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<u>CCHS History Day Camps</u>

Already planning those busy summer schedules? Don't forget CCHS History Day camps! Spaces are filling fast, call (952)442-4234 to save your spot today!

The World Around Us, June 20-24

Come explore the world around you in a unique blend of science and art. Over 3 days, campers will come to understand their world through interactive science activities. The other 2 days, campers will explore the world around them through the lens of art and interpretation.

This unique blend of art and science will provide a look into not only the beauty of nature, but how we can nurture and protect the world around us.

This camp will be offered to those going into grades 3-5, and will be offered from 12-4pm daily. Cost will be \$50/members and \$60/non-members. Space is limited to 12 kids. Snack provided.

S.T.E.A.M., June 27-July 1

What is STEAM? It is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) with the added fun and learning of art. Campers will explore art, machines, math, science, the earth, nature, food, and so much more. We are going to make art projects, do experiments, make and eat yummy foods and so much more.

Are your kids ready to be artists and scientists? Do they like science, but art as well? Then this is the camp for you. No more right brain left brain learning, but whole brain! STEAM exercises your whole brain, and allows for a variety of cross-curricular lessons.

This camp is for children going into grades K-2, daily from 12-4pm. Cost of camp will be \$50/members and \$60/non-members. Space is limited to 12 kids. Snack provided.

Junior Detective (C.S.I.), July 18-22

Does your child love mysteries? Do they love finding clues and solving riddles? Then this camp is just for them.

Throughout the week, we will explore what it takes to be a detective. Campers will explore fingerprinting, bones, noticing detail, gathering evidence, and searching for clues.

This camp is for children going into grades 3-5, daily from 12-4pm.

Cost of camp will be \$50/members and \$60/non-members. Space is limited to 12 kids. Snack provided.

The Name of the Game, July 25-29

Does your child love games? Board games, outdoor games, team games? Then join us as we explore the world of games! In conjunction with the latest exhibit from the CCHS, each day will explore a different style or type of games. Campers will make games to take home as well!

This camp is offered to children **grades K-2**, daily from 12-4pm. Cost for this camp will be \$50/member and \$60/non-member. **Space is limited to 12 kids. Snack provided.**

A Kids Life, July 11-15

Picture your kids in their natural habitat... During this five-day camp, your child will have the freedom to explore Waconia's natural playscape of parks, libraries, and historic places from the perspective of their favorite critters. Through our unique recreation and literacy curriculum, campers will splash like a loon on the water with our stand-up paddleboards in the summer sun. They will discover critter habitats by building shelters and geocaching. Learn about composting., solar energy, and experience lots of other crafty activities and camp craziness! Kids will learn firsthand about the history of Minnesota forests by trying the great sport of log rolling and more. They'll even get to meet some crawly critters during a live reptile presentation! This camp encourages teamwork, nature exploration, and a love of reading while promoting a healthy lifestyle for children entering 3rd-6th grade. Staff will accompany campers as we bike daily from Waconia Regional Park to Waconia Library and the Historical Society then bike back to Waconia Regional Park for pick-up. Bikes will remain secured at the park (indoors) all week. Please come prepared for the weather and equipped with a backpack daily that includes: reusable water bottle, snacks, lunch, sunscreen, hat, closed toed shoes, bug spray, and swimwear, towel, & sandals for the final day. Bikes & helmets are required and should be dropped off on Monday and picked up on Thursday. The entire day Friday will be based at Lake Waconia Regional Park.

Lake Waconia Regional Park, 9:00-4:00pm Daily \$120/camper, includes a camp t-shirt, Ages: Entering 3rd-6th Grade. Register through Waconia Parks and Rec.

About the Carver County Historical Society

Established in 1940, the Carver County Historical Society is a private, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the history of Carver County. The museum houses five local history galleries, a veterans' exhibit and a local history and genealogy library. There is no charge to visit the museum or library.