

Program Newsletter | August 2025

URBAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SUMMER SCHOOL

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Afterschool Program registration is officially open! We provide support for students and families, including:

- Homework assistance
- Guidance through the selective enrollment process
- Three full days of childcare on non-CPS attendance days
- Full childcare coverage during the five-day spring break
- Individual laptops for students
- Nutritious snacks provided daily
- CCAP accepted

Refer a Family – Receive a Gift!

Know someone who would love our program? Refer a family, and as a thank you, you'll receive a special gift!



WCAC VOLUNTEERS

Wheaton Christian Alliance Church, a dedicated partner for the past four years, joined us for a week to teach Bible lessons, prepare lunch, and support both facility and classroom needs. It's always a joy to host their team and witness their heart for service in action.



CHECK OUT OUR INSTAGRAM FEED!

Don't miss a moment—our latest Instagram Reels are now featured right on the homepage of our website! Visit the site to stay updated and see what's happening in real time.

HOW YOU CAN STAY UPDATED:

- Remind App (using your phone number, you can sign up for messages)
- Social Media (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram): Follow us at UCACHicago
- Our Website: ucachicago.org

SUMMER EVENTS

KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

This summer, our students enjoyed a wide variety of fun and educational field trips! They beat the heat at Armour Square Water Play and had a blast at the splash pad. Students explored nature and wildlife at the Trailside Museum and discovered fascinating facts about insects during Insect Fest. Other exciting activities included a lively WCAC-hosted carnival, a fun-filled movie day, and an upcoming end-of-summer picnic to wrap up a fantastic summer.



6TH - 8TH GRADE

Our students enjoyed a variety of exciting field trips this summer—with the beach being a clear favorite! Ms. Hannah shared that students loved swimming, playing sports, digging in the sand, and proudly showing off treasures like rocks and gems they discovered. Sixth grader Steven exclaimed, "I love getting buried by my teammates in the sand!" Beyond the beach, students also explored the Trailside Museum, went bowling at Lawn Bowl, enjoyed a sweet ice cream party, and had a blast at our on-site carnival. They're now looking forward to a fun-filled picnic to wrap up an unforgettable summer.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS

They start the day with a variety of tasks. Each morning, our high school interns help distribute breakfast, escort students to their classrooms, and offer support as needed. Afterward, they assist with grading papers, making copies, and helping maintain a clean, organized learning environment. In the afternoon, interns support students with classwork, lead park outings, and engage in meaningful conversations about life beyond school. Each day provides valuable opportunities to grow in communication, leadership, and decision-making. Our interns are grateful to serve alongside supportive, God-loving mentors while building real, lasting connections with the students.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: REX

Rex, a former UCA student turned youth staff member, brought strong organizational skills and a deep appreciation for communication to his classroom this summer. Having been tutored by several of his current coworkers as a child, Rex enjoyed reconnecting with them—this time as colleagues and friends. He appreciated the fun activities and loved seeing students fully engaged, all while growing in patience, communication, and his ability to navigate challenging situations with younger teens. He bonded with both coworkers and students, especially those from his church youth group, gaining new insight into their personalities and interests in a school setting.



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