

Camp Challenger

2026 Summer Camp Family Guide



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Are you ready for summer camp?

Hello everyone! Welcome to the Challenger Learning Center of Tallahassee. I hope that you find this place as wondrous as I do. At Camp Challenger, we believe that every camper belongs here. From the moment you step foot into our Center until the time you leave, we want you to feel welcome. I hope you are able to take the opportunity to spend time with our amazing Camp Counselors and learn something new. As the Camp Director, I will oversee your safety and learning opportunities while you're at the CLC. You'll find me in the classrooms, in the hallways, or somewhere around the center. Please feel free to say hello! If it's your first day or 10th week of camp, I am equally excited to see you all! Thank you so much for choosing Camp Challenger as your place for learning this summer.

Warmly,

Jordan Hall

Camp Director



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Who are you?

**K - 1st
Grade**

**2nd - 3rd
Grade**

**4th - 5th
Grade**

**Middle
School**

**High
School**



K-1 Grade

All About Senses

Week 1

Using hands-on activities, campers will use their five senses to explore natural phenomena. Activities may include sensory bin dioramas, smelly slime, coding sound with robots, and edible kitchen chemistry.

Little Brick Builders

Week 4

Build a LEGO bridge, solve Duplo challenge kits, build and race cars, create LEGO zip lines, learn about animals and build their habitats, and create stop motion animations with LEGO bricks!

Superhero Science

Week 7

WHAM! BAM! SHAZAM! It's time to spend the week exploring the science behind your favorite superheroes and their powers. Explore the science of speed, the physics of flying, the chilly chemistry of making ice, and more!

Camp Rewind!

Week 10

Missed out on some of the fun or want to experience the highlights all over again? This week is all about revisiting the most exciting and crowd-pleasing activities from the summer! Packed with thrilling challenges, hands-on experiments, and a mix of favorites from every camp, it's your chance to enjoy a little bit of everything. Get ready for a week full of nonstop fun and discovery! This camp has an additional \$10 Special Activity Fee.

Spy Science

Week 2

Calling all detectives, we need your help with our top-secret science missions! Each day, campers will be assigned missions to solve using invisible ink, disguises, DIY spy gadgets, and more! Campers will work together to become certified spies of science.

Robots & Friends

Week 5

Blast off into a world of exploration and innovation. Make a robot friend, learn how to tell it to move, turn, and stop. Campers will use Dash Bots, Bee Bots, Sphero Indi, and more!

Icky Investigators

Week 8

Become an Icky Investigator and dive into the gross, gooey, and fascinating side of science! Campers will explore slime, bugs, oozes, and other "icky" discoveries through hands-on experiments and messy investigations.

3...2...1... Blast Off!

Week 3

Get your space helmets ready and explore the world above our heads! Campers will participate in a space mission simulation, view a planetarium show, and spend the week learning about space.

Create with Minecraft

Week 6

Imagination knows no bounds in Minecraft. Activities may include coding with Bee Bots, exploring far off environments in Minecraft, flying a Mission to Mars in the Space Mission Simulator, watching Into America's Wild in IMAX, building a Mars Colony, and more.

Play Lab

Week 9

This week is all about play and curiosity! Campers will have their hands full of fun while exploring playful building challenges using tinker toys, magna-tiles, robotics, and more! Get ready to create and problem solve through play!

2nd – 3rd Grade

Camp Astro

Week 1

Come explore astronomy and learn about the stars above you. Campers will learn about space by watching a planetarium show, designing a flight suit, and experiencing a space mission simulation.

Zoology 101

Week 2

Show your wild side! Study animal ecology, create a primate habitat, see Island of Lemurs: Madagascar in IMAX, visit the Tallahassee Museum and more. This camp has an additional \$30 Field Trip Fee.

Robo Rookies

Week 3

Beep! Boop! Ready to explore the world of robots? Campers will learn to code and control fast, fun robots like Ozobots, Dash Bots, and Sphero Robotics, tackling hands-on challenges that spark creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Artists in STEAM

Week 4

Campers will explore the exciting subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). Each day will focus on a different subject, with hands-on projects like paintings, sculptures, and fun arts-and-crafts experiments that incorporate math, problem-solving, and engineering concepts to bring their ideas to life.

Beaker Buddies

Week 5

Learn about chemistry through a series of hands-on experiments. Explore the states of matter, physical changes, and refine your observational skills. It promises to be an explosive week of fun!

Brick Builders

Week 6

Get ready to build your imagination brick by brick! Create amazing and complex structures, tackle LEGO challenges with DUPLO and SPIKE LEGO kits, and team up to design your very own dream city.

Mysteries in Minecraft

Week 7

Spend the week learning how to code by diving into the world of Minecraft: Education Edition! Through educational Minecraft games, campers will practice collaboration, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Activities may include building challenges in Minecraft EDU, hands-on Minecraft-inspired crafts, and beginner coding challenges brought to life in the game.

Paleo Pals

Week 8

Travel back in time! Campers will explore the world of dinosaurs by studying different types of dinosaurs, participating in simulated fossil digs, and diving into hands-on prehistoric activities. The week includes fossil investigations and a special talk with a real paleontologist who brings ancient science to life.

Jr. Olympics

Week 9

Celebrate Winter Olympics 2026 with the Challenger Summer Olympic Games! Learn the physics that go into your favorite sports and Olympic categories, then put them to the test in our obstacle courses.

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4th – 5th Grade

Campers in STEM

Week 1

Investigate the different aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Campers will learn about biology, do hands-on chemistry experiments, record a podcast, discover robotics, and showcase their artistic talents.

Unusual Engineering

Week 4

Learn about the process of engineering & architecture through the most intriguing and bizarre modern engineering wonders. Study inventions that take engineering to another level. Create your own “weird” prototype project and showcase it at the end of the week.

Pod Squad

Week 7

Spend the week learning about the ins and outs of podcasts, what makes a podcast successful, assemble a team to make your podcast vision come to life, and create a pilot podcast episode.

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Inspect Some Gadgets

Week 2

Build your own gadgets and compete against other campers to complete special tasks and assignments. Showcase your gadget building skills in a gadget showcase, evaluate other creations, and put them to the test for real life problem solving.

Giving Back

Week 5

Give back to your Tallahassee community through fun, meaningful activities! Campers will create care packages for local schools, make DIY dog toys for animal shelters, and participate in many more projects that help others and inspire kindness!

Brick Lab

Week 8

In Brick Lab, campers will become engineers and designers as they take on hands-on LEGO building challenges, including LEGO robotics. Activities include LEGO city planning, problem-solving builds, and introductory coding using LEGO tools.

Electricity Explorers

Week 3

Campers will learn the basics of electricity and answer the questions: Where does it come from? How was it discovered? What changes could be made? Our hands-on demonstrations and activities will help campers answer these questions and more!

Science Fair

Week 6

Spend the week creating your own science project! Learn the Scientific Method and the Engineering Process and create a science project to showcase at our Challenger Learning Center Science Fair.

Astronomy Adventures

Week 9

Blast off into the wonders of space! Campers will explore the universe through hands-on activities, take a 3D journey with the Hubble Space Telescope in IMAX, and participate in an exciting space mission simulation to experience what it's like to be an astronaut.

Middle School

Cosmic Detectives

Week 1

Dive into the cosmic world by exploring eye-level astronomy techniques. Learn how to code in the planetarium as well as a behind the scenes tour of our live planetarium show and space missions. Test your knowledge and assist in a space mission simulation for younger campers.

Environmental Scientists

Week 2

Are you interested in a career path in an environmental field? Campers will learn about Florida's unique natural ecology, preservation, and steps they can take that make a difference. This camp includes a field trip to a local community partner location. This camp has an additional \$30 Field Trip Fee.

Podcasters 101

Week 3

Spend the week learning about the ins and outs of podcasts, what makes a podcast successful, assemble a team to make your podcast vision come to life, and create a pilot podcast episode.

Culinary Chemistry

Week 4

Scientific exploration of how the chemical compounds in ingredients interact to create a flavor profile for a unique flavor and learn about common reactions such as fermentation, caramelization, and emulsification. Campers will partner with local culinary favorites for hands-on culinary chemistry experiences.

Prepare for Launch

Week 5

Spend the week learning about space history, build a model rocket, explore aerospace engineering, and end the week with a full day trip to Kennedy Space Center. This camp has an additional \$195 Field Trip Fee.

Theater & Design

Week 6

Have you ever wanted to be involved in a play? Learn about the special system of how to create, develop, and perform your very own play. Campers will design their script, build their set, and direct their own short play throughout the week.

Museum Studies

Week 7

Step into the role of a museum curator! In this camp, middle schoolers will partner with local Tallahassee museums, learn from museums across the country, and explore what it takes to bring exhibits to life. Campers will design, plan, and create their very own exhibit prototype to showcase their ideas. This camp has an additional \$30 Field Trip Fee.

Conquer the Code

Week 8

In Conquer the Code, campers will crack the code behind technology by learning foundational coding concepts through interactive activities and digital challenges. Campers will explore block-based coding, game design, logic and algorithms, coding in Minecraft, and opportunities to try beginner text-based coding such as Python or JavaScript.

Career Quest

Week 9

Embark on a journey to explore different career paths! Through interactive challenges and hands-on experiences, campers will discover their interests and talents while learning about various professions, from tech and engineering to arts and business, to help them start building their future career!

High School

Pre-Med Camp

June 15 - 19

Pre-Med Camp gives high school students an exciting, hands-on introduction to the world of medicine, designed to build confidence and spark curiosity about future healthcare careers. Activities may include practicing suturing techniques, creating EKG calipers, building heart, lung, joint, and nervous system models, extracting DNA, and exploring bioengineering and bioethics.

Fogg Planetarium & Kennedy Space Center

June 22-26

Campers will get a special opportunity to co-create a show in our planetarium. Spend the week learning about space history, exploring aerospace engineering, and studying astronomy. Once your planetarium show is complete, end the week with a full day trip to Kennedy Space Center.

Engineering Overnight Camp

July 13 - 17

Explore what it means to be an engineer in this collaborative camp hosted at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering campus here in Tallahassee, Florida. You'll gain hands-on experience across a variety of engineering disciplines, develop practical skills, and take exclusive field trips to innovative research spaces in the community. This unique opportunity promises to expand your knowledge, get creative, and discover whether a future in engineering is right for you.



Session Dates

Week 1	May 25 – May 29 K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8
Week 2	June 1 – June 5 K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8
Week 3	June 8 – June 12 K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8
Week 4	June 15 – June 19 K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8
Week 5	June 22 – June 26 K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8
Week 6	July 6 – July 10 K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8
Week 7	July 13 – July 17 K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8
Week 8	July 20 – July 24 K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8
Week 9	July 27 – July 31 K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8
Week 10	August 3 – August 7 K-1 2-3 4-5

Waitlist

In the event a camp is full, you can add your child to the waitlist for your desired week. If a spot becomes available, the Sales Coordinator will contact parents/guardians in the order received. Payment in full will be due at time of registration.



Daily Schedule

7:45 – 9:00 AM	Camper Drop-Off
8:00 – 10:30 AM	Themed Activities
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Snack
11:00 – 12:00 PM	Themed Activities
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch and Recess
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Themed Activities
3:45 – 4:00 PM	Camper Pick-Up
4:15 – 6:00 PM	Extended Afternoon Care*

*Indicates a premium cost for Extended Care. See the Extended Care section for more information. Schedules are subject to change based on activities, movie schedules, and field trips.

Registration

Payments

All registrations and payments are handled online at ChallengerTLH.com/camp.

Each transaction will show up on your bank statement as a payment to Florida State University. If a camp registration charge is disputed with your bank, the camp registration will be cancelled.

Cancellations/Refunds

A \$10 processing fee will be applied to any cancellations.

Requests for cancellation must be received in writing prior to camp session start date. Full refunds will be allowed for written requests received fourteen (14) or more days in advance of the camp's start date. Half refunds will be allowed for written requests received seven (7) or more days in advance of the camp's start date. Quarter refunds will be allowed for written requests received at least 48 hours in advance of the camp's start date. **No refunds will be granted for requests received less than 48 hours before the camp's start date.**

While campers are not obligated to attend the full week of camp, please note that discounts will not be offered for missed days, including in the case of illness.

Please allow up to 30 days for refunds to be processed. Payment received by credit card will be credited back within one week.

Preparing For Summer Camp

Authorized Pickup

Parents/guardians must designate individuals who are authorized to pick up their camper during the registration process. If you need to add an individual to the authorized pickup list, please email sales@challengertlh.com with their full legal name. Only requests that are received in writing will be honored, phone calls are not accepted.

Clothing

Campers must wear closed toe shoes to camp as they may participate in scientific or physical activities that require extra protection. Additional clothing is recommended for younger campers or campers who may be prone to accidents. Ziploc bags for wet or dirty clothing will be provided by the Center if an accident occurs. Phone calls will be made to notify primary and/or secondary adults.

Backpacks

Backpacks are not required for camp; however, we recommend them as they are ideal for transporting items to and from camp, that may include: arts & crafts, projects, water bottles, lunches, sunscreen, and additional clothing. Please label your camper's backpack and belongings with their name!

Medication

A medication form must be filled out by a parent/guardian signifying prescription, dose, time, and instructions for administration of medication, including over the counter medication. Administration of medication is handled by the camp director. No medications will be given without this release. Medications must be provided in their original containers. Only medications provided by parents or guardians at check in will be administered. Extra medications will be returned to a camper's backpack or lunchbox if they bring one. If medications are not picked up after five days they will be disposed of properly.

If your camper has medication that needs refrigeration, this will be accommodated. Please let staff at check in know of any refrigerated medication that your child brings to camp.

Electronics

We understand many families send campers with cell phones as a safety precaution. Please be advised that the use of cell phones or other electronic devices (iPads, video games, etc.) is not permitted during camp hours. For the safety of campers, phone calls must go through the Camp Director **(850-645-7787)** or the Challenger Ticket Office **(850-645-7796)**.

If campers are found to be in violation of this rule, their electronic devices may be confiscated and held for parent pick-up at the end of the camp day. Electronics are allowed during Extended Care Hours. Camp Challenger is not responsible for any lost or broken items while at camp.

Lost & Found

Campers are responsible for their belongings. Please check with the staff member at pick-up if your camper has lost something. Also, parents may call our box office at **(850) 645-7796** to check on any lost items left behind at Camp. Please note, items are kept in lost and found for a maximum of fourteen (14) days before donation.

Lunch & Snacks

During summer camp, campers will have the option to prepay for one week of lunches. Prepaid lunch options may include: OG Subs, Brooklyn Pizza, Veggie Nuggets, etc. **If this option is not selected students will be required to bring their own lunch each day.** We do not provide refrigeration or a microwave for lunches.

Kindergarten–3rd graders will be able to preorder concessions at check-in each day. 4th grade and up will have time to visit the concessions stand throughout the camp day if they have cash. You may also provide snacks from home.

Illness

To protect the health of all campers and staff, we require prompt pick up in the event your camper becomes ill during the program.

Contact Us

Should you need additional information, please call our sales coordinator at **(850) 645-7777** or **sales@challengertlh.com**.

For content/curriculum and field trip questions, contact our Camp Director at **(850) 645-7787** or **camp@challengertlh.com**.



Transportation

Parking

Parking is available in the Kleman Plaza parking garage or at metered spots along the street. Bring your Kleman Plaza parking ticket into the CLC with you and staff will validate tickets obtained within 30 minutes.

Please note: You could be ticketed or towed for parking at the U.S. Post Office or in the loading zone on College Ave.

Drop Off

Drop off begins at 7:45 AM each morning. You may drop off your camper between 7:45 AM and 9:00 AM.

Parents/guardians and authorized individuals must accompany campers into the building for sign in each day.

The main entrance will be open for drop off. Please note, our back entrance located on Duval St. remains locked for security purposes. Photo ID is not required for Drop Off, but is required for Pick Up.

Pick Up

Pick up from Camp Challenger runs from 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM. The pickup table will be located at the front of the classrooms downstairs. **Photo identification is required during pick up, as well as a signature on our sign out sheet. There are no exceptions to this rule.**

Valid forms of photo I.D. include: Driver's license, passport, and/or employment I.D. If you need to add an individual to the authorized pickup list for your child, please email sales@challengertlh.com with their legal first and last name. Only requests that are received in writing or email will be honored, phone calls are not accepted.

Transportation

Early Pick Up

If your camper needs to leave early, sign your camper out at the Box Office located at the main entrance of our building. Early pickups will be conducted in a regular checkout manner. IDs are required at checkout, and you must be on the authorized Camp Checkout List.

If you know ahead of time that you will be picking up your child early, please notify the check in desk upon arrival and we will try our best to have your camper ready and waiting.

Extended Care

Extended care is available to accommodate busy schedules. Campers departing later than 4:15 PM MUST be enrolled in Extended Care. Extended care is \$5/day and campers may be signed out any time before 6:00 PM to avoid a \$1/minute late charge.

Please indicate on the registration form that you plan to participate in Extended Care and include the cost in your camp payment. Extended Care is supervised play. Campers will not be participating in additional camp curriculum during this time. Campers are authorized to bring their own toys, electronic devices, etc. for use during Extended Care.

Camp Rules & Discipline



Remember:

- 1.** Stay inside of the classroom at all times, unless you have permission from your camp counselor.
- 2.** Respect all fellow campers, counselors, and other Challenger Center staff.
- 3.** Respect all items that belong to Camp Challenger or other campers at all times. Please only take items that belong to you.
- 4.** Be courteous with the words you use. Inappropriate language or actions will not be tolerated and may result in early pick up.
- 5.** Alcohol, drugs, pets, and weapons are not allowed at camp.
- 6.** We believe mistakes are learning opportunities. Depending on severity, campers will have the chance to fix behavioral mistakes and return to their learning.

Camp Rules & Discipline

7. If campers are exhibiting disruptive or inappropriate behavior, the Camp Director will discuss these behaviors with the child and their guardians to determine the best course of action. Violent behavior will not be tolerated and will result in early pickup, and may result in camp expulsion.*
8. We are not responsible for lost/broken items that are brought from home. Please be cautious with items such as toys or tablets that you choose to bring from home.
9. Phone calls are to be made only through the director's office. Campers are not allowed to use personal phones during camp hours.** If you need to reach your child please call the Camp Director at (850) 645-7787 or Box Office at (850) 645-7796.
10. Always remember that camp is a great day to learn something new! Have fun at camp.

***Camp Challenger reserves the right to expel campers at their own discretion if rules have been violated.**

****Cell Phone rules may vary on camp days that involve a field trip.**

Are You Ready?

I read the camp handbook.

I filled out all of my required camp forms.

I have paid in full.

I'm ready to have a fantastic time at camp!

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