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Rochester City School District’s Summer of Discovery

Who:
Students in the Rochester City School District

What:
RCSD’s Summer of Discovery

When:
Monday, July 10, 2023 – Thursday, August 17, 2023

Where:
Locations all across Rochester
Rush, NY
Auburn, NY
St. John Fisher University

Details:
(The following is a list of dates, times, and locations for media outlets to cover the RCSD’s Summer of Discovery and learning programs. If media outlets plan to cover any of these events, please contact Brendan O’Riordan, Director of Information, at 353-6390.)

Learning during the summer months should be fun, motivating, and engaging. That is why the Rochester City School District is proud to celebrate its Summer of Discovery and learning programs that are being offered to students from July 5 – August 17, 2023. For a complete list of programs offered this summer, please visit www.rcsdk12.org/summer.

Modified Sports Camp (5 -7), Wednesday, July 12 – Franklin Upper School, 950 Norton Street, Rochester, NY 14621, 10:00 a.m.
Immerses current and future student-athletes in specific skill development in their chosen sport. Choices include baseball, basketball, bowling, lacrosse, golf, tennis, cheer, wrestling, football, flag football, volleyball, soccer, and track.

CTE Camps (5 - 7), Monday, July 17 – Edison Career and Technology High School, 655 Colfax Street, Rochester, NY 14606 and Dr. Alice Holloway Young School of Excellence, 85 Adams Street, Rochester, NY 14608, 10:00 a.m.
Summer CTE camps will get students excited about STEAM in mini camps geared toward middle school students interested in future careers, including digital media, construction, cameras (Edison Career and Technology High School), and drone technology (Dr. Alice Holloway Young School of Excellence).
Smart Athletes (9), Monday, July 24 – Monroe Upper School, 164 Alexander Street, Rochester, NY 14607, 11:00 a.m.
The SMART summer program allows student-athletes to jump-start their NCAA eligibility upon graduation. This program helps promote a connection between academics and athletics and ensures students are college ready. Students entering 9th grade in September can complete Algebra 1, Health, or Physical Education classes, which allow them additional space during high school to complete required core classes for NCAA eligibility. Students will be introduced to careers in sports beyond the playing field, including coaching, officiating, training, and safety. A cohort of students has already earned credits on their path to an advanced Regents diploma.

Roc Explorers (K – 5) Wednesday, July 26 – A Horse’s Friend, 6565 East River Road, Rush, NY 14543, 9:30 a.m.
This immersive program will have students exploring the natural world and delving into local history through exciting and engaging field studies in the community, including a Horse’s Friend in Rush, NY, where students will learn everything from taking care of horses to riding them. A Horse’s Friend is an outreach program whose mission is to expose youth from the inner city and underserved populations to the world of horses. This program also includes a trip to Auburn, NY, where students will tour the Harriet Tubman House and a trip to Ellison Park for nature-based learning.

Acceleration University (8), Monday, July 31, – St. John Fisher University, 3690 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618, 9:35 a.m.
St. John Fisher University will inspire students like never before. Acceleration University promises to be an exhilarating experience where students can earn high school credits and reignite their passion for returning to campus in four years. Classes will include a history of hip-hop music and urban poetry. Additionally, students will have exposure to Fisher’s nursing program and its Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. School of Education. They will also interact with current professors, students, and people on campus.

Roc City Players (4 – 12), August 2, 3, and 4, Franklin Upper School, 950 Norton Street, Rochester, NY 14621, 7:30 p.m.
Students in ROC City Players will perform a Legally Blond, Jr. production, with rehearsals beginning mid-July and three performances in August. Students enrolled in this summer program come from schools all across the District. They will participate in auditions for the upcoming shows. ROC City Players was founded in 2017 by Dominic Pickard and Taylor Johnson. Pickard is the Director of Arts for the RCSD. Johnson is the District’s Musical Director as well as a music teacher at John James Audubon School No. 33. Previous performances during past school years have included Beauty and the Beast, Once on This Island, Shrek, Frozen, High School Musical Jr., Willy Wonka, Jr., and Moana.

Special Olympics Visits John Williams School No. 5, Wednesday, August 9, John Williams School No. 5, 555 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, NY 14608, 9 a.m.
More than 300 students who are part of the RCSD’s Extended School Year (ESY) program celebrate with the Special Olympics, bringing local sports teams to volunteer and assisting students in sports skills and carnival-type activities. This will include an opening ceremony and parade. The District’s ESY program for students in grades K - 6 and 9 - 12 extends the school year for scholars with 12-month Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), which support students needing continuous engagement and learning.