

2021 Trailblazers

Weeks 1 & 2: June 21 thru 25 and June 28 thru July 2

Golf



Campers will participate in golf lessons taught by the Chicago School of Golf at the Buffalo Grove Golf Course. They will learn fundamentals including club grip, proper golf swing with different clubs, putting and course etiquette. Campers will have lessons and practice time on the driving range as well as playing a few holes out on the course. Instruction level will adjust to each camper's ability whether it is the first time holding a club or fine-tuning mechanics for those with experience.

Weeks 3 & 4: July 6 thru 9 and July 12 thru 16

Tamarak Space Academy



takes campers through an exciting hands-on challenge: P.I.P.E.R, a robot explorer dog, has gone missing on a distant exoplanet! Working in teams, Space Academy cadets will search for P.I.P.E.R., build a rescue vehicle and travel to the planet to complete the rescue mission. Cadets learn to use a coordinate grid to plot time and distance, then use their graphs to make precise predictions during a high-stakes surprise challenge on the final day. We will use a range of concrete objects and tools including K'NEX construction materials, stopwatches and measuring devices. The program will be led by Dr. Peter Meyerhoff, a learning scientist and curriculum designer who specializes in project-based and informal learning. Space Academy will take place at the Community Christian Church in Lincolnshire.

Weeks 5 & 6: July 19 thru 23 and July 26 thru 30

Sailing



Instruction and sailing with the Sheridan Shores Sailing School in Wilmette. Campers will be learning boat safety, principles of sailing, and will be sailing their own boats. After two hours of instruction and sailing, campers will have lunch and enjoy time on the beach to play cooperative games and other beach related activities.

Weeks 7 & 8: August 2 thru 6 and August 9 thru 13

Horseback Riding



at Infinity Farms in Mundelein. Campers will participate in riding and barn activities. We will follow the English Hunt Seat riding discipline. Campers will get familiar and comfortable with their horse as well as learn to ride their horse walking and trotting and learning the basics of jumping. When not riding they will learn how to care for their horse by grooming and bathing and participating in other barn activities and crafts. Riders will need to wear long pants, t-shirts and hard-soled shoes with a heel. Helmets will be available to use but it is recommended that each camper have their own.

Optional Tamarak Leaders Program



This program is an option for any Trailblazer that prefers to be a Leader with one of our younger camp groups. This program requires a 2 week commitment. Upon arriving to camp, a camper participating in the Leaders Program will go directly to their assigned group and will spend the day with that group of campers and counselors. They will remain with that group and follow that group's schedule the entire day for the 2 week session. They will not be meeting with the other Trailblazers at all during the day. This program is an alternative for a camper that is interested in being a CIT (Counselor in Training) in the future and is interested in a preview of that role.

Trailblazer Schedule

Daily Schedule

Each day Trailblazers will arrive at camp and gather in their clubhouse. Trailblazers depart camp at 9:45 each morning for that session's activity (Golf weeks 1&2; Tamarak Space Academy weeks 3&4; Sailing weeks 5&6; Horseback Riding weeks 7&8) or stay at camp for Tamarak Leaders Program.

After 2 hours of the session's activity, Trailblazers will have lunch and then move on to their afternoon activity.

Afternoon activities may include:

- Community Service Project such as making lunches for PADS
- Baking Class including making treats for the horses for our horseback riding session
- Arts and Craft Project exclusive to Trailblazers
- Science Project exclusive to Trailblazers
- Athletic Activity including events like a Self Defense Class
- Team Building Activity such as building participant size Cardboard Boats and sailing them

Whenever our Trailblazers are off site participating in an activity, they are kept together as a group with Tamarak counselors and the program staff leading the event. They will not be intermingling with other people during these events. They will be bussed in a 71 passenger bus with appropriate spacing.