



# LIONS ACADEMY

Grades K-5th

June 8 - 18, 2026

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Dear CIS Families,

**The Lions Academy** is an exclusive, full-day, 2-week **CIS Summer Camp** designed for students entering **Kindergarten through 5th grade** in the fall. At **The Lions Academy**, your child will stay engaged with the **CIS reading, writing, and math curriculum**, ensuring continued learning in a familiar, supportive environment, blending academics with engaging activities to make summer both educational and enjoyable!

**Lunch:** There will be a supervised lunch break. Students only need to bring a sack lunch with something to drink.

**Snacks:** Families are encouraged to send a mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack, though this is optional.

**Enroll Now.** The enrollment fee for the entire two-week session at The Lions Academy is \$625.00 and includes all materials. Spots are limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please contact us at [douced@cislions.org](mailto:douced@cislions.org) or [ferlingt@cislions.org](mailto:ferlingt@cislions.org) if you have any questions. We hope that you can join us!

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CIS Director of Summer Programs  
Columbia Independent School

**\*\*Columbia Independent School will be closed on Friday, June 19th, in observance of Juneteenth. Lions Academy will not meet on this day.\*\***

## **Kindergarten - First Grade**

### **Cub Explorers Camp — Grades K–1**

Hiking, camping, and exploring—complete with tents, s'mores, and nature—all inside the classroom! This academically enriching camp transforms our learning space into a campground while supporting the CIS math and literacy curriculum. Students will grow as readers, writers, scientists, and mathematicians through hands-on, themed activities that build foundational skills in a fun and engaging way.

*Instructor: Mrs. Coffindaffer — Room 222*

## **Second - Third Grade**

### **Astronaut Academy — Grades 2–3**

Are you fascinated by outer space, astronauts, and the mysteries of the universe? Have you ever wanted to learn an alien language or calculate how long it would take to reach the Moon? Astronaut Academy is an academically enriching camp based on the CIS math and literacy curriculum, designed to strengthen core skills through an exciting space theme.

Through hands-on activities centered on space and planets, students will build reading, writing, math, and problem-solving skills while exploring the wonders of the cosmos. Get ready for an out-of-this-world learning experience!

*Instructor: Mrs. Hulen — Room 205*

## **Fourth - Fifth Grade**

### **Cosmic Explorers: Astronomy Camp — Grades 4-5**

Blast off into a two-week, full-day astronomy camp for rising 4th and 5th graders who love to think, build, and compete. Cosmic Explorers blends hands-on STEM and STEAM activities with the CIS math and literacy curriculum, keeping students engaged and active throughout the summer. Campers will read about space, analyze charts and data, solve astronomy-based math challenges, and practice clear communication through writing, discussion, and presentations. Literacy skills—reading, writing, and explaining ideas—are built into daily projects in a way that feels natural and fun, not like school. Each day features experiments, design challenges, model-building, and team competitions. Students will work independently and in groups, earning points, testing ideas, and refining strategies as they build confidence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. This camp is energetic, hands-on, and just the right amount of competitive—perfect for curious students who love learning by doing and are ready for a space-themed challenge

*Instructor: Mrs. Qureshi — Room 305*