

# Summer Camp Weekly Themes and Special Events

Children will enjoy hands-on arts and crafts, cooking or baking new recipes, games and puzzles, and literature connected to the weekly theme. One special day will be dedicated to outdoor water play, so campers should bring a swimsuit and towel to join in the splashy fun!

## Week 1- Theme of the Week: Picnic

### Special Event: Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady

Pack your imagination and get ready for a delightful week of summer fun! Campers will enjoy outdoor snacks and learn how to set up the **perfect picnic** while participating in fun, hands-on activities. With a welcoming environment and plenty of opportunities to play, create, and make new friends, this picnic-themed week is a perfect way to enjoy summer.



## Week 2- Theme of the Week: Sharks

### Special Event: Metroparks Present: We're Fond of Ponds

Dive into an exciting week of summer camp all about **sharks**! Throughout the week, campers will enjoy shark-inspired projects, group games, and hands-on activities that spark curiosity and teamwork. From food webs and frog calls to amphibian and insect metamorphosis, children will get a taste of all kinds of pond life as they view and touch artifacts, participate in pond-themed activities, and interact with live animals.

## Week 3- Theme of the Week: Beach Party

### Special Event: U of M Twirler, Morgan Smith

Get ready for a week of sunshine, creativity, and nonstop fun! Our **Beach Party-themed summer camp** brings the excitement of the seaside to every day of camp. Throughout the week, campers will create beach-themed art projects, play energetic group games, and take part in exciting outdoor activities that keep them moving and smiling.



## Week 4- Theme of the Week: Zoo

### Special Event: Metroparks Present: Life Cycles: When I Was a Baby

Get ready for a **splashing good time** at our **Zoo-Themed Summer Camp**! Campers will embark on a week-long adventure through the animal kingdom, exploring jungles, savannas, rainforests, and even the Arctic—all without leaving the great outdoors. Each day is packed with fun animal-themed activities, including crafts, games, scavenger hunts, and interactive learning about our favorite wild friends.



## Week 5- Seashell Splash

### Special Event: Metroparks Present: Shells, Scales, and Pollywog Tails

Dive into a world of **sun, sand, and seashells**! Campers will explore the wonders of the ocean through fun, hands-on activities like seashell crafts, beach-themed games, and treasure hunts. Children will discover frogs, toads, and salamanders through games and artifacts that illustrate their life cycles and special features. Turtles and snakes will make their debut with further games and activities. To wrap it all up, children will meet the live animals.

## Week 6- Theme of the Week: Ice Cream

### Special Event: Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady

Get ready for a cool and colorful week of summer fun! Our **Ice Cream-themed summer camp** is packed with arts and crafts, interactive games, and plenty of outdoor time, all inspired by everyone's favorite frozen treat. Campers will enjoy ice-cream-inspired activities, creative projects, and playful group games that encourage imagination, movement, and friendship. With a cheerful, welcoming environment and lots of opportunities to play and create, this ice-cream-themed week is the perfect way to beat the heat and celebrate summer.



## Week 7- Theme of the Week: Fishing

### Special Event: Art Workshop

Cast off for a week of summer fun! Our **Fishing-themed summer camp** invites campers to explore the outdoors all inspired by the excitement of fishing and life by the water. Campers will enjoy fishing-themed projects, group games, and hands-on activities that encourage teamwork and creativity. With a welcoming environment and lots of opportunities to play, learn, and make new friends, this fishing-themed week is sure to be a reel good time.