

# Session 1 Evening Events

## Week 1

### **Sunday, June 28: Magician**

We're kicking off the session with a bang. Join us for an enchanting performance of exciting magic tricks by New England illusionist, Chris Herrick.

### **Monday, June 29: House Pride Opening Ceremony + Pep Rally**

Houses, assemble! Rally behind your House, meet your housemates, and get your first taste of the friendly rivalry that will fuel the rest of the session. Come loud. Come proud.

### **Tuesday, June 30: Choice Night**

An EXPLO classic, reimagined. We're heading to Munger Meadows this summer for a condensed but no-less-fun version of the popular lake night. Fresh air, open space, and the kind of evening that feels like summer distilled into a few hours. With a variety of activities to choose from— play some soccer, start a game of ultimate frisbee, make friendship bracelets, and more— the choice is yours!

### **Wednesday, July 1: ColorFest**

Take part in this beloved EXPLO tradition. Everyone will be given a white t-shirt and groups will share a big bucket of colored water. Once the music starts, run around and splash your friends, RAs, and teachers, dying their shirts as you go. You'll end the night with a stunning tie-dyed souvenir. Then, compete against the EXPLO staff in a series of games and challenges. Who will come out on top?

### **Thursday, July 2: Mad Science Night**

Science doesn't have to live in a classroom, and tonight is proof. Mad Science Night brings the big reactions, the dramatic demos, and the kind of fire-and-ice spectacle that makes you go 'wait, how did they do that?' Equal parts educational and completely mesmerizing.

### **Friday, July 3: Trivia / Bingo / Game Show Night**

Put your knowledge to the test or just get really lucky. Whether it's a lightning-round trivia battle, a suspenseful bingo showdown, or a full-on game show format, this night is all about friendly competition and the very specific thrill of being right when it counts—and earning House points!

### **Saturday, July 4: Fourth of July Block Party**

Celebrate the 250th birthday of the USA with a patriotic party! Think backyard cookout meets music festival meets summer night magic. Lawn games, a playlist that hits just right, and glowsticks for everyone.

## Week 2

### **Sunday, July 5: Movie Night + Board Games**

A laid-back night to recharge, connect, and eat way too much popcorn. Students can settle in for the movie or gather around a board game, and either way, the popcorn bar is the real star of the evening.

### **Monday, July 6: Carnival Night**

Snack on a sweet treat, win games to earn House points, and maybe even try your hand at our infamous dunk tank. Not to mention other carnival games and bounce houses that will decorate the quad, waiting for you to come have a blast!

### **Tuesday, July 7: Talent Show**

The stage is open and the bar is high. Students bring their best — singers, dancers, comedians, the occasional unexpected act that nobody saw coming. The talent show is always one of the most memorable nights of the session, and this year will be no different.

### **Wednesday, July 8: DIY Workshop Night**

A night to make something with your hands. Students rotate through creative stations — painting, candle making, and tote bag design — and leave with finished projects they actually want to keep.

### **Thursday, July 9: Showcase Night**

Showcase Night is EXPLO Middle School's celebration of student creativity and performance. Students walk the red carpet, explore a live gallery and photo experience, and gather in Jewett Auditorium for performances and short films. Designed to feel like a true opening night, the evening brings the whole community together to celebrate the arts.

### **Friday, July 10: Final Party + 70's Disco Dance**

The session goes out with a bang. The final party is a proper send-off, a celebration of everything that happened over the past two weeks, the friendships made, the memories logged, and the summer that still has more to give. With this year being our 50th summer, we're throwing it back to the 70's with a disco dance party! Dress up in your grooviest outfit and get ready to boogie.

# Session 2 Evening Events

## Week 3

### **Sunday, July 12: DJ Dance Party**

Session 2 opens on the dance floor. A DJ sets the tone for the weeks ahead with a set that gets everyone moving, mixing, and meeting each other in the way only a good night of music can. First impressions are made here.

### **Monday, July 13: House Pride Opening Ceremony + Pep Rally**

Houses, assemble. The opening ceremony is part tradition, part competition warm-up, and entirely electric. Students rally behind their houses, meet their housemates, and get their first taste of the friendly rivalry that will fuel the rest of the session. Come loud. Come proud.

### **Tuesday, July 14: EXPLOLympics**

Houses go head-to-head in a series of relay races that are as silly as they are competitive. Held at Munger Meadows this year, the Olympics are a highlight of the session: fast, fun, and full of the kind of team energy that bonds people for the rest of the summer. Lace up. It's time to earn some House points.

### **Wednesday, July 15: ColorFest**

Take part in this beloved EXPLO tradition. Everyone will be given a white t-shirt and groups will share a big bucket of colored water. Once the music starts, run around and splash your friends, RAs, and teachers, dying their shirts as you go. You'll end the night with a stunning tie-dyed souvenir. Then, compete against the EXPLO staff in a series of games and challenges. Who will come out on top?

### **Thursday, July 16: Engineering Challenges**

Part puzzle, part build-off, part bragging rights. Teams face engineering challenges that reward creativity and collaboration — not just whoever paid the most attention in physics. Expect some impressive solutions and at least a few spectacular failures. Both are equally entertaining.

### **Friday, July 17: Halloween in July Block Party**

Halloween in July, because why wait? Dress up, compete for costume glory, brave the haunted house, and paint pumpkins — all in the middle of summer.

### **Saturday, July 18: Trivia / Bingo / Game Show Night**

Put your knowledge to the test or just get really lucky. Whether it's a lightning-round trivia battle, a suspenseful bingo showdown, or a full-on game show format, this night is all about friendly competition and the very specific thrill of being right when it counts—and earning House points!

## Week 4

### **Sunday, July 19: Movie Night + Board Games**

A laid-back night to recharge, connect, and eat way too much popcorn. Students can settle in for the movie or gather around a board game, and either way, the popcorn bar is the real star of the evening.

### **Monday, July 20: Carnival Night**

Snack on a sweet treat, win games to earn House points, and maybe even try your hand at our infamous dunk tank. Not to mention other carnival games and bounce houses that will decorate the quad, waiting for you to come have a blast!

### **Tuesday, July 21: Talent Show**

See your friends perform talents you never imagined they had. This is your chance to sing, dance, do magic tricks, comedy, or show off any other talent!

### **Wednesday, July 22: Wellness Night**

A night to slow down and breathe. Yoga, journaling, and chill music come together for an evening that's genuinely restorative — a reminder that the best summers balance the loud nights with the quiet ones. Come as you are. Leave feeling a little lighter. (Alternate option: Karaoke + Dance Battle Night, for those who recharge in a different way.)

### **Thursday, July 23: Showcase Night**

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### **Friday, July 24: Final Party + 70's Disco Dance**

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