





The Pathway to the Promise.

Academics

- Comprehensive literacy curriculum with intentional focus on foundational reading skills
- Robust math instruction incorporating authentic problem solving
- Class groupings informed by student data
- Real world connections in enrichment activities

Activities

- Unique activity offerings
- Expert instructors
- In-depth exploration of a new topic
- Spark an interest that can continue to develop

Positive Culture of Fun & Authentic Learning

- Supportive environment that encourages exploration
- Recognition for achievements
- Opportunity to discover new interests & talents
- New relationships with caring adults

21st Century Skills

- Exposure to new opportunities & choices
- Focus on noncognitive skills including responsibility, self-motivation & teamwork
- Authentic exploration of unique topics
- Attempt challenges in a supportive atmosphere

 Increase achievement – campers gain academic skills in reading & math

- Generate excitement about learning – campers realize that learning is a lifelong pursuit that takes place in many settings
- Build confidence campers discover new strengths & develop a more positive self concept
- Develop perseverance campers attempt new things and strive to improve

Outcomes/Program Goals

- Minimize or stop the effects of summer learning loss for participating youth.
- Prepare students
 academically and socially
 so that they are
 equipped with the
 knowledge and skills
 necessary to successfully
 begin the next school
 year.
- Encourage a passion for learning and exploration that is a driving factor for future academic success.
- Motivate youth to persist in the face of challenges with the knowledge that hard work and effort will yield success.



About the Summer Dreamers Academy

The Summer Dreamers Academy is a no-cost, premier summer learning camp which offers high-quality academic lessons in English-Language Arts and Mathematics and exciting and engaging enrichment activities to Pittsburgh Public Schools students who have completed grades K-7.

2016 Summer Dreamers Academy Facts At-A-Glance

- Served over 2,000 District students in three regional Camp sites: Pittsburgh Carmalt in Brookline, Pittsburgh King in the North Side, and Pittsburgh University Prep, in the Hill District.
- Partnered with the City of Pittsburgh Summer16 campaign to engage over 16,000 youth in summer opportunities in 2016. Helped initiative achieve goal with at least 16,444 regional youth participate in opportunities including the Summer Dreamers Academy
- Engaged middle-grade students in earning digital badges in Summer Dreamers classes through the national LRNG digital badging platform in partnership with The Sprout Fund
- Partnered with 26 community organizations who led 33 unique activities for Summer Dreamers participants (see below for list of partners and activities)

2016 Summer Dreamers Partner Organizations	
Organization Name	Activity
Assemble	Make It!
Attack Theatre	Adventures in Movement
Allegheny Youth Development	Judo
Balafon West African Dance Ensemble	Africa! Ceremony & Celebration
Bike Pittsburgh	Positive Spin
Bloomfield/Garfield Corporation	Mindful Gardening, Growing Mindful
Bloomfield/Garfield Corporation	Swim & Water Polo
Carnegie Mellon University School of Architecture	Master Builder
Carnegie Science Center	Club Science!
City of Pittsburgh Department of Parks and Recreation	Wild Urban Adventures
Familylinks	Camp Adventure- Strong Communities
Gateway to the Arts	All the World's a Stage
Gateway to the Arts	Fun with Fabulous Fibers
Gateway to the Arts	Creative Critters
Gateway to the Arts	Sshhh!Recording in Progress
Gateway to the Arts	The Rhythms of Africa
Grow Pittsburgh	Edible Schoolyard Pittsburgh
Legacy Arts Project	The Legacy Arts Project (LAP) Experience
Mad Science	Mad About Science
Pittsburgh Filmmakers / Pittsburgh Center for the Arts	Imagination Exploration
Pittsburgh Filmmakers / Pittsburgh Center for the Arts	Clay & Mosaic Extravaganza
Pittsburgh Filmmakers / Pittsburgh Center for the Arts	Creature Camp
Pittsburgh Flag Football League	NFL Flag Football/
Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon	Kids of STEEL
Roland Ford	Let's TURN IT UP Part 2
Senator John Heinz History Center	Pittsburgh's History Detectives
SLB Radio Productions	Youth Express: You're On The Radio!
The First Tee	Hit it Big!
The Sprout Fund	National STEM Video Game Challenge
Three Rivers Fencing Center	Fencing!
Union Project	From Mud to Masterpiece
Venture Outdoors	Outdoor Exploration, Education, and Recreation

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