

Camp Footsteps Summer Explorers Weekly Themes

Dates **June 20-24**

Week 1 **Garden Adventures**

Our summer of exploration will start with planting and growing! Why are plants so important? Campers will look at how plants are colorful, helpful, healing, and tasty, and we plant a variety of organic fruits and vegetables that we will tend and enjoy throughout the summer. We will visit the Salesforce Gardens and the SF Botanical Gardens and will end our week with a fruit and vegetable tasting.

Field Trip	Wednesday, June 22	Salesforce Gardens & SF Botanical Gardens
Special Event	Friday, June 24	Fruit & Vegetable Sampling

Dates **June 27-July 1**

Week 2 **Staying Fit**

The children learn the importance of exercise through fun physical activities such as tennis, relay races, boot camp, agility games, and running and tag games. We head to Huddart Park in Woodside to explore the local ecology of the redwood and oak woodlands of our Bay Area. Younger campers will hike for 1 mile and discover sticky monkey flowers, giant redwood trees, banana slugs, turret spider nests and many other wonders. Older campers head out on a longer hike, 2 miles, to discover the ecosystems and adaptations, and how local phenomena relate to science topics, while exploring indigenous Ohlone life and use of the land. Our special event is a fun, interactive fitness boot camp.

Field Trip:	Wednesday, June 29	Huddart Park Guided Hike, Woodside
Special Event	Friday, July 1	Boot Camp

Dates **July 5-8** ***No Footsteps@Shores***

Week 3 **Patterns in Nature**

Campers will discover the beauty and science of patterns in nature through the diverse patterns in plants, trees, flowers, wildlife and birds of California. During the week, they will create rock art, nature wreaths, bird feeders, nature rubbings, visit CuriOdyssey Museum & Zoo and Magic Mountain Playground, and participate in a hand-on nature workshop with Peopleologie about nature.

Field Trip	Wednesday, July 6	CuriOdyssey Museum & Zoo & Magic Mountain Playground
Special Event	Friday, July 8	Peopleologie Nature Workshop

Dates **July 11-15**

Week 4 **Animal Adventures**

Time to explore the animals' native to California, beavers, owls, black bears, raccoons, and coyotes are a few animal we will study. We head to the Oakland Zoo to experience the California Trail featuring a gondola ride, eight native California animal habitats, and native plants. We end our camp session with our annual camp carnival including booths, prizes, a special snack, and a few surprises!

Field Trip	Wednesday, July 13	Oakland Zoo
Special Event	Friday, July 15	Annual Camp Carnival

Dates **July 18-22**

Week 5 **Color Explosion!**

Color is everywhere as the campers explore color mixing, natural tie-dye adventures, marble paper, and other colorful activities! We will head to the LEGOLAND® Discovery Center, our passport to creativity, color and imagination with an indoor LEGO playground including themed LEGO play zones, an Imagination Express ride, a 4D Cinema, MINILAND Bay Area, and a Racers Build & Test! We will end our colorful week with a color explosion day including creating tie-dyed t-shirts and hosting a color run.

Field Trip	Wednesday, July 20	LEGOLAND® Discovery Center
Special Event	Friday, July 22	Color Explosion Day

Dates **July 25-29**

Week 6 **Insect Explorers**

What insects are native to California, what do they eat, where do they live, why do they bug me, and what is their role in nature are just a few of the questions we will find answers during the week, while using our handy binoculars and insect kits! We head to the Randall Museum in San Francisco to explore the live insect collections. We end our week with a visit from BeetleLady Bug Science for Everyone.

Field trip	Wednesday, July 27	Randall Museum, San Francisco
Special Event	Friday, July 29	BeetleLady Bug Science

Dates **August 1-5**

Week Seven **Camp Footsteps Idol**

Who's got talent? Campers have an opportunity to show us their talents in this fun week of creativity as we plan our talent show, rehearse, and create costumes and staging! Everyone is a star! Our field trip includes a performance and we end our week with our incredible show.

Field Trip	Wednesday, August 3	Live Performance TBD
Special Event	Friday, August 5	Talent Show

Dates August 8-12

Week 8 Wet & Wild Week

It going to be a wet and wild week as we learn about beaches, lakes, and rivers, and water conservation. We will make paper surfboards, enjoy water balloon activities, and other water fun activities, along with heading to Aqua Adventure Water Park for a day of swimming fun. We end our week with a Wacky Water Day End of Camp Party, wear a bathing suit, we are going to get wet!

Field trip Wednesday, August 10

Aqua Adventures, Fremont

Special Event Friday, August 12

Wacky Water Day