

## TEAM

The USF Discovery Academy is led by the Director of Youth Programming with support from USF staff and the coordinating efforts of different academic departments. The programs are facilitated by a team of one or more faculty instructors who, as experts in their field, offer meaningful insight into academic and career opportunities for future college students. The camps would not be possible without the hard work of USF students and local high schoolers who are instrumental in keeping camp safe and fun for everyone.



**Expose your camper to exciting opportunities and watch them uncover new passions.**

USF Discovery Academy gives students insight into the rousing world of collegiate academics and prompts them to consider their own future careers.

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## MISSION

The USF Discovery Academy encourages career exploration, critical thinking and creativity by exposing youth to on-campus programming that centers on the Franciscan values of learning, leadership and service.

## VISION

By welcoming youth to the USF campus, and creating strong relationships between students and faculty, the USF Discovery Academy will increase college attendance amongst youth in the Fort Wayne area.

## ABOUT US

The University of Saint Francis has long welcomed youth from the Fort Wayne area to campus to explore career opportunities and learn new skills. In 2022, USF received a grant from the Lilly Endowment to expand upon its already existing camp programs, offer multi-disciplinary opportunities and increase outreach to previously underserved youth. As part of this grant, USF created the USF Discovery Academy to support the implementation and success of faculty-led youth programming.





## NEW CAMPS FOR YOU TO CHECK OUT!

**Humanities Camp: World Building:** A thrilling introduction to the Humanities at USF, 6th-12th graders work alongside others to imagine, design and then create a brand-new country.

**Leadership Discovery Camp:** By improving their understanding of themselves, 9th-12th grade students will discover their capacity for leadership and decision-making.

**Cross Country at USF: Discover the Science of Movement and Nutrition:** In this interdisciplinary camp, 8th-12th graders will train under the supervision of the USF Cross Country coach while also receiving in-depth instruction on the kinesiology, physiology and nutrition of running.

**Lunar Camp:** This overnight experience for 6th-10th graders will take advantage of USF's upper observing deck for some late-night astronomy. Campers will design their own moon base.

**Wilderness Skills and Nature Camp:** Campers in 9th-12th grade will learn the skills of wilderness first aid, shelter building, campfire construction, plant and animal identification, wildlife management and conservation.



## RETURNING PROGRAMS!

**A Passport to Your Future in Healthcare:** In this popular program, 9th-12th graders will discover healthcare career opportunities.

**Beauty Will Save the World:** Encounter Jesus in this five-day resident camp for students in 9th-12th grade.

**Youth Summer Art Program:** In this program, K-7th graders will be exposed to a variety of 2D/3D media.

**Creative Arts Summer Studio Experience for Visual Art and Music Technology:** Serving 8th-12th graders, this experience supports students in their portfolio development to compete for college arts scholarships. Classes are offered in a variety of 2D/3D media, as well as music technology.

**City Strings Summer Camp:** This camp will include classes for strings (Violin/Viola/Cello/Bass) and will serve 4th-12th graders with at least two years of playing experience. The day will include ensembles, group classes, masterclass, scales, rhythm class and music theory.



## MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMMING

**Parents' Night:** Parents will be invited to visit the University of Saint Francis campus and mingle with faculty and staff. Admissions and Financial Aid will be onsite to answer any questions. *This is a great opportunity for parents to get insight into the college application process and learn more about campus resources.* Scheduling depends upon the number of parents interested in attending.

**Leadership Opportunities:** Every year, we hire high school students for paid leadership opportunities. Students assist faculty members, lead camp activities and build valuable professional skills. Email [camps@sf.edu](mailto:camps@sf.edu) for more information.

**Scholarships:** We offer individual scholarships that cover up to the full cost of tuition. We also partner with local organizations and schools to provide discounted tuition to campers who would not be able to attend otherwise.

**Opportunity Stipend:** For working students who attend select camps, and demonstrate the highest amount of financial need, we offer a full scholarship and a wage reimbursement of up to \$600.

The scholarship application is available through our registration portal.

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