



*“What makes the desert beautiful
is that somewhere it hides a well.”
- Antoine San-Exupery*

First Presbyterian Preschool Summer Camp 2018 – “The Science of the Desert”

We hope your children will join us for an exciting exploration of the desert for this year’s summer camp throughout the month of July! Campers ages 12 months through 5th grade will exercise their skills and imaginations in STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics – to explore and learn about the environment, wildlife and people of our native Chihuahuan desert in our Reggio-inspired classrooms and outdoors on our playground – a [Certified Outdoor Classroom](#). Each week at camp will have a unique topic exploring the overall theme of “The Science of the Desert”:

Week 1: Wild West

- Woodworking on the deck and Native American crafts
- STEM room – engineering and building bridges across the Rio Grande
- Art studio – creating murals and the art of Tom Lea
- Outdoor play – stick horses and panning for “gold” in the sand area
- What’s Cooking – making trail mix

Week 2: ¡Fiesta!

- Paper flowers and nature prints on the deck
- STEM room – the science of Legos and building a Mexican mercado
- Art studio – mono printing; the children will design a Mexican tile print
- Outdoor play – dancing and traditional Mexican musical games
- What’s Cooking – traditional Mexican fiesta dishes
- Storyteller – Rosa Guerrero will visit on Thursday, July 12th

Week 3: Chihuahuan Desert

- Planting indigenous plants on the deck with the help of a local master gardener
- STEM room – technology using simple machines and the science of sand
- Art studio – watercolors and the art of Georgia O’Keefe
- Outdoor play – yoga and desert animal stations
- What’s cooking – using solar energy to cook

Week 4: Music of Our Region

- Music instrument making on the deck
- STEM room – exploring shapes and geometry
- Art studio – creating art and musical instruments from recycled materials
- Outdoor play – drums and drumming in the music gazebo
- What’s Cooking – Using food from the garden

Every week will offer special days, including:

- Mud Day Monday
- Science or Cooking Tuesday
- Water Play Wednesday
- Special Guests or Field Trips Thursdays

Every day, we will:

- Begin with a Daily Morning Meeting on the playground, including yoga, games, sing-a-longs and Godly play
- Incorporate dual-language English and Spanish in our lessons and activities

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Registration Form

Eligibility:

The program is offered to children ages 12 months - 5th grade.

Youth Camp:

Open to campers entering 3rd - 5th grade. The cost of the camp is \$65 per week.

Snack/Lunch:

As part of our program we will offer a snack; however, we ask that you provide a sack lunch for your child each day. Please be sure to include an ice pack if your child's lunch needs to be kept cold.

To Register:

To reserve a space for your child, complete the attached registration form and return to the Preschool office with the entire tuition fees by May 18th. If you should need to withdraw your child from summer camp, a request must be made in writing. If we are able to fill the class, we will refund the tuition amount minus a \$50 non-refundable deposit, however, if the class remains unfilled, the Preschool will be unable to refund any tuition paid. Registration is available on a first come, first serve basis. If you do not register your child by the deadline, we can't guarantee your child's place in our summer camp. Children who did not attend this Fall will need to complete an Enrollment Form.

Child's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
Child's Allergies: _____ Class as of 9/1/18: _____
Parent's Names: _____ Phone # : _____
Address/Zip: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Please circle the week(s) – 9am-1:30pm

\$100/week – Ages 12 months to 2nd Grade - Includes registration, tuition, supplies & daily snack

\$65/week – Youth Camp 3rd grade – 5th grade

\$12/week – Early Birds 8am-9am

Week 1:	July 2-6 (M, T, Th, F)*	Early Birds
Week 2:	July 9-12 (M-Th)	Early Birds
Week 3:	July 16-19 (M-Th)	Early Birds
Week 4:	July 23-26 (M-Th)	Early Birds

**No camp Wed. for the 4th of July holiday*