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EXPLO Middle School

Summer 2026

Experience the world to find your spark

It's hard to find your spark and grow it into a passion without trying new things. But how much choice do you really get in your regular life? At EXPLO, you get to custom-build your summer fun, from creative workshops to evening events, weekend trips, and more.

We know the middle school years are a time of discovery. That's why we make the most of it in this unique, immersive, two-week summer program built specifically for 12-14 year-olds. Here, you'll explore the world of people, ideas, and places, and how you fit into all of it. Try fashion design. Engineering. Comedy. Medicine. Go on a Boston Duck Tour, white water rafting, or just scarf s'mores around a bonfire.

And you'll do it all with other clever and curious new friends from across the globe, forming strong connections through shared experiences in a place where you can be yourself—and experiment with who you want to become.

Being open to new experiences and choices now gets you closer to finding your spark. And that prepares you for all the important discoveries and decisions in your future—in high school and beyond. With the inspiration, confidence, and community you gain here, these next steps become exciting instead of overwhelming.



**Be quirky.
Be creative.
Be serious
or silly.
Be you!**

See What It's Like

What have you always wanted to try but never had a chance to? What questions have you held back from asking? What lights you up just thinking about it? Custom-build your summer fun, experience the world, and find your spark in these EXPLO programs.

EXPLO 360°

Try Everything

EXPLO 360° is all about choices. Explore topics you love and things you never thought you'd try in courses led by experienced teachers and practitioners.

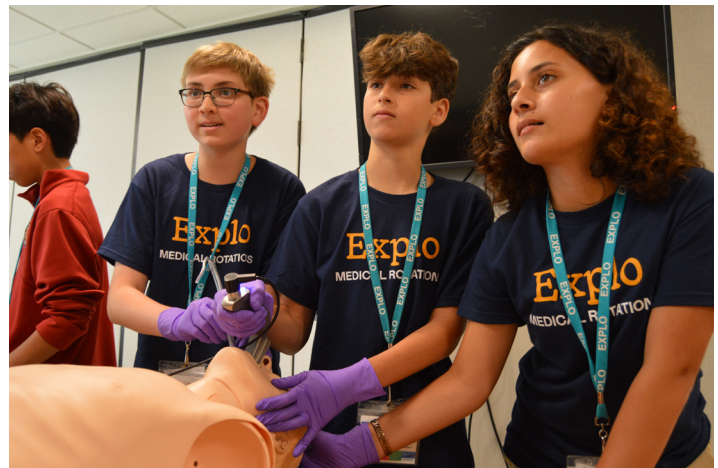
Pick any two workshops and any two electives from more than 40 choices to personalize your program. You're in control in EXPLO 360°—create an all-engineering schedule or mix it up and combine business and art, or medicine and humanities. Build your own custom EXPLO experience from the workshops and electives on page 7.



Medical Rotations*

Step Into the Life of a Doctor

Place an IV or a breathing tube. Suture an incision or interpret a CT scan. Find the missing piece to a health puzzle that saves a life. See whether healthcare and medicine spark your curiosity—or maybe a lifelong passion. You'll explore new ideas and careers with experienced medical professionals from renowned Boston-area medical institutions like Brigham + Women's Hospital, Boston Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, and more.



Veterinary Science*

Discover the Keys to the Animal Kingdom

Travel from the farm to the zoo as you learn about animal medicine. Read a golden retriever's x-ray images. Give a horse a dental inspection. Learn animal first aid techniques that could save your own pet's life. Work with real animals and models guided by professional vets and technicians, and go behind the scenes at Boston-area wildlife centers, animal clinics, zoos, and rehab centers as you learn about animal care and career paths you may not have known even existed.



* For rising grades 8 + 9 only

At EXPLO, your class choices are just the beginning. You decide how to spend your free time too, whether it's a rotating selection of activities during the afternoon or special evening events on campus. It can be as simple as making friendship bracelets to trade or joining a D+D campaign, as epic as a weekend trip to Six Flags or a Red Sox game, or just hanging out with friends by the lake or strolling into Wellesley Square for ice cream. Just a few of the possibilities out there:



Weekday On-Campus Action

- Learn hip-hop dance
- Dig into strategy games
- Catch an outdoor movie night
- Sink three-pointers in pickup basketball
- Master all the games at Carnival Night

Weekend Off-Campus Adventure

- Catch some rays at the beach
- Get soaked at a water park
- Explore Boston's Museum of Science
- Embark on a rafting trip
- Taste-test Boston's famous eateries on a foodie tour

Day-to-Day or 24/7?

Experience EXPLO as an overnight student! Bunk with us in Wellesley's residence halls for a peek at college life, hanging out with your roommate and living group in the evenings and grabbing your meals in the dining hall. And you'll have your friendly EXPLO Resident Advisors there at all times to help or just hang out.

Or come join us during the day as a day student for the same workshops, electives, and free-time choices as overnight students, until 5:30 PM. Stay late for an additional fee and experience dinner and evening activities until 8:30 PM.

You Belong Here

You need to feel safe, comfortable, and free to be yourself—even if you're not sure who that is yet—in order to find your spark. That's why our smart, sensitive, and highly trained staff are dedicated to the social and emotional support of middle school kids at this exhilarating (sometimes a little chaotic!) stage of life. With an industry-leading student-to-staff ratio, we're always there for you, from residence hall living groups to the dining halls to the quad to free-time activities.

The Perfect Setting

Our welcoming (and stunning) campus at Wellesley College is an ideal location. You'll love exploring and discovering this historic, naturally beautiful landscape, just as you'll explore your own life and discover what lights a spark in you. Get a feel for a collegiate future in Wellesley's residence halls, dining halls, classrooms, studios, lounges, and athletic facilities. And get a taste of independence too, on walks into Wellesley Square with your friends to explore even more in its shops and restaurants. (It's also a great opportunity to see if boarding school might be for you.)



Be Judgment-Free. Be Limitless. Be EXPLO.

There's a reason our programs are dedicated to tweens and teens age 12-14 (rising grades 7-9). You're realizing all the ways you might be different, but school might not have all of the opportunities to explore and embrace those differences.

That's why we're here. EXPLO has a history of helping young people find their spark. Founded in 1976 as a nonprofit startup out of MIT, EXPLO has brought together over 90,000 students from 101 countries. Our alumni go on to do big things—they found startups like Instagram and nonprofits for climate resilience and youth empowerment, win Grammy and Tony awards, become influential NASA scientists, and more.

When you get to try more, be more, and connect more, you feel different. You ARE different. More energized. More inspired. More motivated. More you.



EXPLO 360° Workshops + Electives

Mix and match to create your dream schedule. Stick to a favorite category, or branch out and try a little bit of everything! Pick two workshops and two electives from ANY of the categories below.

Business, Math + Economics

WORKSHOPS

- Business + Investments
- Entrepreneurship
- Marketing + Advertising
- Game Theory
- The Art of Persuasion: Psychology Meets Negotiation

ELECTIVES

- Business Negotiations
- Probability in Poker
- Public Speaking
- Codebreaking + Deductive Reasoning
- Cryptography

Law, Humanities + World Affairs

WORKSHOPS

- Creative Writing
- International Law + Diplomacy
- Government Simulation

ELECTIVES

- Leadership Development
- Parliamentary Debate
- Murder Mystery
- Broadcast Journalism: Making Content

Visual, Performing + Culinary Arts

WORKSHOPS

- Studio Art
- Comedy: Improv + Beyond
- Graphic Novel
- Gastronomy: Art + Science of Cooking
- World Cooking

ELECTIVES

- Jewelry Design
- A cappella!
- Graffiti Art
- Painting
- Fashion Illustration
- Pastry Baking
- Candy Cooking
- Campside Cooking

Focusing In

While EXPLO 360° program students rotate through their daily schedules of workshops and electives, Medical Rotations and Veterinary Science Focus students dive deep into their subject matter and activities in every period, every day (with time for everyone to enjoy activities and free time, of course!).

Engineering, Technology + Design

WORKSHOPS

- Engineering in Action
- Strategy Game Design
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Architecture

Science, Psychology + Medicine

WORKSHOPS

- Personality + Behavioral Psychology
- Forensic Science
- Medicine: First Aid + Clinical Skills
- Psychopathology
- Brain Hackers: Decoding the Mind

ELECTIVES

- Emergency Medicine
- Wilderness Survival
- Social Psychology

Athletics, Hobbies + Recreation

ELECTIVES

- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Cardio Kickboxing + Self-Defense
- Flag Football
- Basketball
- Dungeons + Dragons

Let's Make It Happen

Ready to join us for summer 2026?



Tuition + Fees

Overnight

Tuition Fee: \$6,295 /session

Damage Deposit: \$150

Trips + Sundries: \$350

Day

Tuition Fee: \$4,045 /session

Damage Deposit: \$150

Sundries: \$150

\$400 Medical Rotations supplement

\$400 Veterinary Science supplement

Additional fees are based on individual student circumstances and student choice while at the program.

Discounts

EXPLO offers discounts for multiple sessions and for alumni students. Contact summer@explo.org for details.

Financial Aid

EXPLO is committed to providing grants to as many qualified students as possible. Contact financialaid@explo.org to learn more about payment and financial aid options.

Join us for one (or both!) of our two-week sessions.

Session 1:

Overnight: June 28 - July 11

Day: June 29 - July 10

Session 2:

Overnight: July 12 - July 25

Day: July 13 - July 24

We can't wait to welcome you to campus! Apply today or contact our admissions team for more information.



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