

Cool Camps

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Unique summer programs on the North Shore

I'm sick of conventional summer camps, and so are my kids. They've informed me numerous times that they don't want to go to camp at all. (Translation: They want to go to the beach, shop, and watch T.V.)

But these days, camps are anything but plain vanilla. The North Shore has a number of unique camp experiences to offer—camps on everything from art and cooking to theatre, music and dance. Many camps have shorter sessions, which allow kids to attend a variety of camps.

Art

[Laurie Walker's Backyard Art Camp](#)
2812 Blackhawk Rd.
Wilmette
(847) 256-2917

[Evanston Arts Center Art Camp](#)
2603 Sheridan Rd.
Evanston
(847) 475-5300

[North Shore Art League](#)
620 Lincoln Ave.
Winnetka
(847) 446-2870

[The Art Center in Highland Park](#)
1957 Sheridan Rd.
Highland Park
(847) 432-1888

[Glazed Expressions Pottery](#)
1515 Sheridan Rd.
Plaza Del Lago
Wilmette
(847) 251-4800

[The Pot Shop Studio and Gallery](#)
1224 Chicago Ave.
Evanston
(847) 864-7778



Cooking

[Corner Cooks](#)

(Recommended ages 8-14)
507 Chestnut Street
Winnetka
(847) 441-0134

Theater

[Northlight Performing Arts Summer Camp](#)

Skokie
(847) 673-6300

[Actors Training at the Wilmette Theater](#)

122 Central Ave.
Wilmette
(224) 688-0268

[Light Opera Works](#)

607 Lake St.
Evanston
(847) 869-6300

[Advanced Scene Study taught by Susan Handelman](#)

1495 Sunnyside Ave
Highland Park
(847)579-1656

[Piven Theater Summer Camp](#)

927 Noyes St.
Evanston
(847) 866-6597

Musical Theatre

[Music Institute of Chicago: Summer on Broadway](#)

200 Dempster Street
Evanston
(847) 905-1500

[The Actor's Gymnasium](#)

Evanston

Rock Music

[National Guitar Workshop](#) (also for drummers)

Judson University
1151 North State Street
Elgin
(800) 234-6479

[Camp Jam](#)

Lake Forest Academy
1500 W. Kennedy Rd,
Lake Forest
(800)-513-0930

Dance

[Dance Center Evanston Mini Camp](#)

1934 Dempster St.
Evanston
(847) 328-6683

[Giordano Dance Center](#)

614 Davis St.
Evanston
(847) 866-9442