



June 1 - 5, 2026
For Students Entering Grades 6 - 12 in the Fall
Columbia Independent School

Hello, Families and Friends,

Columbia Independent School proudly announces the **2026 Summer Enrichment Program!** Our talented and dedicated faculty have designed a diverse range of academic, enrichment, and personal growth courses for students of all ages. Our camp classes are tailored to enhance academic performance while allowing students to explore their interests.

Choose from morning and afternoon sessions during the week of **June 1–5**:

- **Morning session:** 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- **Afternoon session:** 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
- Students may enroll in one or both sessions.

Lunch – Students attending morning and afternoon sessions should bring a sack lunch. They will stay on campus during the lunch hour to eat with friends under staff supervision.

Enroll Now

- Fee per course: \$200
- Fee for both sessions: \$385 per child
- Course fees include all materials.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity—secure your spot today!
Please contact us at douced@cislions.org or ferlingt@cislions.org if you have any questions.

We sincerely hope you can join us!

Respectfully,

Daisy A. Douce
CIS Director of Summer Programs
Columbia Independent School

SIXTH GRADE - MORNING SESSION 8:30 – 11:30

Twist & Spark: Wire Art Studio — Grades 3 - 6

Draw, bend, twist, and shape your imagination into art! In *Twist & Spark: Wire Art Studio*, students will explore the creative world of wire art using wire, beads, and crystals to design one-of-a-kind creations. Campers will learn to use art tools safely while experimenting with shapes, patterns, and simple engineering techniques to create crystal wire trees, colorful suncatchers, and custom jewelry. This playful, hands-on art studio blends creativity with problem-solving and design, giving students the freedom to experiment, relax, and express their personal style—plus take home unique handmade pieces they'll be proud to wear, display, or share. **Imagine. Experiment. Create.**

— Instructor: Ms. Nickerson — Room: 504

Mission: SPY Training Camp! — Grades 4–6

Do you have what it takes to be a spy? We're recruiting students who are ready to solve logic puzzles, analyze maps and geography, crack enemy codes, and—most importantly—show courage and teamwork. At Spy Camp, campers will sharpen their stealth skills, think strategically, and tackle exciting missions that challenge their minds and reward quick thinking, creativity, and collaboration in a fun, action-packed environment. **Courage. Teamwork. Be Stealth.**

— Instructor: Bullard — Room: US124

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TWELFTH GRADE - MORNING SESSION 8:30 – 11:30

Future Bestsellers: The Young Author's Boot Camp — Grades 8 - 12

Every great movie, video game, or comic book started with one writer and a blank page.

Future Bestsellers: The Young Author's Boot Camp is designed for students who are ready to level up their writing and turn ideas into powerful stories; this camp helps you claim that space with confidence. Writers will explore multiple creative forms, including short fiction, microfiction, poetry, graphic novels, and more, while learning how to develop strong ideas, sharpen structure, expand vocabulary, and build the stamina needed for serious creative work. The week moves from inspiration to revision and wraps up with a showcase of student writing and an inside look at the publishing world, from submissions to self-publishing, with optional breakout sessions driven by student interests such as digital storytelling, drawing, or world-building. Whether you already identify as a writer or want to challenge yourself creatively in a low-pressure, supportive environment, this boot camp is about finding your voice—and learning how to use it boldly. **Start with a blank page. End with a story only you could write.** — *Instructor: With Mrs. Amy Floyd — Room: 222*

Wire & Crystals: Advanced Sculptural Art Studio — Grades 7-12

Wire & Crystals is a challenging, skill-focused art camp for students in grades 7–12 who are ready to push their creativity and craftsmanship further. Campers will work with wire, beads, and crystals to design intricate sculptural forms, including complex crystal wire trees, detailed suncatchers, and refined handmade jewelry, while learning advanced techniques such as structural balance, wrapping methods, shaping for stability, and intentional design. Students will use professional tools to plan, build, refine, and troubleshoot their work, emphasizing precision, patience, and artistic decision-making. This studio-style workshop encourages experimentation, problem-solving, and personal style development, and students will leave with polished, high-quality pieces that showcase both technical skill and creative vision.

Visualize. Design. Create. — *Instructor: Mrs. Knight — Room: Art Room: 412*

TWELFTH GRADE - AFTERNOON SESSION 12:30 – 3:30

Center Stage: The Art of Acting —Grades 9-12

Find your voice. Own the stage. Leave an impression! Center Stage: The Art of Acting is an immersive, performance-driven camp designed for high school students ready to move beyond the basics and set themselves apart through strong acting skills and confident stage presence. Throughout the week, students will train in improvisation, stage movement, vocal technique, and character development while learning to analyze scripts and make bold creative choices, then collaborate to develop a short production from the ground up through rehearsals, blocking, and performance preparation, with opportunities to contribute to prop and costume design for a full production experience. The week concludes with a live performance for peers and families, giving students the chance to showcase their growth, creativity, and confidence, making this camp ideal for those interested in theatre, public speaking, creative expression, or anyone looking to stand out through communication, collaboration, and performance. **Find your voice. Own the stage. Leave an impression!**

— *Instructor: Mrs. Dittmer — Room: 220*

Happy Trees Studio: Painting the Bob Ross Way — Grades 7-12

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