Art Sampler

Little artists will explore a variety of fun art mediums, from painting and sculpting, to crafts and more. Each day promises new adventures with hands-on activities, colorful projects, a tasty snack break, and playful games to spark imagination and joy.

Teen Art Intensives

Entering Grades 8-Senior Year

Times: 9am-3pm (These camps **DO NOT** go to the pool.)

July 6-10: Hogwarts Academy

\$180/\$155 OI members

Step into the magical world of Hogwarts Academy! This Harry Potter-themed summer art intensive lets teens explore art and crafts through wand-making, fantastical creatures, and spellbinding projects. Students are sorted into houses to compete for points in the House Cup Trivia Challenge, with prizes for the winners—and of course, there's butterbeer to enjoy! Join us for a summer of creativity, competition, and magical fun. **Don't miss the FREE after-party with pizza and a movie Friday, July 10 from 3:30-6:30pm**

July 13-17: Teen Pottery

\$190/\$165 OI members (Includes material fee.)

Dive deep into the art of ceramics as you refine your skills in wheel-throwing and hand-building techniques. From shaping elegant vessels to sculpting intricate sculptures, each session offers a chance to explore your artistic vision and express yourself through the medium of clay with expert guidance from an experienced ceramicist. Leave with craft pottery pieces that reflect your unique style and personality. **A glazing class will be held at noon on Wed., July 22 and is included with this camp.** Rick Morgan, instructor.

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DANCE CAMPS

OI SCHOOL OF DANCE

**1330 National Road, Wheeling
304-242-8807**

Dance camps give students the opportunity to learn a variety of dance techniques and express their creativity.

Designed to heighten awareness and appreciation of dance as an art form, our curriculum teaches techniques in various disciplines and presents dance as a means of communication and creative expression.

Camps are fun, challenging, age-appropriate and serve as a great introduction to the dance world while promoting a physically active lifestyle.



June 8-12: Broadway Musical Camp

9am-3pm • Grades 5-12 • \$200/\$170 OI members

Take a trip to the Great White Way and explore music and dances from some of your favorite Broadway musicals. **Students will hold a performance at Stifel Fine Arts Center on Friday, June 12 at 1:30pm.** Cheryl Pompeo, instructor.

June 8-12: Pointe Camp I & II

3:30-4:30pm • Ages 10 & up • \$100/\$85 OI members

Work on technique, strength, barre, and center. Must have at least three years ballet experience. Cheryl Pompeo, instructor.

June 15-19: Nutcracker Camp

9am-3pm • Grades K-7 • \$200/\$170 OI members

It's Christmas in June with dancing flowers, flurries of snowflakes, beautiful fairies, and a legion of mice! Dancers will learn to bring this magical story to life in a June Christmas fantasy! **Students will hold a performance at Stifel Fine Arts Center on Friday, June 19 at 1:30pm.** Cheryl Pompeo, instructor.

June 15-19: Ballerina Ball: A Ballet Royal Adventure NEW!

11am-1pm • Ages 4-7 • \$125/\$105 OI members

This camp welcomes young dancers to the world of classical Ballet! Children learn the foundational steps of ballet technique – plie', tendu, graceful port de bras – through fun, engaging, and developmentally appropriate activities. Each day highlights a different classical ballet, allowing dancers to step into the stories of *Swan Lake*, *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *The Nutcracker*, and more. With music, props, and guided choreography and movement, campers dance to original classical music for an authentic experience. Kimberlee Kafana, instructor.

June 15-19: Gumby Kids Class

1-2:30pm (grades K-3) • 2:30-4pm (grades 4-6)

\$115/\$105 OI members

For children who have taken sessions and are aware of the basic acrobatic arts skills with emphasis on increasing flexibility tricks and improving proper form and technique through the proper progressions. Taught to the needs of each child's ability. Kimberlee Kafana, instructor.

Private Dance and Tumbling

1/2-hour sessions by arrangement • All ages

\$30 per half hour à la carte

Ballet, tap, jazz, tumbling, various others as requested. Cheryl Pompeo, Kimberlee Kafana, Kathleen Gottus, and Rebecca Moore, instructors.

June 22-26: Summer Dance & Vocal Intensive NEW!

9am-5pm • Ages 6-21 • \$475 per student (includes lunch & t-shirt)
Focused training in the disciplines of ballet, jazz, contemporary, hip hop, modern, and vocal coaching from highly accomplished guest faculty to help prepare students for success in today's diverse world of dance. **There will be a showcase on Friday afternoon at 3pm. Students must bring their own water bottle and yoga mat.** Instructors TBA.

June 29-30: Contemporary Base Workshop NEW!

5:30-6:30pm (Ages 6-10) • 6:30-8pm (Ages 11 & up)
\$50 (flat fee)

This workshop will begin with a full-body warmup focused on alignment, strength and flexibility followed by a contemporary combination. Beginner-friendly class will introduce foundational techniques and creative movement. Intermediate/advanced class will introduce dancers to a deeper technique and expand their artistry. Dancers will be able to explore movement quality, texture, and performance skills throughout the class. Instructed by Kailey Nugent, OI Alumni and Point Park Dance Major. Watch for Kailey in a music video called "The Oz Dust Ball."

June 30-July 1: Acting and Dance Through Song: Learn Audition Techniques

(two-day workshop) 10am-3pm • Ages 12 & up • \$160 (flat fee)

Join actor, musician, and theatrical producer Ryan McCurdy for a two-day workshop that will focus on strengthening each performer's voice to bring greater tonal clarity and dynamic.

The concepts and methods taught throughout this course teach actors, singers, and dancers how to engage the lyrics of both musical theater and popular rep. Through specific repeatable techniques, both physical and mental, performers of all disciplines discover the core of a song by creating specificity and truth that keep the singer in the moment.

Workshop includes one day of one-on-one training with individual performers and one day of group instruction, which can include performances from the first day's work or in-the-moment work using traditional and popular melodies. **Students are required to bring a song with sheet music they wish to work on during the workshop.**

More about the instructor: Ryan McCurdy is an actor-musician and theatrical producer with Broadway, Off-Broadway, and regional stage credits. He also has film and television experience and a background in both public and private education.



June 30: Jumps and Turns Workshop NEW!

5-7pm • Ages 8-15 • \$50 (flat fee)

Beginner/Intermediate Levels working on proper dance and gymnastics jumps and turns technique. Maria Wood, instructor.

July 1: Rhythmic Gymnastics Workshop NEW!

5-6:30pm • Ages 6-9 • \$50 (flat fee)

A beginning rhythmic gymnastics workshop is ideal for children aged 6-9, focusing on foundational skills like jumps, basic ballet, dance, acrobatics and coordination. It also is incorporating introductory work with rhythmic equipment such as ball, hoop and ribbon. Maria Wood, instructor.

July 6-10: Annie - The Musical NEW!

9am-3pm • Grades K-7 • \$200/\$170 OI members (includes t-shirt)
Get out your scrub brushes and join us for a free spirited and adventurous summer musical camp, "ANNIE". **Students will hold a performance on the porch of the Stifel Fine Arts Center on Friday, July 10 at 1:30pm. Please bring a lawn chair. Students, please bring your own lunch each day.** Cheryl Pompeo and Kimberlee Kafana, instructors.

July 13-17: Let's "S.T.E.A.M. Through Dance" NEW!

8-11:00am • Ages 8-13 • \$145/125 OI members

S.T.E.A.M. is an educational approach that integrates science, technology, engineering, The Arts (specifically dance), and mathematics to foster creative problem-solving, critical thinking and a holistic understanding academic concepts through movement. Kimberlee Kafana, instructor.

July 13-17: Disney Princess Ballet Dance Camp

11am-1pm • Ages 3-9 • \$125/\$115 OI members

Enjoy a week of princess training filled with ballet and acrobatics instruction, along with creative movement styles of jazz and lyrical. Each day will focus on a different princess including Elsa, Belle, Snow White, and many more favorites. Children may come dressed as their favorite character each day. No previous dance experience needed. Kimberlee Kafana, instructor.

July 20-24: Advanced Ballet - Pointe Camp NEW!

1-2:30pm • Ages 12 & up (with Pointe experience)

\$115/105 OI members

Refine your basic ballet terms, positions, & dancing in rhythm and work on the elements of pointe. Kathleen Gottus, instructor.

July 27-29: Broadway Jazz and Tap Workshop (Intermediate/Advanced) NEW!

5:30-7:30pm • Ages 12 & up • \$105/\$90 OI members

This 3-day workshop is for all things Broadway dance! Students will learn choreography inspired by iconic Broadway shows in different dance styles including jazz, tap, and lyrical. This workshop is great for students interested in performing, by focusing on stage-presence, technique, and musicality within different dance genres. Molly Henthorne, instructor. Molly currently attends Oklahoma City University Star Dance Company, majoring in Dance, and is a graduate of OI Dance Company and WPHS Park Players.

August 3-7: Disney Descendants Camp NEW!

9am-3pm • Ages K & up • \$200/\$170 OI members

Come and learn all styles of dance including ballet, hip hop, jazz, tumbling, and lyrical—all along to your child's favorite Disney Descendants' songs. Children of all ages are welcome. **A dance showcase will be at 2pm on August 7 at Stifel Fine Arts Center.** Emma Wodarcyk and Kennedi Chesonis, instructors.

August 17-21: Beauty & the Beast Camp NEW!

8am-noon • Ages 4-8 • \$165/\$145 OI members

Please join us to learn choreography with fun activities based on *Beauty and the Beast*. **Dancers will learn choreography and perform at the Towngate Theatre with the Oglebay Institute Youth Ballet Company (October of 2026).** Cheryl Pompeo and Kim Kafana, instructors.

PERFORMING ARTS CAMPS

TOWNGATE THEATRE

**2118 Market Street, Wheeling
304-242-7700**

Performing arts camps give young people the opportunity to learn from seasoned actors and experience the joy, pride, praise, and sense of accomplishment that come with performing in front of a live audience. Camps enhance fundamental life skills such as teamwork, patience, mutual respect, self-confidence, tolerance, and creative problem solving. Kids also explore how to create characters, props, costumes, and scenery.

Performing Arts Camps are supported in part by The Dr. David G. Edwards and Linda S. Edwards Private Foundation.



June 8-12 or June 15-19 or June 22-26: Acting Camp

9am-3pm • Entering Grades 3-8

\$200/ \$170 OI members (includes t-shirt)

Learn the basic elements of acting while rehearsing a short play determined on the first day of camp. Enhance vocal and physical skills through warm-up exercises, play acting games and have free time to dress up and play with props. **Campers must be available at 2pm on Friday for a performance.** Alexander Hill and Tim Thompson, instructors.

July 6-10: Improvisation Camp

9am-3pm • Entering Grades 5-8

\$200/ \$170 OI members (includes t-shirt)

Use your imagination to create a scene that is inspired by a simple one-word suggestion. **This “short form” improvisation camp will end with a performance of “Whose Turn Is It Anyway?” at 2pm on Friday.** Tim Thompson, instructor.

July 13-17: Stage Craft Camp

9am-3pm • Entering Grades 4-8

\$200/ \$170 OI members (includes t-shirt)

This camp will explore the fundamentals of constructing and painting stage scenery and creating props and costumes through practical hands-on experiences. Students should wear older clothing and shoes that are okay to get messy. Dave Henderson and Grace Thompson, instructors.

July 20-24: Musical Theatre Camp

9am-3pm • Entering Grades 4-8

\$200/ \$170 OI members (includes t-shirt)

Students will sing, dance, and act as they develop the skills needed to become a “triple threat.” They will learn a physical and vocal warm-up, as well as work on scenes, songs, and choreography from several popular musicals that will culminate with a **showcase performance at 2pm on Friday.** Erin Bond and Kristin Cooper, instructors.

July 27-31: Fairy Tale Camp

9am-3pm • Entering Grades 1-3

\$200/ \$170 OI members (includes t-shirt)

Learn about acting through exercises in teamwork, improvisation, concentration, voice, and body language. Led by the Towngate artistic staff, campers will create several short plays adapted from popular fairy tales **to perform at 2pm on the final day of camp.** Erin Bond and Grace Thompson, instructors.

2026 CAMPS BY WEEK:

June 1-5:

- Pocket Monster Mania Art Camp (grades 1-3)
- Pokémon Studio Art Camp (grades 4-7)

June 8-12:

- Pollinator Pals Nature Camp (grade K)
- Shipwrecked Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Camp Rotwood Nature Camp (grades 4-7)
- Wonderful World of Disney Art Camp (ages 3-5)
- Mine Craft & Create Art Camp (grades 1-3)
- Percy Jackson: Mythology in Art Camp (grades 4-7)
- Magic of the Pottery Wheel (grades 4-7)
- Broadway Musical Camp (grades 5-12)
- Pointe Camp I & II (ages 10 & up)
- Acting Camp (grades 3-8)

June 15-19:

- Puddle Jumpers Nature Camp (grade K)
- Super-Humans Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- What's the Buzz? Nature Camp (grades 4-7)
- Hey Barbie! Art Camp (ages 3-5)
- Art Sampler (grades 1-3)
- Slime & Slime Again! Art Camp (grades 4-7)
- Lego Legends Art Camp (grades 4-7)
- Nutcracker* (Dance) Camp (grades K-7)
- Ballerina Ball Dance Camp (ages 4-7)
- Gumby Kids Class (grades K-6)
- Acting Camp (grades 3-8)

June 22-26:

- Summertime Sprites Nature Camp (grade K)
- Ding, Dang, Dinosaurs! Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Survive & Thrive 2.0 Nature Camp (grades 4-7)
- Bluey & Friends Art Camp (ages 3-5)
- Summer Swifties Art Camp (grades 1-3)
- Magic of the Pottery Wheel (grades 4-7)
- The Painter's Palette Art Camp (grades 4-7)
- Summer Dance & Vocal Intensive (ages 6-21)
- Acting Camp (grades 3-8)

June 29-July 3:

- Contemporary Base Workshop (June 29-30) (ages 6 & up)
- Acting and Dance Through Song: Learn Audition Techniques (June 30-July 1) (ages 12 & up)
- Jumps and Turns Workshop (June 30) (ages 8-15)
- Rhythmic Gymnastics Workshop (July 1) (ages 6-9)

July 6-10:

- Myths & Mystery Files Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Wizards & Wands Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Nature Spy Headquarters (grades 4-7)
- Yer' a Wizard! Art Camp (grades 1-3)
- NFL Art Week (grades 1-3)
- Harry Potter Camp (grades 4-7)
- Hogwarts Academy Art Intensive (grades 8-senior yr.)
- Annie* the Musical Dance Camp (grades K-7)
- Improvisation Camp (grades 5-8)

July 13-17:

- Ants in Our Plants Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Catch 'Em All Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Junior Nature Camp Week 1 (July 12-18) (ages 10-16)
- Art Sampler (ages 3-5)
- Girls Rule! Art Camp (grades 1-3)
- Harry Potter Camp (grades 4-7)
- Back to the Drawing Board Art Camp (grades 4-7)
- Teen Pottery Intensive (grades 8-senior yr.)
- Let's "S.T.E.A.M. Through Dance" (ages 8-13)
- Disney Princess Ballet Dance Camp (ages 3-9)
- Stage Craft Camp (grades 4-8)

July 20-24:

- Drip, Drip, Splash Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Water Bout' That Nature Camp (grades 4-7)
- Junior Nature Camp Week 2 (July 19-25) (ages 10-16)
- Disney Art Academy (grades 1-3)
- Animé Art Adventures (grades 4-7)
- Video Game Crazy Art Camp (grades 4-7)
- Advanced Ballet Pointe Camp (ages 12 & up)
- Musical Theatre Camp (grades 4-8)

July 27-31:

- Exploring the Unexplored Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Toad-ally Toadstools Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Appalachian Folklore Nature Camp (grades 4-7)
- Shape & Sculpt Art Camp (grades 1-3)
- Dollhouse Designs (grades 4-7)
- Broadway Jazz and Tap Workshop (July 27-29) (ages 12 & up)
- Fairy Tale Camp (grades 1-3)

August 3-7:

- Critter Crossing Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Camp-ologist! Nature Camp (grades 1-3)
- Ruin Zone Nature Camp (grades 4-7)
- Level Up! Art Camp (grades 1-3)
- Imagination Station Art Camp (grades 4-7)
- Disney Descendants Dance Camp (grades K & up)

August 17-21:

- Beauty & the Beast* Dance Camp (ages 4-8)



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