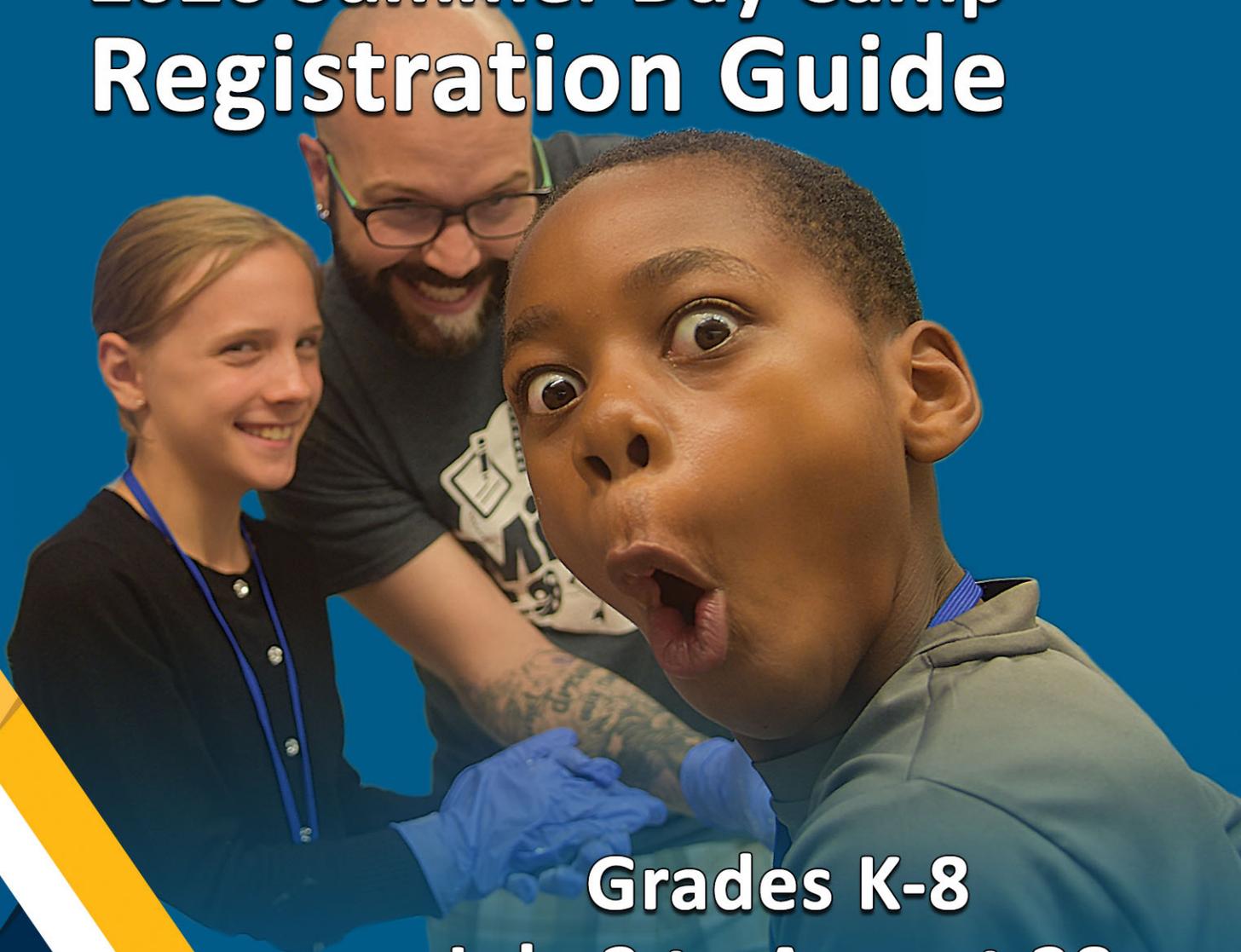




**BRANDON  
UNIVERSITY**

# 2026 Summer Day Camp Registration Guide



**Grades K-8  
July 3 to August 28  
[miniu.brandonu.ca](http://miniu.brandonu.ca)**



## PROGRAM COORDINATOR’S MESSAGE

Brandon University’s Mini University has operated 42 years of summer camp programming for children and youth in grades K-8. An amazing 23,000+ campers have attended Mini U since its inception in 1984.

As a cost-recovery, non-profit program, Mini U would not be where it is today without the generous financial support of our provincial, federal, and private funders, as well as local businesses and donors. This support has helped sponsor more than 2,800 Indigenous children and children from families facing financial barriers across Manitoba to attend camp.

Our success has also depended on the creativity, enthusiasm, and passion of our instructors and staff who have found meaningful employment with Mini U. In addition, the support of Brandon University’s faculty and staff in providing space, equipment, and expertise has helped us to provide quality programming.

I believe Mini U is a worthwhile experience for children and youth, and I welcome all of our new and returning participants to Mini U 2026.

I would also like to thank Mini University’s founder, Dr. Nancy Stanley. Nancy retired from Brandon University in January 2024, but Mini U would not be what it is today without Nancy’s many years of hard work and dedication.

*Ivah Gallagher  
Program Coordinator  
Mini University*



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## ■ OFFICE HOURS

March 1 to April 2: By appointment  
 April 6 to May 29: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon-Fri  
 June 1 to August 28: 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM, Mon-Fri

## ■ CONTACT US

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 [Facebook.com/BUMiniU](https://www.facebook.com/BUMiniU)

 [@miniubrandon](https://www.instagram.com/miniubrandon)

## ■ HOW TO REGISTER

### ONLINE REGISTRATION (OPENS MARCH 16, 2026)

- ◆ To register using our new online system, visit:  
**[miniu.campbrainregistration.com](https://miniu.campbrainregistration.com)**
- ◆ New families: **“New User Sign-Up”**
- ◆ Returning families: Sign in using your username and password from a prior year.
- ◆ If you have registered but do not remember your old password, click “Reset Password”.
- ◆ Enter all required information, make your selections (one or more weeks of camp), and complete waiver form. Repeat for each child you wish to register.
- ◆ See **Payment Options** for next steps.

### PAPER REGISTRATION

- ◆ Paper registration forms are normally only available to large community groups and third-party agencies (e.g. Sun Fund, CFS, etc.) upon request.
- ◆ If you would like to request a paper registration package, please contact us at **204-727-7311** or by email at **miniu@brandonu.ca**.
- ◆ You **MUST** provide a valid email address to receive a receipt and other important camp information, including confirmation of enrollment.

### REGISTER EARLY FOR THE EARLY BIRD DRAW!

- ◆ **Register and pay in full by May 31** to be entered in the Mini U Early Bird Draw for a chance to win!
- ◆ Draw consists of one \$280 non-transferable, non-refundable credit towards Mini U 2026 registration. (This credit counts towards page 6 discount eligibility.)
- ◆ Limit of one entry per child, per registered program week.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ◆ Mini University accepts the following for payment:
  - ◆ **Credit card or EFT via CampBrain.** Please note that credit cards can no longer be taken over the phone.
  - ◆ Cash (in person at Mini U office).
  - ◆ Cheque (in person or by mail; must be made out to **Brandon University** and **CANNOT BE POST-DATED**).
- ◆ For in person or mail-in payment:
  - Mini University
  - Healthy Living Centre- Room 003 (Basement)
  - 280 18th St
  - Brandon, MB R7A 6A9
- ◆ Mini University will confirm via email when your registrations and payments are received.
- ◆ **Spots are reserved once full payment is received.**

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- ◆ **Deadline for online registrations is at 12:00 PM on the Thursday before each week begins. Paper registrations must be received by the Tuesday at 4:00 PM.**

### REFUND & CAMP CANCELLATION POLICY

- ◆ Refunds, **minus a \$25.00+GST admin fee per camper per week cancelled**, will be given up to 5 business days prior to the start of the cancelled program.
- ◆ For refunds at a later date, a doctor’s certificate must be presented to Mini U within 15 business days of the cancellation date. Lunch program and fees for early drop-off/late pick-up are not refunded in this event.
- ◆ Mini U reserves the right to cancel any programs, courses, or camps. In this unfortunate circumstance, the participant will be notified and either given an alternative option or a full refund.

| Program Dates               |                         | One-Week Camps July 3 – August 28 |                     |                     |                     |                  |                    |                    |                    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Program                     | School's Out Day July 3 | Week 1 July 6 – 10                | Week 2 July 13 – 17 | Week 3 July 20 – 24 | Week 4 July 27 – 31 | Week 5 Aug 4 – 7 | Week 6 Aug 10 – 14 | Week 7 Aug 17 – 21 | Week 8 Aug 24 – 28 |
| Jr. Chipmunks (Grades K-1)  | ✓                       | ✓                                 | ✓                   | ✓                   | ✓                   | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                  | ✓                  |
| Jr. Moose (Grade 2)         |                         | ✓                                 | ✓                   | ✓                   | ✓                   | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                  | ✓                  |
| Senior Mini U (Grades 3-8)  | ✓                       | ✓                                 | ✓                   | ✓                   | ✓                   | ✓                |                    |                    |                    |
| Specialty Camp (Grades 3-8) |                         |                                   |                     |                     |                     |                  | ✓                  | ✓                  | ✓                  |

4-day week; Mini U is closed on holidays.

## ■ DAILY ROUTINE

### DROP-OFF & CHECK-IN

- ◆ Location: Mini University HQ (Room 003, Basement)  
Healthy Living Centre  
Henry Champ Gym
- ◆ **Regular Drop-Off Hours:** 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM.
- ◆ **Early Drop-Off Hours:** 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM (available for an additional fee: \$20 for 4-day weeks and \$25 for 5-day weeks).
- ◆ On the first day of camp, please check-in by 8:45 AM so campers have time to receive their name tags.
- ◆ If you are not feeling well, please stay home! We want to keep our campers and staff healthy!

### LUNCH TIME

- ◆ Participants will be brought to our cafeteria at lunch.
- ◆ Campers may either bring a bag lunch or pre-purchase our optional weekly lunch program (for an additional fee; for pricing and menu, please see pages 6 and 7).
- ◆ Due to time constraints, there will be **NO option to purchase food from the BU cafeteria separately.**
- ◆ **We have a nut free, energy drink free, and fragrance free policy.**

### PICK-UP & SIGN-OUT

- ◆ Campers will return to the Healthy Living Centre close to 4:00 PM, and parents must make arrangements for the pick-up/sign-out of their child(ren).
- ◆ **Regular Pick-Up Hours:** 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM
- ◆ **Late Pick-Up Hours:** 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM (for an additional fee: \$20 weekly for 4-day weeks and \$25 weekly for 5-day weeks).
- ◆ **Important: Designated grownups must present photo ID at pick-up time.**
- ◆ During registration, please note if you give permission to someone other than a parent/guardian to pick up your child(ren).
- ◆ During registration, please note if you give permission for your 12+ year-old child(ren) to self-sign-out (i.e. leave unattended).



If your child(ren) will be absent from camp, please email [mini\\_u@brandonu.ca](mailto:mini_u@brandonu.ca) or phone 204-727-7311 to let us know.

## ■ OUR INSTRUCTORS

### STAFF TRAINING & BACKGROUND CHECKS

- ◆ Our instructors are chosen for their knowledge, maturity, leadership, and ability to relate to children.
- ◆ The vast majority of our staff are university students or recent graduates, with many studying to become teachers.
- ◆ To ensure we employ only the highest quality staff and instructors, we provide 2 weeks of paid training that includes lesson planning, classroom management, and cultural sensitivity.
- ◆ As well, our instructors are certified in First Aid and CPR, and have clear Criminal Record and Child Abuse Registry Checks.

### BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT & 3-STRIKE POLICY

- ◆ Mini U's goal is for its participants to have fun in a safe learning environment. To ensure everyone has the best learning experience possible, we do 3 main things:
  - ◆ **Explain Our Rules:** At the start of camp, camp and classroom rules are explained to all campers. Participants are made aware that behaviours which cause emotional or physical harm, disrupt the camp, or damage facilities or equipment are not tolerated, nor are behaviours such as bullying, racism, sexism, or homophobia.
  - ◆ **Train Our Staff:** As part of our 2 weeks of training, we provide professional development training in classroom and behavioural management techniques and best practices.
  - ◆ **Enforce 3-Strike Policy:** If there is a behavioural issue that cannot be resolved by the classroom instructor, then the camper is brought to either the Team Leader and/or the Program Coordinator for a discussion of the situation. Strike 1 (or an immediate Strike 2 or 3, depending on the severity of behaviour) may be given. On both Strike 1 and 2, the camper's parent or guardian will be notified via conversation at pick-up, phone call, or email. In the rare event Strike 3 is needed, the participant is immediately removed from camp and released to their designated grownup. **No refunds are given in the event of a Strike 3. Campers who attempt to leave camp without permission ('flight risks') are considered an immediate Strike 3 offense.**

## ■ WHAT TO BRING

### THE ESSENTIALS

- ◆ Hat and sunscreen
- ◆ Water bottle (with name on it)
- ◆ Snacks
- ◆ Bagged lunch (or choose the lunch program option)
- ◆ Clothes you don't mind getting dirty or stained
- ◆ Clean, non-marking gym shoes
- ◆ Extra set of clothes

### KEEP AT HOME

- ◆ Valuables (Mini U is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal items brought to camp).

### FUN DAY FRIDAYS—JUNIORS

- ◆ Weather permitting\*, every Friday afternoon (**except July 3**) includes a trip to the Stanley Park spray park for all Junior campers.
- ◆ Please bring a swimsuit and a towel for Fridays.
- ◆ Please note, Friday's pick-up and sign-out will still be at Brandon University.

### FUN DAY FRIDAYS—SENIORS

- ◆ Every Friday afternoon (**except July 3**), Senior campers will break into teams and participate in a host of fun challenge activities that test both body and mind.



\*Mini U cancels outdoor activities at about 32°C (with or without humidex), or during rain, thunderstorms, or smoke.



## ■ EXPECTATIONS

### CAMPER EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ At the beginning of each week, camper rules and expectations will be addressed in front of all campers.
- ◆ Classroom specific expectations will be addressed on Monday at the beginning of each class and as needed throughout the week.
- ◆ Cellphone use is not allowed unless permitted by an instructor.
- ◆ Campers are expected to stay with their group and/or instructor(s) at all times.
- ◆ Campers are to be respectful of themselves, others, and all campus or other property.
- ◆ If a camper is not following these expectations, staff will speak with the camper, and if deemed necessary, strikes may be handed out if the behaviour persists.

### DESIGNATED GROWNUP EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ Responsible for ensuring children are dropped off and picked up at designated times.
- ◆ Responsible for presenting photo ID at pick-up.
- ◆ Responsible for sending proper clothing and materials needed for camp.
- ◆ Responsible for ensuring lunch is provided (either bagged lunch or by purchasing our lunch program).
- ◆ If your camper experiences a problem that was not seen or addressed by a staff member, please bring it to our office's attention as soon as possible and in a respectful manner.
- ◆ Provide a respectful and welcoming environment for all campers of all backgrounds.

### STAFF EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ Address camp-wide and classroom expectations to all campers.
- ◆ Make all campers feel as though they can bring any concerns to any staff member.
- ◆ Keep all campers safe by addressing camper and/or classroom misbehaviour(s) at time of occurrence.



## ■ FEE GUIDE

| Fee                                    | School's Out Day July 3  | Week 1 July 6 – 10 | Week 2 July 13 – 17 | Week 3 July 20 – 24 | Week 4 July 27 – 31 | 📅 Week 5 Aug 4 – 7 | Week 6 Aug 10 – 14 | Week 7 Aug 17 – 21 | Week 8 Aug 24 – 28 |
|--|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Jr. Chipmunks (Grades K-1)             | \$50   | \$280              | \$280               | \$280               | \$280               | \$220*             | \$280              | \$280              | \$280              |
| Jr. Moose (Grade 2)                    |  | \$280              | \$280               | \$280               | \$280               | \$220*             | \$280              | \$280              | \$280              |
| Senior Mini U (Grades 3-8)             | \$50   | \$280              | \$280               | \$280               | \$280               | \$220*             |                    |                    |                    |
| Specialty Camp (Grades 3-8)            |  |                    |                     |                     |                     |                    | \$280              | \$280              | \$280              |
| Lunch Program (Optional)               | \$11.38 +GST/PST   | \$56.92 +GST/PST   | \$56.92 +GST/PST    | \$56.92 +GST/PST    | \$56.92 +GST/PST    | \$45.53 +GST/PST   | \$56.92 +GST/PST   | \$56.92 +GST/PST   | \$56.92 +GST/PST   |
| Early Drop-Off 7:30-8:30 AM (Optional) | \$5  | \$25               | \$25                | \$25                | \$25                | \$20               | \$25               | \$25               | \$25               |
| Late Pick-Up 4:30-5:30 PM (Optional)   | \$5  | \$25               | \$25                | \$25                | \$25                | \$20               | \$25               | \$25               | \$25               |
| Refund Admin Fee                       | <b>\$25.00+GST per camper per week cancelled</b><br>(Refunds are given up to 5 business days prior to the start of the cancelled program. See page 3.) |                    |                     |                     |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |

📅 4-day week; Mini U is closed on holidays.

### \* Special Week 5 Multi-Week Discount

Each registration in Week 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, or 8 (regular 5-day weeks) generates one eligibility for a **40% discounted tuition when registering for Week 5**. The discounted Week 5 registration may be used for the same child or for another child within the same household, but is **subject to program age eligibility and available space in Week 5 on a first-come, first-served basis**.

**Week 5 tuition is reduced to \$132** from \$220 with this offer.

#### How It Works (Examples)

- Child A attends Week 2 Junior Moose, and Child B attends Week 1 Senior Mini U. Both children may attend their respective programs in Week 5 at the discounted rate.
- Child A attends Week 8 Senior Mini U. Child B attends Week 5 Senior using the discounted rate.
- Child A attends Weeks 3, 6, and 7. Child A and Child B may each receive one Week 5 registration at the discounted rate. The last discount is unused unless there is another child in the household.

**Discounts of any kind cannot be combined on a single registration** (e.g. you cannot register a child for Week 1 and Week 2 and receive a 80% discount on one Week 5 registration). Only one discount of any kind may be applied per individual week registration.

### Eligibility & Conditions

The qualifying 5-day week registration must be completed, paid according to Mini U's payment policies, and must remain active for the discount to apply. **Note that registrations for School's Out Day (July 3) or those registrations covered by bursaries do not count towards this discount.**

**The discount applies only to the Week 5 (August 4 to 7, 2026) program tuition fee** and does not apply to fees for extended care, lunch program, or any other ancillary charges. Discounts have no cash value, cannot be transferred to another season or household, and cannot be applied retroactively. **Groups from remote Indigenous communities are considered to be in the same household for the purposes of this discount.**

### Cancellation & Adjustments

If a qualifying 5-day week registration is cancelled, withdrawn, or refunded (in whole or in part) for any reason (including medical reasons), the associated Week 5 discount will be **voided** and the **difference between the discounted rate and the regular Week 5 rate will become immediately due**. Standard cancellation and refund policies apply.

**Mini University reserves the right to modify or discontinue this promotion at any time.**

## ■ LUNCH PROGRAM MENU

Mini U’s lunch program is an optional weekly meal program with food provided by Brandon University’s Food Services. Parents can also choose to send their child with a bagged lunch. Note that lunch hour supervision of campers is already included with all full-day registrations. **The cut-off to purchase lunch is at noon on the Thursday prior to the week registered.**

| Monday            | Tuesday                | Wednesday              | Thursday                 | Friday                          |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mixed Green Salad | Veggie Tray with Ranch | Veggie Tray with Ranch | Mixed Green Salad        | Veggie Tray with Ranch          |
| Mac and Cheese    | 2 Soft Tacos           | Hot Dog/Fries          | Spaghetti and Meat Sauce | Chicken Fingers and Curly Fries |
| Fruit Cup         | Cut Fruit              | Grapes                 | Mandarin Orange          | Watermelon Slices               |
| Brownie           | Jello                  | Ice-cream Cups         | Pudding                  | Rice Krispie square             |
| Beverage          | Beverage               | Beverage               | Beverage                 | Beverage                        |

## ■ SCHOOL’S OUT DAY— JULY 3 | GRADES K-2 AND GRADES 3-8

Kick off the start of summer with our **School’s Out Day (Friday, July 3)**, a special one-day Mini U experience where Junior (grades K-2) and Senior (grades 3-8) campers will enjoy a variety of activities drawn from some of Mini U’s most popular summer programs.

Throughout the day, students will rotate through experiences that combine **physical activity, science exploration, technology, and creative arts**. From active games and hands-on experiments to creative building and art projects, the day is designed to keep campers moving, thinking, and creating. Our enthusiastic instructors will guide students through age-appropriate activities that encourage curiosity, teamwork, and fun. The program provides a great preview of the Mini University summer experience while giving kids a memorable way to begin their summer break.

### Junior School’s Out Day (Grades K-2)

Junior campers will enjoy a playful mix of movement games, simple science discoveries, creative art projects, and beginner-friendly technology activities. The focus is on exploration, imagination, and active fun.

### Senior School’s Out Day (Grades 3-8)

Senior campers will experience a broader range of hands-on activities inspired by our summer courses, with engaging challenges, creative problem solving, active games, and opportunities to experiment with science and technology.

Whether students are trying Mini U for the first time or returning for another summer, **School’s Out Day** is a great way to celebrate the start of the season!

# JUNIOR CHIPMUNKS | KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 1

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ◆ One-week camps run July 6\* to August 28.
- ◆ **\*July 3 (School's Out Day)** is a one-day only mixture of activities from the summer (see page 7 for details).
- ◆ Designed for kids who will complete Kindergarten or Grade 1 by the end of the 2025/2026 school year.
- ◆ Full day sessions only (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM).
- ◆ This one-week program provides a Mini U experience with a range of fun, basic classes in science, art, literacy, and digital skills alongside some energy-burning physical and movement activities.



## ACTIVITIES

**BEAUTIFUL BOOKS:** Imagination comes to life through storytelling picnics and fun hands-on activities as you experience Pete the Cat, Robert Munsch, and more!

**ART ADVENTURES:** Explore your creative mind as you finger paint, draw, color, and create a variety of crafts!

**DINOSAUR DIG:** Become a mini paleontologist! Learn about dinosaurs, make fossil playdough, melt frozen dinosaur eggs, and meet BU's very own dinosaur!

**OUTER SPACE:** Blast off as you explore outer space! Explore fizzing comets, design a space craft, and even create your own bizarre alien!

**UNDER THE SEA:** Dive in as you explore creatures of the deep, play with bubbles, and get a little wet and wild!

**WILD AND FREE:** Explore a variety of creatures, dress up like your favourite animal, and build your own zoo on campus!

**SONG AND DANCE:** Make your own musical instruments and explore a variety of kid-friendly songs and simple dances designed to get you up and moving!

**SUPERHERO SIDEKICKS:** Discover the superhero in you through games, pretend play, crafts, and science experiments!



| Junior Chipmunks |                            | One-Week Camps        |                        |                        |                        |                     | July 6 – August 28    |                       |                       |  |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Session          | School's Out Day<br>July 3 | Week 1<br>July 6 – 10 | Week 2<br>July 13 – 17 | Week 3<br>July 20 – 24 | Week 4<br>July 27 – 31 | Week 5<br>Aug 4 – 7 | Week 6<br>Aug 10 – 14 | Week 7<br>Aug 17 – 21 | Week 8<br>Aug 24 – 28 |  |
| AM               | See page 7                 | Beautiful Books       | Dinosaur Dig           | Outer Space            | Under the Sea          | Wild and Free       | Song and Dance        | Superhero Sidekicks   | Art Adventures        |  |
| PM               |                            | Wild and Free         | Art Adventures         | Song and Dance         | Superhero Sidekicks    | Dinosaur Dig        | Under the Sea         | Beautiful Books       | Outer Space           |  |

4-day week; Mini U is closed on holidays.

# JUNIOR MOOSE | GRADE 2

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ◆ One-week camps run July 6\* to August 28.
- ◆ **\*July 3 (School's Out Day)** is a one-day only mixture of activities from the summer (see page 7 for details).
- ◆ Designed for kids who will complete Grade 2 by the end of the 2025/2026 school year.
- ◆ Full day sessions only (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM).
- ◆ This one-week program provides a Mini U experience with a range of fun, challenging and stimulating classes in several subject areas. Each week brings a new combination of themed camps, including arts and crafts, science, and digital skill activities.



## ACTIVITIES

**ENGINEERING MARVELS:** Huff and puff and blow your house down! Design, build, and test a variety of materials as you learn about making structures!

**GET YOUR ART ON:** Get in touch with your creative side and express yourself through a variety of crafting, painting, sketching, and digital art activities!

**GO GREEN:** Discover nature and practice sustainability! Learn about caring for our Earth through a variety of activities that explore air, water, and the environment!

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION:** Discover your inner superstar! An introduction to the performing arts as you explore storytelling, acting, mime, dance, and drama to create a multimedia project!

**MAD ABOUT SCIENCE:** Explore what it means to be a scientist! Learn about the scientific method through fun, hands-on activities!

**MISSION TO MARS:** Be an astronaut for the week as you explore the solar system and learn what it takes to survive a trip to outer space!

**TECH WIZARDS:** Explore the world of electricity and circuits as you discover the power of static electricity, turn a lemon into a battery, and play with Snap Circuits to make your very own lie detector!

**STORYTELLER'S HAVEN:** Explore your own literacy skills as you read through story books, create crafts, and even have the chance to create your own short story!

| Junior Moose One-Week Camps July 6 – August 28 |                            |                       |                        |                        |                        |                       |                       |                        |                       |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Session  | School's Out Day<br>July 3 | Week 1<br>July 6 – 10 | Week 2<br>July 13 – 17 | Week 3<br>July 20 – 24 | Week 4<br>July 27 – 31 | 📅 Week 5<br>Aug 4 – 7 | Week 6<br>Aug 10 – 14 | Week 7<br>Aug 17 – 21  | Week 8<br>Aug 24 – 28 |
| AM   | See page 7                 | Engineering Marvels   | Go Green               | Get Your Art On        | Mad About Science      | Mission to Mars       | Storyteller's Haven   | Lights, Camera, Action | Tech Wizards          |
| PM   |                            | Mission to Mars       | Lights, Camera, Action | Tech Wizards           | Storyteller's Haven    | Get Your Art On       | Go Green              | Mad About Science      | Engineering Marvels   |

📅 4-day week; Mini U is closed on holidays.

## ■ SENIOR MINI U | GRADES 3-8

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ◆ One-week camps run from July 6\* to August 7.
- ◆ **\*July 3 (School's Out Day)** is a one-day only mixture of activities from the summer (see page 7 for details).
- ◆ Designed for kids in grades 3-8 (who will complete their grade by the end of the 2025/2026 school year).
- ◆ Full day sessions only (9:00 AM—4:00 PM).
- ◆ Courses are organized into four 90-minute slots.

### HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR CAMP

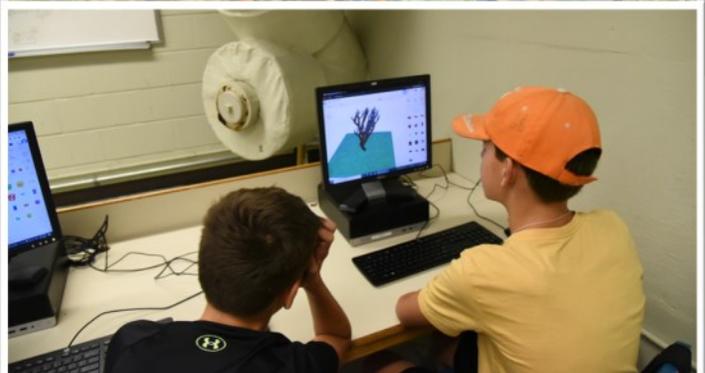
- ◆ Pick which week(s) of camp your child wants to attend.
- ◆ For each slot, pick one (1) of the choices available.
- ◆ Course descriptions can be found on the following pages.

| Week 1 July 6 – 10  |      |                          |                 |                     |                       |                    |
|---------------------|------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|                     | Slot | Science                  |                 | Computer Science    | Arts & Humanities     | Physical Education |
| AM                  | 1    | Animal Science           | Astronomy       | Robotics            | Movie Making          | Archery Tag        |
|                     | 2    | Chemical Concoctions     | Flying Machines | Minecraft Builders  | Creative Writing      | Mini Golf          |
| PM                  | 3    | Our Earth                | Spy Kids        | 3D Creators         | Werewolf              | Basketball         |
|                     | 4    | Marble Run Engineering   | A.I. Explorers  | Game Design         | Creative Art          | Glow Games         |
| Week 2 July 13 – 17 |      |                          |                 |                     |                       |                    |
|                     | Slot | Science                  |                 | Computer Science    | Arts & Humanities     | Physical Education |
| AM                  | 1    | Medical Mystery          | Flying Machines | Minecraft Survivors | Drama                 | Archery Tag        |
|                     | 2    | Climate and Catastrophes | A.I. Explorers  | Minecraft Coders    | Sketching and Drawing | Mini Golf          |
| PM                  | 3    | Experimental             | Spy Kids        | E-Sports            | Digital Music         | Basketball         |
|                     | 4    | Marble Run Engineering   | Astronomy       | Robotics            | Music Videos          | Glow Games         |
| Week 3 July 20 – 24 |      |                          |                 |                     |                       |                    |
|                     | Slot | Science                  |                 | Computer Science    | Arts & Humanities     | Physical Education |
| AM                  | 1    | Experimental             | Astronomy       | Minecraft Coders    | Digital Music         | Archery Tag        |
|                     | 2    | Animal Science           | Flying Machines | 3D Creators         | Movie Making          | Mini Golf          |
| PM                  | 3    | Chemical Concoctions     | A.I. Explorers  | Game Design         | Werewolf              | Basketball         |
|                     | 4    | Climate and Catastrophes | Spy Kids        | Minecraft Builders  | Sketching and Drawing | Glow Games         |

## ■ SENIOR MINI U | GRADES 3-8

| Week 4 July 27 – 31   |      |                          |                 |                     |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|                       | Slot | Science                  |                 | Computer Science    | Arts & Humanities     | Physical Education |
| AM                    | 1    | Chemical Concoctions     | A.I. Explorers  | E-Sports            | Music Videos          | Archery Tag        |
|                       | 2    | Medical Mystery          | Astronomy       | Robotics            | Creative Art          | Mini Golf          |
| PM                    | 3    | Our Earth                | Flying Machines | Minecraft Survivors | Drama                 | Basketball         |
|                       | 4    | Marble Run Engineering   | Spy Kids        | Minecraft Coders    | Creative Writing      | Glow Games         |
| Week 5 📅 August 4 – 7 |      |                          |                 |                     |                       |                    |
|                       | Slot | Science                  |                 | Computer Science    | Arts & Humanities     | Physical Education |
| AM                    | 1    | Climate and Catastrophes | Spy Kids        | 3D Creators         | Creative Art          | Archery Tag        |
|                       | 2    | Experimental             | A.I. Explorers  | Game Design         | Werewolf              | Mini Golf          |
| PM                    | 3    | Animal Science           | Astronomy       | Minecraft Builders  | Sketching and Drawing | Basketball         |
|                       | 4    | Our Earth                | Flying Machines | Robotics            | Movie Making          | Glow Games         |

📅 4-day week; Mini U is closed on holidays.



## ■ SCIENCE

### A.I. EXPLORERS

Dive into artificial intelligence concepts like computer vision, machine learning, and generative A.I. with hands-on activities and real A.I. tools.

### ANIMAL SCIENCE

Learn about different animals ranging from common household pets to wacky, exotic animals, big and small!

### ASTRONOMY

Discover planets, stars, galaxies, and all of the secrets of the night sky. Learn about space travel and theories about possible life on other planets.

### CHEMICAL CONCOCTIONS

Explore the science of chemistry and learn about the chemical makeup of substances while performing fizzling and popping experiments.

### CLIMATE AND CATASTROPHES

Learn about extreme weather events, climate change, their effects on farming, and conservation efforts.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Part experimentation, part play! Get messy as we explore science experiments from a variety of science disciplines.

### FLYING MACHINES

Master the principles of flight. Make paper airplanes and protect an egg from a multi-storey parachute drop.

### MARBLE RUN ENGINEERING

Work in teams to design and build creative marble runs using recyclables, Micro:bit electronics and motors.

### MEDICAL MYSTERY

Discover the everyday challenges facing medical personnel. Also find out how the human body works through activities like the dissection of animal organs.

### OUR EARTH

Learn to identify rocks, minerals, and gems from Earth's crust and explore the prehistory of humankind.

### SPY KIDS

Train to use real-world espionage methods and create (and crack) secret codes through cryptography.

## ■ COMPUTER SCIENCE

### 3D CREATORS

Learn about 3D design, prototyping, and testing! Take your ideas from thought and turn them into reality with the use of Mini University's 3D printers! You will even get to take your sample project home!

### E-SPORTS

Discover the world of E-Sports and gaming! Learn about online safety, how to navigate new games, teamwork, and competitions!

### GAME DESIGN

Design your own video game and levels with easy-to-learn software! Create characters, levels, and even learn how to give enemies simple artificial intelligence! Once you're done, test it out and challenge your friends to complete your game!

### MINECRAFT BUILDERS

Using Minecraft's Creative mode, campers are given building design challenges to complete as part of a team, creating structures like castles and mansions! Make complex contraptions using redstone circuitry.

### MINECRAFT CODERS

Learn the basics of coding while building simple programs and scripts in Minecraft Education, like designing and programming your own in-game mining turtle robot to dig tunnels, collect resources, and follow your pre-programmed instructions.

### MINECRAFT SURVIVORS

Using Minecraft's Survival mode, campers must work together to survive and thrive in the harsh New World! While newbies are welcome, game mods and a devious instructor will also challenge veteran Minecrafters!

### ROBOTICS

Work on coding and building different robots that can survive a variety of challenges and obstacles! Who can code their robot to complete the most challenges?



## ■ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### ARCHERY TAG

A thrilling combination of archery and dodgeball. Campers use soft, foam-tipped arrows in fun, team-based games that test aim, agility, and teamwork. All equipment is designed for safety, and campers are provided with approved protective gear.

### BASKETBALL

Dribble, pass, shoot! Learn the basics of basketball while playing games that use these foundational skills!

### GLOW GAMES

Play exciting gym games under black lights! Enjoy glow-in-the-dark versions of tag, dodgeball, and other active games while the gym lights up with neon colors.

### MINI GOLF

Work in teams to design and build your own wild mini golf holes using duct tape, cardboard, and MakeDo tools—then putt your way through the full course and see if you can master every challenge!



## ■ ARTS & HUMANITIES

### CREATIVE ART

A whole new world of art projects! Make plaster art, tissue paper stain glass, watercolor painting, and more!

### CREATIVE WRITING

Get creative with writing short stories! Experiment with different styles and learn about world-building and character design techniques. Share your works with other classmates!

### DIGITAL MUSIC

Create your own digital masterpiece by mixing your own beats, vocals, and samples from a range of genres such as pop and electronic dance music!

### DRAMA

Explore the wonderful world of acting! Learn how to think on your feet with improv, how to get into character, and play a variety of drama games!

### MOVIE MAKING

Create a short film trailer with the help of your fellow campers! Learn how to act, choose costumes and special effects, help write the script, and perform in front of a green screen! Campers will learn about the technology, cameras, and microphones needed in film making!

### MUSIC VIDEOS

Create a music video starring you and your friends! Learn some basic dance choreography while lip-syncing your way to pop-star fame!

### SKETCHING AND DRAWING

Learn fundamentals of art by drawing cartoons, sketching, and experimenting with charcoal and pencil!

### WEREWOLF

Step into a village mystery where not everyone is who they seem! In the game Werewolf, players secretly receive roles as either villagers or hidden werewolves. Through discussion and clues, the villagers try to figure out who they can trust.

Mini U's custom version of the game is non-elimination, so everyone stays involved and keeps playing right to the end. Campers will practice teamwork, communication, and deduction as the mystery unfolds.

## ■ SPECIALTY CAMPS | GRADES 3-8

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ◆ One-week camps run from August 10 to 28.
- ◆ Designed for kids in grades 3-8 (who will complete their grade by the end of the 2025/2026 school year).
- ◆ Full day sessions only (9:00 AM—4:00 PM).
- ◆ Courses are organized into two 180-minute slots.

### HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR CAMP

- ◆ Pick which week(s) of camp your child wants to attend.
- ◆ Choose both an AM camp and a PM camp.
- ◆ Course descriptions can be found on the following pages.

| Week 6 August 10 – 14 |                     |                |                   |                   |                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                       | Science             |                | Computer Science  | Arts & Humanities | Physical Education |
| AM                    | Engineering Academy | A.I. Explorers | Robot Coders      | Art Attack        | Try a Sport Camp   |
| PM                    | Super Scientists    |                | 3D Creators       | Fantasy Quest     |                    |
|                       |                     |                | Minecraft Masters | Movie Making      |                    |

| Week 7 August 17 – 21 |                       |                |                   |                   |                    |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                       | Science               |                | Computer Science  | Arts & Humanities | Physical Education |
| AM                    | Engineering Academy   | A.I. Explorers | Robot Coders      | Art Attack        | Try a Sport Camp   |
| PM                    | In Depth Planet Earth |                | 3D Creators       | Fantasy Quest     |                    |
|                       |                       |                | Minecraft Masters | Movie Making      |                    |

| Week 8 August 24 – 28 |                      |  |                  |                   |                    |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                       | Science              |  | Computer Science | Arts & Humanities | Physical Education |
| AM                    | Back to School Blast |  |                  |                   |                    |
| PM                    | Back to School Blast |  |                  |                   |                    |



## ■ SPECIALTY CAMPS | GRADES 3-8

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Spend even more time working on 3D designs, prototyping, and testing! Take your ideas from thought and turn them into reality with the use of Mini University's 3D printers! You will even get to take your sample project home!

### A.I. EXPLORERS

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### ART ATTACK

Unleash your imagination through painting, sketching, sculpting, and more! From hands-on crafts to abstract painting, this creative camp is packed with artistic adventures for every kind of young maker.

### BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST

Gear up for school with a week of the best-of Senior Mini U! Includes a combination of our favourite science, computer, creative art, and physical activities from the whole summer, plus some brand-new surprises.

### ENGINEERING ACADEMY

Take your knowledge of engineering to a whole new level as you work to create complex structures, while making good use of limited supplies provided.

### FANTASY QUEST

Join Mini University's Questers Academy and embark on an adventure! Campers will immerse themselves in a combination of live action and tabletop role-playing games filled with epic storylines that weave together all participants and their own crafted characters.

### IN DEPTH PLANET EARTH

Explore the magnificent place we call home! Learn about mysterious creatures in the depths of our oceans, identify rocks and minerals from within Earth's crust, explore the first creatures to roam Earth and the history of how humans have grown as a species.

### MINECRAFT MASTERS

Using Mini University's Minecraft server, campers will be challenged to design structures from scratch while trying to survive the harsh New World, individually and within a team.

### MOVIE MAKING

Become actors and actresses worthy of an Oscar as you create and produce a short film with other campers! Collaborate with your friends to write and perform in your own short movies while exploring aspects of film making such as lights, technology, microphones, and even green screens.

### ROBOT CODERS

Using a variety of robotic kits, learn to design, build, and code different robots to handle different challenges. You and your team will compete to see whose 'bot will reign supreme.

### TRY A SPORT

Want to try a new sport every day? Learn about even more sports as we explore ultimate frisbee, capture the flag, Spikeball, and more, **including black light games!**

### SUPER SCIENTISTS

Explore a variety of scientific disciplines like anatomy, biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental science! Have the opportunity to make slime, chalk, slime worms, use a microscope, and more!



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