

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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Middle School Architecture Infosheet

New student admissions for Summer 2027 are open

Middle School Course

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

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.

2027 Dates

Berkeley $2,998

- Session 1: June 27 - July 2
- Session 2: July 4 - July 9
- Session 3: July 11 - July 16
- Session 4: July 18 - July 23
- Session 5: July 25 - July 30

NYU $3,198

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Vanderbilt University, $2,798

- Session 1: June 13 - June 18

Academic Program Overview

Step into the world of architecture this summer with Springboard's Middle School 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.

Excursions

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. In Nashville, students can explore the city's architectural landscape, drawing on its rich mix of historic and contemporary buildings as a living classroom. Over the past three summers, students in NYC have visited renowned firms like Obra Architects. 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.

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.

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.

Vanderbilt University - To Be Announced

Courses are taught by accomplished and passionate faculty recruited from many area colleges, universities and professional forums. Each faculty member is selected for their subject area expertise and proven ability to both challenge and captivate students.

Tuition Information:

***Apply by November 30 to lock in the lowest tuition of the year. Tuition increases on December 1**

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)
- **Tuition:** See tuition under 2027 dates

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5:30pm on Monday-Thursday and 9am to 2:30pm on Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner and evening activities
- **Berkeley Tuition:** $1,598
- **Vanderbilt Tuition:** $1,398
- **NYU Tuition:** $1,798

Supplements:

- **MS 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.

Course Structure

There are five 3-hour class sessions over the one-week course. During the week, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - 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	Academics in Action 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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More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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