



FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL

Summer Session



SUMMER SESSION

ABOUT FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL

Located on an 1,100-acre Prairie oasis at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, Fountain Valley School (FVS) is a leading independent school, ranked the #1 Best Boarding High School in Colorado by niche.com. Throughout its nearly 100-year history, FVS has provided opportunities for students to flourish in the arts, academics, and athletics. Complete with welcoming classrooms, a beautiful Art Barn, world-class athletic facilities, and over 12 miles of hiking and biking trails, as well as easy access to Colorado Springs and Denver, FVS provides the perfect summertime environment for students to learn and grow in the great American West!



Frequently Asked Questions

Who can attend?

FVS Summer Session is open to students of all genders, ages 11 to 16.

What types of programs are available?

FVS is pleased to offer two- and four-week Academic and Recreational Summer Sessions with both Boarding and Day options.

Where is FVS located?

Just 10 minutes from Colorado Springs Airport and 1.5 hours from Denver International Airport, our campus is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, which is ranked among the *U.S. News'* top 10 Best Places to Live.

What is the average class size?

Six students per class, with an average 3:1 student to faculty ratio.

How many students attend each session?

FVS Summer Session has the capacity to accommodate 60 students per session.

Why FVS Summer Session?

Small classes, individualized instruction, outstanding facilities, tons of sports and activities, fun, and adventure. Why not?!

FVS SUMMER SESSION OVERVIEW

FVS Summer Session students meet challenges, make friends, and develop personal responsibility through the ultimate fusion of academic enrichment and summertime fun. Our innovative approach engages curious minds in interactive learning through a perfect balance of hands-on academic and enrichment classes, traditional summer camp activities, and outdoor adventures unique to Colorado.



FVS SUMMER SESSION BY THE NUMBERS



COURSES

Fountain Valley School Summer Session offers a wide variety of academic courses designed to put students ahead of the curve in the upcoming academic year. Classes meet students' needs and interests, provide enrichment, reinforcement, and secondary school preparation, and offer opportunities for self-expression and individual creativity.

SAMPLE COURSE OFFERINGS

INTRODUCTION TO CERAMICS

Using hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques, develop an understanding of working with clay from designing and building through glazing and firing in our open studio.

THEATER STORIES

Learn the fundamentals of acting - such as character development, voice, and staging - culminating in a live performance for our Summer Session audience. No previous experience necessary.

DRAWING FUNDAMENTALS

Develop and expand skills in line drawing, shading, and composition. Experienced and emerging artists explore different mediums and apply their skills to still life, portraits, and nature drawings.

PAINTING EXPERIENTIAL

Experiment with tempura, watercolor, acrylic and homemade pigments on various surfaces. Color theory and texture work are explored in the studio and en plein air.

YOUNG READER'S WORKSHOP 1

Strengthen reading comprehension and vocabulary through learning and practicing active reading. Understanding is cemented with class discussion and written reflections.

YOUNG WRITER'S WORKSHOP 1

Practice crafting paragraphs that inform, persuade, and explain. Learn prewriting tactics for organizing work, with a focus on clarity and writing mechanics.

CREATIVE WRITING

Advanced writers plumb their imaginations to create fully developed pieces with the benefit of frequent peer review and revision. Students focus on exposition, theme, and characterization.

SSAT PREP

Partake in intensive, focused preparation for the verbal and math sections of the SSAT, including taking timed tests in a real-life test center.

APPLICATION ESSAYS AND INTERVIEW SKILLS

Students applying to secondary schools benefit from learning to write dynamic admission essays, advocate for themselves throughout the application process, and confidently interview for admissions as well as for summer jobs and internships.

STATS, STAT

Learn techniques for analyzing interesting data sets and applying the laws of probability to real-life situations.

ALGEBRA 1 EXTENSION

Practice factoring and multiplying polynomials, and apply these skills toward the exploration of quadratic functions. Solve and graph quadratics using multiple methods.

FORENSICS

Examine and document simulated crime scenes, learning how to collect and analyze evidence. Link suspects to crime scenes through fingerprinting, blood typing, DNA analysis, and good old-fashioned detective work!

ROBOTICS

A hands-on introduction to the construction and programming of autonomous robots, this course challenges students to design, build, and program a functioning robot.

HORTICULTURE

Learn the magical science of soil and plants. What secret chemical combinations keep plants thriving? How do plants grow and interact with their environments?

INTRODUCTION TO CODING

Learn about the exciting world of computer languages and apply knowledge to creating games, webpages and other applications.

SPANISH 1

Immerse in functional Spanish emphasizing conversation and fun. Listening, speaking, reading and writing are introduced with an emphasis on Puerto Rican culture.

ESL 2

Hone English speaking, reading, and writing skills through differentiated instruction focusing on American secondary school expectations.

PRE-ALGEBRA

Learn or review pre-Algebra topics such as integers and fractions, square roots, linear equations, and solving for variables.

GLOBAL ISSUES AND CURRENT EVENTS

Practice research skills, source analysis, and active reading on current global events and use the information to participate in lively Socratic discussions.



AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES, EVENING EVENTS & WEEKEND EXCURSIONS

Boarding and day students choose from a diverse array of afternoon activities and enjoy special evening events and programming throughout the week. Meanwhile, weekends are devoted to experiencing adventure in the great American West through full-day, off-campus excursions.

Examples of activities and events include:



AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Tennis
Lacrosse
Soccer
Swimming
Strength and Conditioning
Lifeguarding
Yoga
Horsemanship
Mountain Biking
Basketball
Indoor Climbing
Volleyball
Arts and Crafts



EVENING PROGRAMMING

Old Colorado City Shopping Trip
Manitou Springs Penny Arcade
Trampoline Park Adventure
May Museum of Natural History
All-School Dance
Outdoor Movie Night
All-Dorm Competitions



WEEKEND EXCURSIONS

Garden of the Gods Park
Ziplining over Royal Gorge
White Water Rafting
Pikes Peak Cog Railway
Cave of the Winds
Denver: Meow Wolf and Colorado Rockies Game
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
Pioneers Museum
Manitou Cliff Dwellings
Mountain Campus Retreat to Buena Vista, CO

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Fountain Valley School's unique adobe-style dormitories, built for small groups of 16 to 20 students each, are nestled in peaceful pockets around the Campus Center. Summer Session students will enjoy forming close-knit friendships with their roommate and with their residential community. Every dorm has a beautiful common room for students to relax and spend time with friends after classes and activities. Faculty members are in residence, guiding their dorm family in daily residential life. All on-campus meals take place in FVS's modern Dining Hall offering sweeping views of Pikes Peak. FVS prioritizes community safety with end-to-end digital security and 24-hour campus patrol.



SAMPLE SCHEDULE

8-8:40am	Breakfast
9-9:50am	Block 1: Algebra 2
10-10:50am	Block 2: Environmental Ecology
11-11:50am	Block 3: Printmaking
12-12:40pm	Lunch
1-1:50pm	Block 4: Mandarin 1
2-3pm	Rest & Recharge (Summer reading)
3-4pm	Activity Block 1: Yoga
4:30-5:30pm	Activity Block 2: Horsemanship
6-6:30pm	Dinner
6:30-7:30pm	Free Time
7:30-9 pm	All School Activity: AirCity 360 Trampoline Park
9:30-10:30pm	Free Time in Dorms
10:30pm	Lights Out

MEET THE SUMMER SESSION TEAM



Matt Rinkin has been directing summer programs for over a decade. He is a frequent contributor to industry publications and conferences, sought out for his programming and administrative expertise. His passion for summer programs stems from his early start as an elementary school teacher and athletic coach. Raised in Australia, he brings a unique perspective of fun and adventure to FVS Summer Session.



Devon Rinkin has five years of prior experience working with Cardigan Summer Session, including developing their Student Leadership Program. She loves working with Summer Session families, and seeing the incredible growth in students as they leave campus each year.

Devon and Matt live with their children and pets at FVS, where they are year-round dorm parents.



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