

**Russell Farm Supervisor BPAC Report  
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**Summer Camps Programs and Activities:**

**June 2023:**

**Program name: Brick summer camp field trip experience, 150 participants**

Program date: June 6

Program recap: Campers experienced various hands-on stations relating to nature, history, and agriculture. 150 campers attended the field

**Program name: Teen cooking camp, 15 participants**

Program date: June 6-9

Program recap: Students learned how to cook dishes from Asia, India, Mexico, and Italy.

**Program name: Fun on the farm camp, 41 participants**

Program date: June 7-9 (ages 8-12), June 20-21 (ages 4-5), and June 22-23 (ages 6-7)

Program recap: This camp offered camper's hands on experience with farm animals, making butter and jam, guided nature hike with plant identification, hay ride, tour of community gardens and vineyard.

**Program name: Teen camp, 14 participants**

Program date: June 14-16

Program recap: Participants created bird house art from license plates, performed outdoor cooking, and learned survival techniques. This camp was taught by Burleson Police school resource officers.

**Program name: Campfire of Fort Worth field trip experience, 170 participants**

Program date: June 21 – 23

Program recap: The Campfire of Fort Worth brought three campuses over a three day period for a field trip experience at Russell Farm Art Center. Five stations were set up. Stations included a hay ride to the nature trails with a guided tour of plant identification, tour of each historic facility, a community garden visit where participants identified and sampled vegetables right off the vine, and lastly an animal care demonstration with our Farm donkeys. The teachers said that this was the most enjoyable educational field trip they had been on and asked if they could return next year.

**July 2023:**

**Program name: Kids Bread and Jam, 11 participants**

Program date: July 6 (ages 8-12)

Program recap: Students made homemade refrigerator dough and strawberry jam. This class taught the canning process and basic cooking skills in bread making.

**Program name: Teen Pickling class, 12 participants**

Program date: July 7 (ages 11-18)

Program recap: Students made dill pickles and learned the canning process. Basic cooking skills were also taught. These skills included measuring, cutting and slicing cucumbers.

**Program name: Science Camp, 23 participants**

Program date: July 11– 14 (ages 5-13)

Program recap: This camp offered students a chance to explore all things with STEAM education Science, Technology, Engineering, Scientific Arts, and Math.

**Program name: Art Camp, 30 participants**

Program date: July 18 – 21; July 25 – 28 (ages 3-7)

Program recap: Students painted on wood, canvas, art related to nature wood, yarn.

**Program name: Kids Bread and Jam, 10 participants**

**Program date:** July 20 (ages 8-12)

**Program recap:** Students made homemade refrigerator dough and strawberry jam. This class taught the canning process and basic cooking skills in bread making.

**Program name:** Watermelon Day (July is Parks and Recreation Month), 150 estimated attendance

**Program date:** July 28

**Program recap:** We offered our families the opportunity to come cool off in our climate-controlled building and enjoy free watermelon. In addition, we had arts and crafts table set up with activities. The donkeys were brought out to visit our guests. Lastly, water sprinklers were available outside as another way for children to cool off.

**August 2023**

**Program name: Art Camp, 28 participants**

Program date: August 1-4 (ages 2-7)

Program recap: This camp covered various art activities. Several make and take projects were created and enjoyed!