

PLANET PARKER

2017 SUMMER PROGRAMS

created and hosted by
ROBERT C. PARKER SCHOOL



**Register Now...
Weeks fill up fast!**

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The spirit you'll feel
this summer happens
year-round at Parker!

*Students exploring our 77 acres of woods
and creeks to test water quality...or
assembling fuel cells in our science lab.
Arriving each morning, they eagerly
anticipate the day's adventures.*

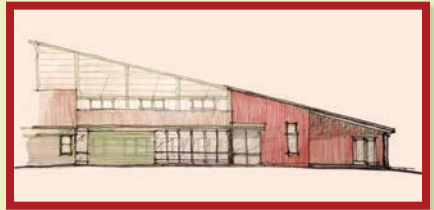
*Driven by curiosity, they find their own answers, and build
the confidence they'll need to determine their own place in the world.*

Parker Fast Facts

- Independent school for boys and girls
- Pre-school through 8th grade
- 10 minutes from downtown Albany
- Cross-grade mentoring program
- Safe, inclusive campus community
- Parker grads excel in high school and college

Our brand-new Discovery Center is here!

This summer Planet Parker kids will be the first to experience our brand-new Discovery Center! The center features workshop benches for science experiments, a deck overlooking our pond and a rehearsal space for performance arts.



Find out more about Parker's school-year program.

Call Laura Mandelson, *Director of Admission* • (518) 286-3449 x102



PLANET PARKER

offers a series of one-week programs for children ages 4-14. Choose from a range of options in adventure and play: imagination, sports, science and creative arts.

Parker's skilled teachers and education partners develop and lead our outstanding camp programs in our art studio, science lab, gym, fields, pond, playgrounds and throughout our 77 acres of woods and creeks in North Greenbush.

SUMMER 2017 SEASON
10 Weeks • June 12–August 25
(No Camp Week of July 3)

KIDS AGES 4–14
All Programs 9am–3:30pm
Parker Planeteers Half-day Option:
9am–noon
Extended Care Available

Build a custom experience from our diverse lineup of fun program weeks.

Choose as many weeks as you like!

See registration form at the back of this booklet.



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OUR 2017 PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Parker Planeteers

Exploring our way across the globe!

FOR TOILET-TRAINED CHILDREN ENTERING PRE-K 4 AND KINDERGARTEN
AND RETURNING PARKER 3-YEAR-OLDS

Weeks 1–10

June 12–August 25

(No camp week of July 3)

Half Days Available – Inquire



Summer for Planeteers starts with their very own stuffed animal – a little buddy for exploring new and exciting destinations. Our imaginations take us everywhere! Exotic, adventure-filled locales inspire our artwork, songs and games. We'll beat the heat during daily water play, enjoy lunch in our treehouse, tramp through the forest and creeks on the hunt for creatures, prepare delicious themed snacks, make fantastical crafts and enjoy special friendships. Planeteers delight and discover in daily play time on the playground and fields at Planet Parker.

Week 1: Trains, cars and rockets!

Week 2: Down on the Farm

Week 3: The Arctic Circle

Week 4: Deep Blue Sea

Week 5: Dinosaur World

Week 6: The Mighty Jungle

Week 7: Outer Space

Week 8: Magical Lands

Week 9: At the Circus

Week 10: Deep into the Forest

Wild West Week*

FOR CAMPERs ENTERING GRADES 1–8

Week 1: June 12–16

Yee-haw! Get ready for an action-packed week complete with campfire singing, storytelling and a hoe-down. Campers will learn a variety of songs and games about the wild west and play washboards, spoons, harmonicas – and our collection of Orff instruments. On Friday afternoon campers will show off their chops at our group performance and hoe-down!



Stashes & Caches

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 3–8

Week 1: June 12–16

Join the fun in this week of scavenger hunts, obstacle courses and light geocaching. Along with your fellow teammates you will create and solve all types of hide-and-seek scenarios from stashing away your own specially-painted magic rocks, to burying a real geocache in the Parker forest. We'll play games like Sardines, Sneaks, Camouflage and use both low and high-tech means to unearth some secret treasures!

Mad Scientists*

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1–8

Week 2: June 19–23

From exploding bottles of soda to magical potions and an egg drop challenge, this week will put you in control of concocting all types of “mad” science. Explore kitchen chemistry, out-of-this-world physics phenomena and other extreme science experiments that YOU create.

We'll make things fly, foam, freeze and more in this electrifying week of science fun.



Camp Craft Classics

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 4–8

Week 2: June 19–23

In this fanciful week of fun we'll make everything from friendship bracelets, classic Boondoggle double twisters, papier mache sculptures, paint marbling masterpieces

and more. Design and construct a paddle boat to launch on our pond and learn the ancient art of campfire building. We'll weave and wind our way through a wonderful week of crafting adventures.

Circus Theatricks Presents: 101 Dalmatians KIDS

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1-9

Week 2: June 19-23

Join all the dogs of London as they daringly rescue Pongo and Perdita's pups from the evil clutches of Cruella De Vil! This show boasts a delightfully fun score and loveable, cuddly characters sure to put a smile on your face! Parents and friends are invited to the performance on Friday afternoon, June 23.



Water World*

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1-8

Week 3: June 26-30

Muddy-up your boots as we explore Parker's pond and streams for insects, amphibians, reptiles and more. We'll dive into the art and science waters that are brimming with life! Build and race boats, discover another world as we put things under the microscope and play wet and wacky games like water kickball and slip 'n slide challenge.

Great Parker Bake-Off

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 4-9

Week 3: June 26-30

Don't miss this follow-up to last year's wildly popular Parker MasterChefs! Learn the basics of baking, decorating, and plating. We'll devote each day to a different baking medium: pies, breads, cakes and cake decorating, cookies, savory pastries and more. You'll even take home a cookbook of recipes from the week and your own apron!



LEGO Robotics

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 4–8

Week 3: June 26–June 30

Week 9: August 14–18

Dream, design, build and program a robot of your own creation! During this high-voltage week, you will make your robot walk, dance, grab, “speak,” perform tasks and follow your every command. With the help of our LEGO Education certified instructor, you’ll design a blueprint, then make your robot a reality through imagination and skill with LEGOs in this challenging and exciting week.



Enchanted Forest

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1–5

Week 4: July 10–14

Nature lovers! Come and discover the wonders of the wilderness at Planet Parker. Romp in the streams, meander in the meadows, and hit the trails with our nature expert. Each day will feature fun, hands-on activities from making bird feeders and terrariums, to creating living forest artwork and building a campfire. There’s no limit to the discoveries we can make!



TinkerCAD Sculpture Camp

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 3–8

Week 4: July 10–14

Don’t miss this amazing offering where high tech design skills meet ancient art forms. This is Parker’s first-ever mix of hands-on and virtual sculpting...think Minecraft, for artists! Begin by exploring a variety of three-dimensional sculpting media like paper mache, clay, and recycled/found objects, then move into the lab to experiment with digital sculpting. Artists will learn programs such as TinkerCAD and Sculptris, where the sky’s the limit for what you can create.



Survival!*

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 3–9

Week 4: July 10–14

Week 7: July 31–August 4

The wild is calling! Campers will develop real-life survival skills: shelter building, firecraft, land navigation, tracking and foraging. Days will include hiking, friendly competitions

and survival techniques simulating the most extreme climates on earth! An optional one-night campout (for campers entering grades 4 and up) will expand nighttime senses and confidence.

LEGO Robotics, Jr.*

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1–3

Week 5: July 17–21

Dream, design, build and program a robot of your own creation – even create a special course for your robots to navigate. During this high-voltage week tailored especially for our mini-engineers, you will make your robot walk, dance, grab, “speak,” perform tasks and follow your every command. Come and make your robot a reality through imagination and skill with LEGOs in this exciting week.



Parker MUD Games*

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1–5



Week 5: July 17–21

It’s all about the fun this week as teams of adventurers battle for points in Parker Mud Games. Tackle wet, wild & messy obstacle courses, build mud castles, compete in mud-pit tug-o-war and play a giant game of sloppy twister! We’ll also play wacky games like Capture-the-Chicken and Zombie Tag! We’ll be anything but clean in this week of down and dirty fun.

Creative Writers*

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 5-9

Week 5: July 17-21

Get outdoors and get inspired! In this summer fun writing workshop you will explore Parker's 77-acre forest wonderland and capture it in your own words through various forms of writing. Each day will include group writing exercises, free-choice journaling, nature poetry, short stories and adventures, hikes and games in the woods.



The Great Outdoors

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1-5

Week 6: July 24-28

Come explore the wonders of nature at Parker! Hunt for critters in our stream, roll logs in the forest to unearh creepy-crawlies and seek out camouflaged animals in the field. Campers will play games to learn how animals, humans, and our environment are all connected and discover exciting new ways to love being outside, including roasting yummy treats over a campfire.



Intergalactic Art Explorers

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 3-8

Week 6: July 24-28

Boldly go where no camper has gone before as we tour the cosmos in this super fun week of space-themed creations and activities. Build your own spaceship, plunge into the mystery of black holes and design a solar system mobile. We'll also create glow in the dark night sky constellation paintings and Oreo moon phase models. Blast off into the funsphere!



Creature Scientists*

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1–5

Week 7: July 31–August 4

Go down-under as we explore the woods and wetlands for wildlife of all types: slippery, slimy, furry and feathered. Discover the world of macroinvertebrates in our science pond, examine microorganisms in our science lab, and turn over creek rocks to see who lurks beneath! We will play games like Predator-Prey, Camouflage and Quick-Frozen Critters – and design our own animal portraits as you harness your very own creature powers in this lively week of wonder.



Photo Fun Workshop

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 5–9

Week 7: July 31–August 4

Learn how to edit your own photos using a free photo editing software, Gimp! Start by taking pictures of the world around you, then transform them into the world of your imagination. We will progress from the basics of cropping and selecting, and move on to color balance and layering! Students will examine the Parker grounds and enhance the beauty of everyday objects. Create a personal portfolio of photographs and we'll end with a fabulous photo exhibit!



Troll Huts & Fairy Houses

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1–5

Week 8: August 7–11

Create whimsical and unique abodes in the woods and meadows for magical creatures both miniature and mighty. Campers will create wee villages, petite parks, hobbit-sized highways and other structures that every elf, gnome, and fairy will delight in. Using recycled items, natural building materials, and even our own handmade micro-bricks, we will let our imaginations soar!

Board Game Craze*

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1–8

Week 8: August 7–11

From competitive board games and card games such as Smash up, Magic the Gathering, Qwirkle, and Sushi Go – and cooperative board games like Pandemic and Werewolves of Millers Hollow – campers will have a blast flexing their gaming muscles! We will also play super active games outside on our wonderful 77 acres. In the afternoons campers will design their own wacky board games to be presented and played at the Parker Con gaming showcase on Friday.

POP Art Pandemonium*

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1–5

Week 9: August 14–18

Pop art is the art of popular culture. Join us as we make our own Lichtenstein-inspired “POW!” and “WHAM!” word posters, paint on tee shirts and create Warhol-style celebrity portraits. We’ll work together to design our own Keith Haring-inspired dancing figure mural and sculpt large Claes Oldenburg-inspired food and everyday object art.



Extreme Teams: Sports Edition*

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 3–8

Week 9: August 14–18

Join the team for a week of super fun team sports experiences. We will enjoy some friendly competition playing classics like softball, soccer and basketball. Learn lacrosse and the new and outrageous OMNIKIN ball, a sport played with a ball that’s taller than you are!

EarthArt

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1–5

Week 10: August 21–25

Come get dirty combining your love of nature and art! Campers will learn about the pioneers of Earth art and collaborate with fellow artists to transform the outdoors by creating amazing nature sculptures, mazes and earthworks from gigantic to tiny using all natural and found materials. We'll also be sure to spend lots of time playing games and exploring the great outdoors at Parker!

Doodle Camp

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 1–5

Week 10: August 21–25

Calling all creative kids! Come doodle like mad with a real-life comic artist as your guide. We'll start off by designing your own sketchbook for the week and then we'll embark on a ton of fun projects like constructing and painting a giant cake, painting pet rocks to keep, creating a mural with doodle pals and designing and performing a puppet show. We'll also be sure to spend lots of time playing games and exploring the outdoors at Parker!



Musical Time Travelers

FOR CAMPERS ENTERING GRADES 4–8

Week 10: August 21–25

Join Planet Parker as we travel through time in a journey of music, excitement and fun. Each day we will experience different eras – from the Renaissance and recorder, to jazz and the roaring 20s – through music, costume and dance!

Musicians will also follow their “sensei” as they are initiated into the Recorder Karate Dojo by learning songs on the recorder to earn various “belts”! There will be a culminating performance for family and friends on Friday afternoon.



****These weeks include low-ropes challenges.***

Our team building expert, Darcy, specializes in ice breakers, group field games and our 11-element low-ropes course. Campers will be faced with a variety of physical and mental obstacles that are designed to build teamwork, leadership skills, problem solving and confidence.

CAMPER INFORMATION/EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Parker Summer 2017: This form must be completed with all registrations.

To reserve a place for your child, complete this form and mail it with a check for the total amount payable to: **Robert C. Parker School**. Your cancelled check is your confirmation. Before the program week starts you will receive a letter with an activities and supplies list. Planet Parker may photograph or video children for use in promotional materials.

Please copy this registration form for additional campers. Spaces will be filled in the order that we receive registrations and full payment. Refunds cannot be given for cancellations made less than two weeks before the starting date of any program week. If we have to cancel a program week, a full refund will be given.

Camper's name _____

Boy Girl Age _____ Birth date _____ Grade entering fall '17 _____

Circle T-shirt size: Youth S M L Adult S M L XL

Current school _____

Parent's name _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

I would like to receive news and information from Parker during the school year.

Home address _____

City/town _____ Zip _____

Emergency contact other than parent _____

Relationship _____ Phone during camp hours _____

Camper's physician _____ Phone _____

Camper's dentist _____ Phone _____

Insurance carrier _____ Group number _____ Agent# _____

Allergies/food restrictions _____

List any significant health restrictions or conditions _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

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CHOICES: Circle your program selections for children entering the listed grades. NAME _____

WEEKLY TOTAL

WEEK 1 June 12-16	Planeteers Pre-K-K	\$210	Wild West Week Grades 1-3	\$210	Wild West Week Grades 4-8	\$210	Stashes & Caches Grades 3-8	\$225	Before Camp After Camp	\$25 \$75	\$ _____
WEEK 2 June 19-23	Planeteers Pre-K-K	\$210	Mad Scientists Grades 1-8	\$225	Camp Craft Classics Grades 4-8	\$225	101 Dalmatians KIDS Grades 1-9	\$300	Before Camp After Camp	\$25 \$75	\$ _____
WEEK 3 June 26-30	Planeteers Pre-K-K	\$210	Water World Grades 1-8	\$210	Great Parker Bake-Off Grades 4-9	\$250	LEGO Robotics Grades 4-8	\$275	Before Camp After Camp	\$25 \$75	\$ _____
WEEK 4 July 10-14 <i>(No camp week of July 9)</i>	Planeteers Pre-K-K	\$210	Enchanted Forest Grades 1-5	\$210	TinkercAD Sculpture Camp Grades 3-8	\$225	Survival! Grades 3-9	\$225	Before Camp After Camp	\$25 \$75	\$ _____
WEEK 5 July 17-21	Planeteers Pre-K-K	\$210	LEGO Robotics, Jr. Grades 1-3	\$250	Parker MUD Games Grades 1-5	\$210	Creative Writers Grades 5-9	\$225	Before Camp After Camp	\$25 \$75	\$ _____
WEEK 6 July 24-28	Planeteers Pre-K-K	\$210	The Great Outdoors Grades 1-5	\$210	Intergalactic Art Explorers Grades 3-8	\$225			Before Camp After Camp	\$25 \$75	\$ _____
WEEK 7 July 31-Aug 4	Planeteers Pre-K-K	\$210	Creature Scientists Grades 1-5	\$210	Survival! Grades 3-9	\$225	Photo Fun Workshop Grades 5-9	\$225	Before Camp After Camp	\$25 \$75	\$ _____
WEEK 8 August 7-11	Planeteers Pre-K-K	\$210	Troll Huts & Fairy Houses Grades 1-5	\$210	Board Game Craze Grades 1-3	\$225	Board Game Craze Grades 4-8	\$225	Before Camp After Camp	\$25 \$75	\$ _____
WEEK 9 Aug 14-18	Planeteers Pre-K-K	\$210	POP Art Pandemonium Grades 1-5	\$210	LEGO Robotics Grades 4-8	\$275	Extreme Teams: Sports Edition Grades 3-8	\$210	Before Camp After Camp	\$25 \$75	\$ _____
WEEK 10 Aug 21-25	Planeteers Pre-K-K	\$210	EarthArt Grades 1-5	\$210	Doodle Camp Grades 1-5	\$225	Musical Time Travelers Grades 4-8	\$250	Before Camp After Camp	\$25 \$75	\$ _____

Take a 10% discount off of your total balance on registrations of 5 weeks or more per family.

TOTAL \$ _____



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Schedule: All camps: 9 AM–3:30 PM
Parker Planeteers 1/2 day option: 9 AM–noon

Extended Care: Care is available from 8–9 AM and 3:30–5:45 PM daily. Before Care and After Care are designed to provide a warm, nurturing, and fun environment for young children. Pre-registration is required.

Lunch & Snacks: Children bring a bag lunch and morning snack each day. Healthy snacks will be provided in After Care.

Registration: Deadline – May 19, 2017

Send registration form and a check for the total amount payable to: Robert C. Parker School. Your cancelled check is your confirmation. You will receive a letter from your counselors two weeks prior to your child's first week at camp.

10% Discount: Off of your total balance for all registrations of 5 weeks or more per family.

Cancellation Policy: All camps are subject to a minimum and maximum enrollment. In the event of cancellation, Robert C. Parker School will notify campers in advance and will refund the entire camp fee. Children absent from camp will not be entitled to a refund or exchange of dates. ***Refunds cannot be given for cancellations received less than 14 days before the camp week's start date.***

Directions: I-90 Exit 8 to Route 43 East. Follow Route 43 for 2.2 miles past Route 4 to the school's driveway on the left.

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