



**SUMMER
SPRINGBOARD**
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MIDDLE SCHOOL JUNIOR ARCHITECTURE INFOSHEET

Residential & Commuter Students

**New student admissions for
Summer 2026 are open.**

Middle School Course

This is a one-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.



Academic Program Overview

Step into the world of architecture this summer with Springboard's Junior Architecture program and discover how ideas become spaces you can draw build and explore. In this immersive experience, students become designers as they learn how buildings are imagined and brought to life. Through hands-on activities and guided projects, students learn to see world like architects.

Students will draw, design, and construct their Dream Home while exploring key concepts such as sustainability, structure, scale, and site. Along the way, they develop creative problem-solving, spatial thinking, and visual communication skills. Designed for students of all experience levels, the program builds confidence in a supportive studio environment.

A tuition supplement covers all learning materials, including drafting equipment, sketchbooks and sketching supplies students will keep.



Excursion

Students have had the opportunity to go on a historic architectural tour of the Berkeley campus. They were also given an insider's tour of a Berkeley residential home that was under construction by the project's Oakland-based architect.

Program Highlights

- Learn to think and work like an architect through hands-on design challenges that explore how ideas become real, walkable spaces.
- Draw, design, and construct a personal Dream Home while learning core architectural concepts such as structure, scale, site, and sustainability.
- Develop creative problem-solving, spatial thinking, and visual communication skills through guided projects and studio-based learning.
- Explore how architecture shapes communities and everyday life while building confidence and creativity in a supportive design studio environment.

2026 Dates

Berkeley

- Session 1: July 5 - July 10
- Session 2: July 12 - July 17
- Session 3: July 19 - July 24
- Session 4: July 26 - July 31

Instructors

Berkeley - Hara Chung

Hara Chung is an architectural design professional, educated at the Mackintosh School of Architecture (UK) with extensive professional experience in both commercial and residential design. She has contributed to high-profile projects for nationally recognized companies including CBRE, Lyft, and HP, as well as dozens of custom homes throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Hara's design philosophy centers on creating spaces that are both beautiful and practical—balancing creativity with real-world considerations such as how people move, live, and interact within a space. Her work reflects a strong belief that good design should be intentional, human-centered, and accessible.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, Academic Course and evening activities
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$2,998

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm on Monday-Thursday and 9am to 2:30pm on Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner and evening activities
- **Price:** \$1,598

Supplements:

- **MS Junior Architecture Course Supplement:** \$250 (mandatory)
- **Application fee:** Starting at \$99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan:** Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

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Course Structure

There are five 3-hour class sessions over the one-week course. During the week, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday through Friday (program check-out is 2:30 p.m. on Friday). Wednesday afternoon will be dedicated to additional academic time with possible excursions and/or guest speakers.

The Middle School programs operate separately from Summer Springboard high school programs with separate staff, accommodations, classes and a more structured environment. For students completing grades 6-8.



Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast	
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival	
12PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity	
3:30PM	Academic Skills Lab	
5PM	Free-Time	
5-6PM	Commuter Students Depart	
6PM	Dinner	
7PM	Evening Activity	
8:30PM	Back in the Dorm	
9:30PM	Mentor Check-In	

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This engaging commuter-only program introduces students to architectural concepts, design principles and problem-solving methods in a collaborative environment. Through hands-on projects, students explore the academic path to becoming an architect, the daily work of the profession and the wide range of career opportunities in the field.

Set in New York City, the program takes full advantage of its architectural landscape. Students visit iconic buildings, each with its own story, while gaining a deeper understanding of design fundamentals, sustainability and the impact of architecture on communities. With sketchpads in hand, they'll practice field drawing and quick sketching as they develop original design projects.

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Excursion

Discover architectural brilliance through exciting excursions. Over the past three summers, students have visited renowned firms like Obra Architects, known for their innovative and expressive designs. They toured KPF Architects, creators of towering landmarks including The Edge, and explored Transsolar, where sustainability and architecture come together to shape how we experience the built environment. Students also uncovered the stories behind Bone-Levine's iconic structures, gaining insight into the creative processes that define cutting-edge design.

Program Highlights

- Observe and sketch key architectural elements while exploring how different styles and eras have shaped Berkeley's campus
- Deepen your understanding of Berkeley's architectural history and urban design
- Learn about green building materials, energy efficiency and the architect's role in creating environmentally responsible spaces

2026 Dates

NYU (\$1798)

- Session 1: June 22 - June 26
- Session 4: July 13 - July 17
- Session 5: July 21 - July 24

Instructors

NYU - Emma Sumrow

Emma Sumrow is an architectural designer, researcher, artist, and educator whose work examines the intersections of indigeneity, climate, psychology, boundaries, technology, and policy. Based in New York and originally from Texas, she teaches at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, and she also serves as an Instructor at the Hillier College of Architecture and Design at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Tuition Information:

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions and programming from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on Monday and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Tuesday to Friday
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Please note: NYU Middle School sessions begin on the Monday of each session at 8:30 AM.

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