



# SUMMER

## Youth Program 2026

### HOW TO REGISTER:

ENROLLMENT WILL BE AT THE COLBY UMC OFFICE ON  
**MONDAY, MAY 18 FROM 3 TO 5:30 P.M.**

**If you miss open enrollment, you may enroll at the church office during normal business hours. Be aware that some classes will be full.**

Enrollment fees are due upon enrollment. Classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Classes fill quickly, so do not delay.

This is an outreach program designed to foster the Methodist social principle which supports "innovative methods of education designed to assist every child toward complete fulfillment as an individual person of worth."

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# NOTES FOR PARENTS:

- ☀ All grade levels listed are for grades completed unless otherwise specified.
- ☀ Pay close attention to the days for each class. Most classes are on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday. Some classes are for two weeks and some only one day.
- ☀ Please complete a registration form for each child. You may make copies of the registration form. Additional copies can also be sent to you by email, or by downloading it from <https://www.colbyumc.org/summer-youth-program>.
- ☀ Read class description carefully. Some classes require students to bring supplies.
- ☀ Some classes overlap, so watch carefully when signing up.
- ☀ We will be closed for lunch every day from 12:00-1:00. Please keep in mind that children will have to be picked up promptly so that the staff can have time for a lunch break between classes.
- ☀ The church reserves the right to cancel classes due to funerals, or other reasons that may arise.
- ☀ Again, please look at dates and times carefully. All fees are non-refundable.

## Week 1- June 1-3

### **GARDENING FOR LITTLES**

**Instructors: Healthy Congregations Team**

**June 1-3**

**10:00-11:00**

**K-2**

Get your hands dirty with the joy of gardening. Kids will learn basic gardening tips and techniques and learn to love gardening. We will have some projects that the students can bring home and will work in the Franklin Community Garden that is being put in at the Methodist church.

### **EXPLORING SPACE**

**Instructor: Gentry Kanak**

**June 1-3**

**10:00-11:00**

**K-2**

Come explore the wonders of space! We will do fun crafts and activities with a space theme.

### **BIRDHOUSES**

**Instructor: Grace McCoy**

**June 1-3**

**10:00-11:00**

**3-5**

We will build and decorate wooden birdhouses for you to take home.

### **RECYCLED ROBOTS**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 1-3**

**10:00-11:00**

**PK-1**

Not a functional robot, but we will create fun robot sculptures out of recycled materials.

## **GARDENING**

**Instructors: Healthy Congregations Team**

**June 1-3**

**11:00-12:00**

**3-MS**

Get your hands dirty with the joy of gardening. Kids will learn basic gardening tips and techniques and learn to love gardening. We will have some projects that the students can bring home and will work in the Franklin Community Garden that is being put in at the Methodist church.

## **PET PALACES**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 1-3**

**11:00-12:00**

**PK-1**

We will create little mini sculptures of your favorite pet and craft a beautiful palace for them to live in.

## **UNDER THE SEA**

**Instructor: Gentry Kanak**

**June 1-3**

**11:00-12:00**

**K-2**

We will explore undersea life with fun crafts and activities with an ocean theme.

## **FUN WITH FLIGHT**

**Instructor: Jackie Miller**

**June 1-3**

**1:00-2:00**

**3-5**

We will make all different types of flying crafts, planes, parachutes and more.

## **PAINTING & PRINTING**

**Instructor: Isabel Dixon**

**June 1-3**

**1:00-2:00**

**K-2**

We will have painting and printing fun as we create fun projects using paint, printing and stamping techniques. Wear old clothes because this class will be messy.

## **MOBILES**

**Instructor: Jackie Miller**

**June 1-3**

**2:00-3:00**

**3-MS**

We will create beautiful hanging art mobiles based on the theme of your choice.

## **PAINTING CLASS**

**Instructor: Isabel Dixon**

**June 1-3**

**2:00-3:00**

**3-5**

We will explore various painting techniques to create beautiful acrylic paintings. Wear old clothes you can paint in.

## **MS PAINTING CLASS**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 1-3**

**3:00-4:00**

**6-8**

We will use various painting techniques to create an original painting.

## **Week 2- June 8-10**

## **SEWING CLASS**

**Instructor: Kara Kuhlman**

**June 8-10**

**9:00-10:00 OR 10:00-11:00**

**4-8**

Learn the basics of sewing while making fun projects. Because the number of machines is limited, we are offering two sessions—please choose only one.

## **LIL' COOKING CLASS**

**Instructors: Healthy Congregations Team**

**June 8-10**

**10:00-11:00 OR 11:00-12:00**

**K-2**

We will have fun in the kitchen as we learn basic cooking skills and how to make some healthy but tasty treats. We will have two



## **SUPERHEROES**

**Instructor: Melissa Bohme**

**June 8-10**

**1:00-2:00**

**PK-K**

We will explore with fun crafts and activities with a superhero theme.

## **CREATE WITH CLAY**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 8-10 & June 22-24**

**1:00-2:00**

**3-5**

We will create various fun clay projects with hand-building techniques. Please note that this week is the building session. You will also need to come to Session 2 in Week 4 to glaze the clay pieces. When you sign up you are signed up for both.

## **COOKING CLASS**

**Instructors: Healthy Congregations Team**

**June 8-10**

**1:00-2:00 OR 2:00-3:00**

**3-MS**

We will have fun in the kitchen as we learn basic cooking skills and how to make some healthy but tasty treats. We will have two sessions of this class to accommodate more students. Please only pick one time slot.

## **SHRINKY DINK FUN**

**Instructor: Jackie Miller**

**June 8-10**

**2:00-3:00**

**K-2**

We will have lots of fun making various shrinky dink crafts.

## **MAKING JEWELRY**

**Instructor: Isabel Dixon**

**June 8-10**

**2:00-3:00**

**3-MS**

We will use various art techniques to create beautiful handmade jewelry.

## **FUN WITH CLAY**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 8-10 & June 22-24      2:00-3:00      K-2**

We will create various fun clay projects with hand-building techniques. Please note that this week is the building session. You will also need to come to Session 2 in Week 4 to glaze the clay pieces. When you sign up you are signed up for both.

## **MS CLAY**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 8-10 & June 22-24      3:00-4:00      6-8**

We will create various fun clay projects with hand-building techniques. We will also try to throw clay on the wheel. Please note that this week is the building session. You will also need to come to Session 2 in Week 4 to glaze the clay pieces. When you sign up you are signed up for both.

## **Week 3- June 15-17**

## **LEGO FUN**

**Instructor: Tisha Carter**

**June 15-17      10:00-11:00      PK-1**

If you love Legos, this is the class for you! We will have a different Lego building challenge each day. Use your creativity and imagination to build fun things with Legos.

## **MANI/PEDI CLASS**

**Instructor: Martha Balbuena**

**June 15-17      10:00-11:00      PK-1**

We will paint fingers and toes and make fun designs on your nails. Be aware that polish on your child's fingers and toes will be removed and repainted.

## **BIRDS-OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS**

**Instructor: Calee Boller**

**June 15-17**

**10:00-11:00**

**K-2**

We will create fun crafts and do activities with a bird theme.

## **BIG FAIRY GARDEN**

**Instructors: Shanda Mattix & Karen Sullivan**

**June 15-17**

**10:00-11:00**

**3-6**

We will create a beautiful fairy garden for your child to bring home.

## **LIL' FAIRY GARDEN**

**Instructors: Shanda Mattix & Karen Sullivan**

**June 15-17**

**11:00-12:00**

**K-2**

We will create a beautiful fairy garden for your child to bring home.

## **MS PRINTMAKING**

**Instructor: Isabel Dixon**

**June 15-17**

**11:00-12:00**

**4-MS**

We will explore different printmaking techniques in this class. This is messy, so dress appropriately.

## **ESCAPE ROOM**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 15-17**

**11:00-12:00 OR 1:00-2:00**

**3-MS**

If you're smart and you like to figure out puzzles, this is the class for you. You will work with teammates and use your brain to break codes and escape out of the room. There will be a different themed escape room each day. You can only sign up for one session. Come join the fun!

## **ROLLER COASTERS**

**Instructor: Alex Williams**

**June 15-17**

**1:00-2:00**

**3-MS**

We will create marble roller coasters out of recycled items.

## **SENSORY CLASS**

**Instructor: Jessica Thompson**

**June 15-17**

**1:00-2:00**

**PK-K**

We will have all kinds of fun games, crafts and activities as we explore different sensory items and textures.

## **PRINTMAKING**

**Instructor: Isabel Dixon**

**June 15-17**

**1:00-2:00**

**2-4**

We will explore different printmaking techniques in this class. This is messy, so dress appropriately.

## **CHESS STRATEGIES**

**Instructors: Dan Kuhlman, Alex and Trae Williams**

**June 15-17**

**2:00-3:00**

**3-MS**

In this class we will explain the special rules of chess, teach chess openings, end games and tactics, and compete in special chess challenges. On the last day we will have a chess tournament. Beginners are welcome, no prior knowledge needed.

## **RESIN ART**

**Instructor: Shanda Mattix**

**June 15-17**

**2:00-3:00**

**3-MS**

We will explore and make crafts with resin. Please wear clothes that you can get messy in.



## **SAFARI**

**Instructor: Melissa Brown**

**June 22-24**

**11:00-12:00**

**K-2**

We will have fun exploring the Safari with fun crafts and activities.

## **SLIMY FUN**

**Instructor: Cheyenne Schnider**

**June 22-24**

**11:00-12:00**

**PK-K**

If you like to get your hands messy, this is your class. We will create and play with all different types of slime. You won't want to miss it! Wear clothes you can get messy in.

## **LIL' SLOPPY SCIENCE**

**Instructor: Martha Balbuena**

**June 22-24**

**1:00-2:00**

**PK-K**

We will explore the wonders of science and get our hands messy with cool science experiments and activities. Wear old clothes to this class because we might get dirty!

## **CREATE WITH CLAY**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 8-10 & June 22-24**

**1:00-2:00**

**3-5**

We will create various fun clay projects with hand-building techniques. Please note that this week is the glazing session. You will also need to come to Session 1 in Week 2 to glaze the clay pieces. When you sign up you are signed up for both.

## **TIE-DYE- OLDER GROUP**

**Instructor: Calee Boller**

**June 22 (Monday)**

**1:00-2:00**

**2-5**

We will have some Tie-Dye fun. Wear clothes you can get messy in and bring a white t-shirt in your size. This is a one-day class.

## **TIE-DYE- YOUNGER GROUP**

**Instructor: Calee Boller**

**June 23 (Tuesday) 1:00-2:00 PK-1**

We will have some Tie-Dye fun. Wear clothes you can get messy in and bring a white t-shirt in your size. This is a one-day class.

## **FUN WITH CLAY**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 8-10 & June 22-24 2:00-3:00 K-2**

We will create various fun clay projects with hand-building techniques. Please note that this week is the building session. You will also need to come to Session 1 in Week 2 to glaze the clay pieces. When you sign up you are signed up for both.

## **SUMMER FUN**

**Instructor: Jessica Thompson**

**June 22-24 2:00-3:00 PK-K**

We will explore fun games and activities with a summer theme.

## **SLOPPY SCIENCE**

**Instructor: Melissa Bohme**

**June 22-24 2:00-3:00 3-MS**

We will explore the wonders of science and get our hands messy with cool science experiments and activities. Wear old clothes to this class because we might get dirty!

## **MS WEAVING**

**Instructor: Isabel Dixon**

**June 22-24 2:00-3:00 4-MS**

We will do various art activities, like weaving and other fiber arts.

## **MS CLAY**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 8-10 & June 22-24      3:00-4:00      6-8**

We will create various fun clay projects with hand-building techniques. We will also try to throw clay on the wheel. Please note that this week is the building session. You will also need to come to Session 1 in Week 2 to glaze the clay pieces. When you sign up you are signed up for both.

## **Week 5- June 29-July 1**

### **FRIENDSHIP BRACELET ERA (Older group)**

**Instructor: Erica Carter**

**June 29-July 1      10:00-11:00      4-6**

We will learn how to make friendship bracelets for our friends.

### **ANIMAL FUN**

**Instructor: Melissa Brown**

**June 29-July 1      10:00-11:00      K-2**

If you are an animal lover- this class is for you! We will create fun crafts with an animal theme.

### **4th OF JULY FUN**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 29-July 1      10:00-11:00      PK-1**

We will have fun activities and crafts based on the 4th of July theme. No actual fireworks - just firecracker fun!

### **FRIENDSHIP BRACELET ERA**

**Instructor: Erica Carter**

**June 29-July 1      11:00-12:00      1-3**

We will learn how to make friendship bracelets for our friends.

## **DIY DISNEY**

**Instructor: Melissa Brown**

**June 29-July 1**

**11:00-12:00**

**K-2**

We will do fun crafts and activities based on a Disney theme.

## **PIRATE FUN**

**Instructor: Cheyenne Schnider**

**June 29-July 1**

**11:00-12:00**

**PK-K**

Calling all treasure hunters! We will have fun with crafts and activities with a pirate theme.

## **COOKIE/CAKE DECORATING**

**Instructors: Trish Starbuck & Melissa Bohme**

**June 29-July 1**

**11:00-12:00**

**3-MS**

We will learn and practice different cake decorating techniques and decorate cookies and mini cakes.

## **PAPER MACHE CREATURES**

**Instructor: Trish Starbuck**

**June 29-July 1**

**1:00-2:00**

**3-5**

We will create unique creature sculptures out of paper mache and finish them by painting.

## **KINUSAIGA**

**Instructor: Isabel Dixon**

**June 29-July 1**

**1:00-2:00**

**6-8**

Kinusaiga, often called "silk painting" or "painting with fabric," is a Japanese art form where fabric scraps are meticulously pressed into grooves on a backing material to create detailed, 2D images.



Originating in the 20th century as a way to reuse old kimono fabric, this "no-sew" technique allows artists to create intricate, textured mosaics by tucking materials into wood or, more commonly today, foam board.

## **WATER FUN**

**Instructors: Trish Starbuck & Isabel Dixon**

**July 1st (1 day only)**

**2:00-3:00**

**PK-2**

We will have water fun out in the backyard of the church. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel.

# All kids are welcome to join us for Vacation Bible School 2026!



*For kids in Preschool - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(at least one year of preschool completed)*

**July 14-16 4:00-6:00 pm**

Registration is available on our church website, [colbyumc.org](http://colbyumc.org)