

# 2026 Summer Programs

## Middle School

### Wonderlandia

**Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Circus Curious, Nottingham, NH**

In Wonderlandia, the ordinary rules don't quite apply. During our week together, we'll dream up curious characters, craft wildly impractical hats, build tiny tea party worlds, and invent strange creatures that may – or may not – belong in Wonderland. We'll explore puppetry, movement, storytelling, and a bit of circus magic – creating flamingos, peculiar props, and ending our week of delightful nonsense with a Mad Tea Party!

### Acting Up

**Monday - Friday, August 10 - 14**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm, UU Meeting House, Portsmouth, NH**

What happens when there's no script? In Acting Up, we'll build a show from the ground up! Using improv, acting techniques, and scene work, we'll create zany characters, invent wild storylines, and run with our best ideas. We'll make bold choices, build scenes from scratch, and shape it all into an original show. And on the final day, we'll take the stage and perform our original show for friends and family.

## Middle & High School

### Museum Lab

**Monday - Friday, July 20 - July 24**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm, AIR HQ, Durham, NH**

Step inside the museum and behind the scenes of how stories are told. In Museum Lab, we'll explore the gardens and galleries at OMAA while learning cyanotype printing and landscape painting from working artists, and experimenting with drawing, painting, and audio recording as you shape your own creative voice. We'll create original multimedia artwork inspired by what we see, hear, and experience – and share it in a final exhibition at the museum this December, where your work will be on view for the public.

\*\*We will meet at AIR HQ each day and travel to the museum together!

## High School

### First Contact

**Monday - Friday, June 22 - 26**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Newmarket Millspace, Newmarket, NH**

First Contact is all about imagining alien civilizations and bringing them to life through art – during our week together, we will design extraterrestrial species, build strange new worlds, and create solar systems, spacecraft, and out-of-this-world movie merch inspired by classic sci-fi.

This program also includes field trips to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center for a full-dome space show and a look at real spacecraft, and the Portsmouth Historical Society to create mysterious, museum-grade alien artifacts.

The week will close with an Intergalactic Expo to share discoveries and creations with friends and family!

### Center Stage

**Monday - Friday, August 3 - 7**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm, UU Meeting House, Portsmouth, NH**

No script. No assigned roles. In this ensemble-based theatre program, we'll devise an original performance using improvisation, movement, writing, and scene work. We'll push ideas, build scenes, and shape raw material into something cohesive – creating bold characters, unexpected moments, and a one-in-a-lifetime show only we can make together. On the final day, we'll take the stage and perform our original show for a live audience of friends and family.

