

# Hillcrest Summer Camp 2022



Hello Parents and Children,

Each week we will have fun learning themes based around Disney movies, where laughter is timeless, imagination has no age and dreams are forever. A little bit of magic will be added to your summer. Activities included each week will be sensory activities, fun outdoor physical time, arts and crafts, different exciting baking opportunities and even some adventures on trips along the way.

**Please note: Trip schedule and prices are TBC and are subject to change.**

As an added extra the children will have an opportunity take home a Mickey or Minnie mouse soft toy each week and you can send through some pictures on the family app of your child with them. At the end of the summer, we will have circle time to share stories of the fun we had with the soft toys with the rest of the group.

Read on and see for yourself what magic waits here at Hillcrest with myself Jordan and of course my trusty sidekick Courtney!

**Introduction day (1st July) A Day to get to know our newly formed Summer Camp friends. The children will help create our Summer Camp rules and find out all that's planned for the weeks ahead. Garden games will also be available and an opportunity to paint a picture of your favorite Disney character.**

**Week 1 (4th-8th July) The Jungle book- Pasta craft snakes, jungle binoculars, real jungle creatures, jungle slime, stamper pictures, musical instruments, banana monkey muffins and a scientific water experiment.**

**Week 2 (11th-15th July) Frozen (Forest school)- Jewellery making, ice-lollies, hanging snowflakes, clay trolls, ice-cube rescue and crown making.**

**Week 3 (18th-22nd July)- Wall-E- Junk art robots, lego and magnetic shapes, fruit pizza, sugar paper build a robot, playdough, musical statues, treasure hunt and paper plate robot masks.**

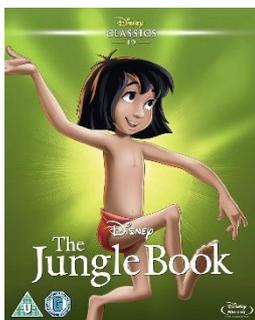
**Week 4 (25th-29th July)- The little mermaid- Shell painting, yoga, soapy sea foam, rainbow fish, chocolate masterclass, dot painted crabs, pasta shell necklaces and bubble disco party.**

**Week 5 (1st-5th Aug)- The Incredibles- Superhero cuffs, face painting, design an everyday superhero, clothes peg puppets, cape making, superhero moves, energy bars, dress up and hide and seek.**

**Week 6 (8th-12th Aug)- Home on the range- Milking cows, paper plate animals, homemade ice-cream, pin the tail on the donkey, junk art tractors, messy mud playdough, handprint chickens and sheep shearing.**

**Week 7 (15th-19th Aug)- Peter Pan- Den building, fairy dust jars, treasure maps, treasure hunt, fruit swords, fairy soup, kite making, captain hooks hook and giant pirate snakes and ladders.**

**Week 8 (22nd-26th Aug)- The lion king- Grub slime, foot/fingerprint lions, grub brownies, paper plate masks, yellow playdough, obstacle course, circle time and end of summer party.**



## **Week 1-(4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July)- The Jungle Book**

**Monday AM-** Buckle up your seat belts, we are off on an adventure to **Belvoir Forest Park**. Keep your eyes peeled as we creep through the jungle, who knows what animals are hidden behind the bushes. Don't forget to collect some natural materials for forest school next week.

**Monday PM-** Did anyone else hear those sneaky snakes hiding in the trees this morning? Join us as we make our own craft jungle pasta snakes. Be careful not to let them slither pasta (past you)!

**Tuesday AM-** Ok campers, we are off on our very own Hillcrest summer camp safari. Keep on the lookout for anything wild as we swing, climb and slide or way through **Funtastics**!

**Tuesday PM-** No jungle explorer is complete without one very important gadget! Let's make our own jungle binoculars to help us stay alert to any jungle surprises. Don't get eaten by a scary tiger!

**Wednesday AM-** Be sure to put on your extra brave pants on this morning as we will get the chance to see and touch some real jungle creatures. Our friends at the **Amazon Jungle** will make a special visit to Hillcrest summer camp. You won't want to miss it!

**Wednesday PM-** Did anyone else feel something sticky and wet from any jungle creatures this morning? How about we make our own jungle slime. Roll up your sleeves, it's going to get messy!

**Thursday AM-** Get your creative brains switched on. This morning we will be putting our imaginations to the test creating our own jungle scenes using paint and a selection of stampers.

**Thursday PM-** Right explorers, what's the weather like in the jungle rainforest? Did anyone say rain? For one day only, let's make it rain as we make our own jungle themed musical instrument rain sticks. Which animal will you choose to make?

**Friday AM-** Who thinks monkeys get all the fun, swinging through trees all day eating bananas. Summer campers deserve a little treat to after their hard work exploring through the jungle. It's time to bake banana monkey muffins to take home. A tasty end to a busy first week!

**Friday PM-** Why not finish the week off with a super cool science experiment. We will all get a chance to draw our favorite jungle animals using a white board marker and a plate. Watch them come to life as water is added. That's the magic of Disney, you will not believe your eyes!

**Outdoor activities-** Explore Hillcrest Forest, using our home made binoculars look for animal foot prints and listen out for animal sounds.



## **Week 2 (11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July)- Frozen (Forest School)**

**NO TRIPS THIS WEEK DUE TO CLOSURES. (CHERRYVALE PARK WEATHER PENDING)**

**Monday AM-** Get those natural materials we collected last week ready. We are going to transform them into new pieces of jewellery fit for a prince or princess. This morning we will be making our very own bracelets or necklaces. We will also try out the Japanese art of leaf bashing (Hape Zome) to create some fabulous bunting for our forest area.

**Monday PM-** Now to add a little frozen magic and sparkle to the forest. We will be using recycled lollipop sticks, paint and a selection of glitter to create hanging snowflakes to decorate Hillcrests Forest branches.

**Tuesday- HILLCREST CLOSED**

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**Thursday AM-** It's time to let it go and get those sleeves rolled up and get messy! We will hunt in the forest in search of clay to create our own rock like trolls. These won't be just any trolls, with a little Hillcrest magic these trolls will help to take away any worries or stresses you may have!

**Thursday PM-** Frozen sensory activity- This afternoon is sure to get chilly as we turn water into ice and create snow in front of our very eyes! Quick Elsa has accidentally turned all the people of Hillcrest into ice-cubes. Can you use the shovels to chip away the ice to rescue them in time before it's too late?

**Friday AM-** Lets make our own frozen fruit ice lollies as a special reward for saving all the people of Hillcrest!

**Friday PM-** Its coronation day! Let's make a crown made of jewels and let the ceremony begin! The princes/princesses of Hillcrest summer camp lived happily ever after!

**Outside activities-** We will be taking the inside out as we experience a week of muddy fun, getting back to with nature in Hillcrest Forest school. Make sure you prepare for all weathers!



### Week 3 (18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July)- Wall-E

**Monday AM-** Ok summer campers, make sure your batteries are fully charged, as we will be spending the morning in **W5** discovering and learning all in the name of science.

**Monday PM-** Calling all inventors, it's time for some junk art fun. Can we all work together to create our very own life size robot? As a group we will also be giving it a cool name.

**Tuesday AM-** We will be taking an adventure over to the **Ulster Museum** where we will explore old treasures, on the search for robots.

**Tuesday PM-** This afternoon, we will take the lego and magnetic shapes out to the garden. Steady hands at the ready as we make some fabulous models.

**Wednesday AM-** Ready, steady, go. It's time to get our bake on. Healthy fruit pizza is on the menu this morning. We will be investigating different shapes and different electronics by using the cooker for baking the pizza dough and the fridge for keeping the fruit cold.

**Wednesday PM-** 'Build a Robot' sugar paper craft. Jordan and Courtney will have different shapes cut out and your job for this afternoon will be to use these shapes to construct your own robot and watch it come to life on your page.

**Thursday AM-** Lets make some playdough and enjoy some relaxing sensory time. Create different shapes with your own fair hands. Are you up for a trickier challenge? Can you piece the shapes together to make a robot without it falling apart?

**Thursday PM-** This afternoon's activity requires you to show good listening ears, balance and keeping your body still. We will get out the Cd player and our special Disney music for a group game of musical statues. Just be very careful not to move when the music stops. It will be impossible not to sing along!

**Friday AM-** Shovels and magnifying glasses at the ready, there's treasures to be found in the sand pit. Join us on the hunt for scrap materials in our very own Hillcrest treasure hunt.

**Friday PM-** Paper plate robot masks. We will be gluing and sticking a selection of craft materials to create our own robot masks. Add string to the back to help us transform ourselves into real life robots.

**Outdoor activities-** Group games will also be on offer throughout the week in the garden.



#### **Week 4 (25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July)- The little mermaid**

**Monday AM-** Is there anything better than getting sand between your toes? We are off to collect some seashells from **Sea Park beach**. And of course, there will be time to have a play in the park. Who is up for having a fantastic time?

**Monday PM-** It's time to dust off any extra sand from the seashells as we will be getting creative with paint. What design will you choose to paint on your seashell?

**Tuesday AM-** Ariel is a mermaid with a dream of becoming a human with legs. Let's put our legs to good use in **Orangefield Park**. We will have a picnic on the land!

**Tuesday PM-** After all that running in the park, why not join us for some chilled yoga time with some relaxing crashing wave music.

**Wednesday AM-** Soapy Sea foam sensory play- Roll up your sleeves and explore the textures and the sounds of what lies under the sea. We will add seashells, pebbles and small world fish.

**Wednesday PM-** This afternoon, we will be swapping our boring paintbrushes for sticks of celery to make our own celery stamp rainbow fish. How about some glitter for added shine?

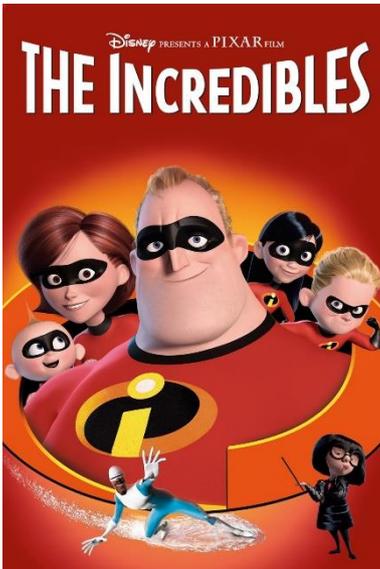
**Thursday AM-** Summer campers, have you ever created your own chocolate pieces before? Did you say no? Well wait no longer, in today's chocolate masterclass we will be making our own sparkling chocolate mermaid tails. How exciting!

**Thursday PM-** Dot paint crab craft (Sebastian)- For this activity we will need to use our fingertips but be careful not to get your fingers nipped as you add pipe cleaner pincers!

**Friday AM-** Pasta shell necklaces- Ariel loved her jewellery! Let's make a necklace and gift it to a loved one to wear at home.

**Friday PM-** What better way to end the week than with a bubble disco party! Feel free to wear something sparkly or shiny on this day to add to the illusion. A bottle of bubbles will be included for everyone. You'll be sure to be the top princess and prince of the ocean!

**Outdoor activities-** We will keep nice and cool with plenty of outdoor waterplay throughout the week.



### **Week 5 (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Aug)- The Incredibles**

**Monday AM-** Sit back and relax, the super pets are on the case. We are off to watch DC League of Super-Pets on the big screen at **Dundonald Cinema**.

**Monday PM-** It's time to make our very own superhero cuffs. Summer campers by day, superheros by night! What will your superhero name and symbol be?

**Tuesday AM-** Who is up for a special adventure? Why not join us up **Cave Hill Adventure Playground** and let your superpowers free. Super speed, supper strength and super grip needed for this quest.

**Tuesday PM-** Listen up summer camp, there's an assignment waiting for us in the garden. But first we need to transform into character. Snazaroo face paints at the ready.

**Wednesday AM-** Group activity- Together we are going to design our own Hillcrest summer camp everyday superhero. Each child will share any ideas of what they think their superpower is at home or at school.

**Wednesday PM-** This afternoon, we are recycling some old wooden clothes pegs as we will be making superhero finger puppets.

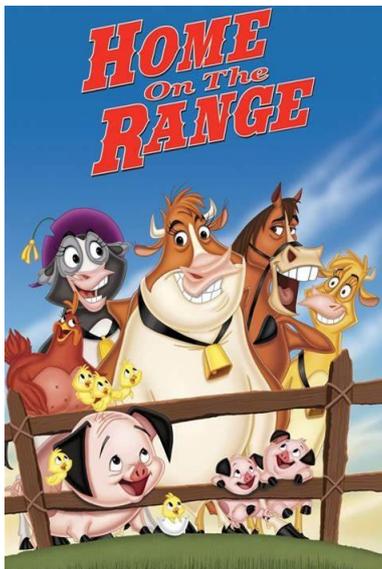
**Thursday AM-** Fine motor skills are vital for this craft activity. No superhero is complete without a superhero cape. This morning, we will design our own material capes.

**Thursday PM-** Now that we have our own capes, lets come up with our own superhero moves and practice them in the garden.

**Friday AM-** It's been a busy week so far; I think it's time to refuel and recharge our batteries. Get our apron on its baking time. Apple pie granola energy bars.

**Friday PM-** Dress up day! Feel free to come dressed in your favorite superhero costume. Once we are ready, we will have a group game of hide and seek in the forest.

**Outdoor activities-** There will be lots of mysteries to solve in the garden throughout the week.



### Week 6 (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Aug)- Home on the range

**Monday AM-** Its trip day again. Back packs and wellies on, we are on our way to **Ark Farm**. If we are lucky we might get to feed some farm animals!

**Monday PM-** Sensory water activity- Time to get busy and milk the cows. How good is your aim? Try and keep the liquid in the buckets and be careful not to waste any milk!

**Tuesday AM-** Did I hear someone say let's go to **Colby Park**? Well, your wish is my command. Gather into your groups and grab your leader. How many different animals can you spot on the way?

**Tuesday PM-** Did you manage to see any animals? How about we create our own favorite farm animal, get crafty using paper plates & junk art.

**Wednesday AM-** At the farm, we learnt that milk comes from cows, and we can use that milk to make our own homemade ice-cream. Strawberry and white chocolate cones are on the menu today. We will enjoy them in the garden this afternoon. Dairy free alternatives available.

**Wednesday PM-** Blind folds on, we are playing pin the tail on the donkey.

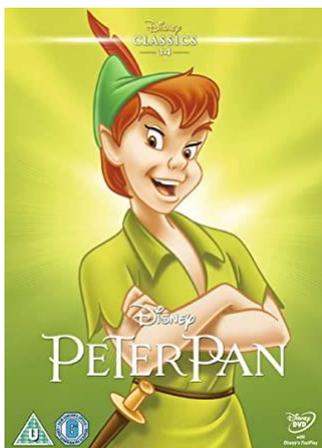
**Thursday AM-** Junk art tractors. We will use old milk cartons, lids and cardboard boxes to make our tractors.

**Thursday PM-** Mucky pigs sensory activity- We will make brown playdough and role play pigs getting messy in the mud.

**Friday AM-** Roll up your sleeves and prepared to be tickled. We are going to use our hands as a paintbrush and make handprint chickens.

**Friday PM-** The sheep in Hillcrest have overgrown their coats. Can you help shear the wool and keep them cool for the rest of the summer?

**Outside activities-** There is lots of work to be done on the farm, take a break and play 5 a-side football competitions throughout the week.



## **Week 7- (15<sup>th</sup>-19th Aug)- Peter Pan**

**Monday AM-** AH HOY summer campers, be sure to bring your steady aim, we are off to play **Pirate Golf** at Dundonald. Try not get wet with the water cannons!

**Monday PM-** Starting the week building a den in the garden. A quiet place to go through the week to rest and chill with a book.

**Tuesday AM-** Has anyone been lucky enough to see a real-life fairy? Well, our next trip is to **Botanic Gardens & Park**, and I've heard if you are nice and quiet and look hard enough you might just catch a glimpse between the flower beds. We will have some fun in the park after our walk.

**Tuesday PM-** We will make our own magical sensory fairy dust jars. These will be filled with a dash of sparkle; a pinch of petals found in the fairy garden at Botanic and a sprinkle of magic.

**Wednesday AM-** X marks the spot. We will get busy and design our own treasure maps to find gold in the garden this afternoon. We will also try our hand at wand making!

**Wednesday PM-** Shiver me timbers, it's time to put these treasure maps to the test. Can we find any hidden treasures in the garden before captain hook wakes up from his nap?

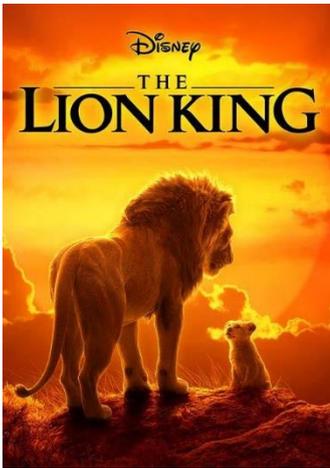
**Thursday AM-** Ok buccaneers, how about we make something tasty? After all a pirates got to eat! Let's make some healthy fruit swords.

**Thursday PM-** Sensory water activity- Lets use the petals from the flowers we have collected, add some glitter and other treasures of your choice and yo-ho we have our own magical fairy soup!

**Friday AM-** This morning we will make our own kites and fly them outside in the garden. Be careful not to fly up, up, up and away!

**Friday PM-** Captain hook has lost his hook. We will use some tin foil and paper cups to help make him a new one. Maybe he won't make us walk the plank!

**Outside activities-** We will bring the giant pirate snakes and ladders outside for added fun in the sun.



**Week 8- (22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Aug)- The lion king**

**Monday AM-** Magnifying glasses at the ready, we are headed to **Cranmore Park** to look for bugs fit for Timon and Pumbaa.

**Monday PM-** We will create our own grub slime. It will be ooey-goey fun!

**Tuesday AM-** It's our last trip of the summer! (AWEE) What better way to end our summer trips than on an adventure round **Belfast ZOO**! There's plenty of animals to see, which ones will you spot from the lion king movie?

**Tuesday PM-** Time to get your socks off and get messy! Footprint lions with fingerprint manes. Who needs paintbrushes?

**Wednesday AM-** Let's end the summer with one last treat. Lion king grub brownies. Complete with jelly worms.

**Wednesday PM-** We will make our own tiger or lion paper plate masks. Try not to scare your parents!

**Thursday AM-** Today we will make some yellow playdough, use zoo animal cutters and a selection of modelling tools to create your own animal models.

**Thursday PM-** Can you creep like a lion, run as fast as a cheetah, swing like a monkey and balance like a snake? This might be the activity for you! We will build our own obstacle course in the garden.

**Friday AM- Circle time-** It's been a magical summer this year at Hillcrest. It's been great to get out and about again. Mickey and Minnie Mouse have had a ball! Time to sit down and reflect together on what has been your favorite part of summer camp and we will look back on your photos and share adventures at home with Mickey and Minnie.

**Friday PM-** PARTY TIME! Party games in the garden. The Disney songs will be on full, and we will finish the summer with a bang!

**All cooking activities will be egg and nut free. Milk allergies will also be catered for!**