



# TRAIL GUIDE



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# SHARE YOUR MATHEMATICAL ADVENTURE

We can't wait to hear your campfire stories! Below are just a few ways you can share your experiences as you hike the Mathematical Trail. We would love to see pictures of campers, solutions and even videos!

## **TWITTER:**

Please tweet out the solutions from your Camper! You can include pictures and share your experiences with your Trail Posts.

Please be sure to tag us **@Connect2TLC** and use **#MathCampIn**

## **FACEBOOK:**

You can follow us on Facebook and include us in posts.

**[facebook.com/tlcpage](https://www.facebook.com/tlcpage)**

We can't see your personal info, but if you share a post on our page or tag us, we can share it too.

## **EMAIL:**

If you don't want to share on social media, but still want to share ideas, comments and solutions, please email us at

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## ABOUT TLC

The Teaching & Learning Collaborative (TLC) is a nonprofit organization focused on one goal: to ensure that all students have access to high-quality learning experiences in mathematics, science and computer science. While TLC focuses on the design and delivery of professional development programs for educators, we also create innovative resources such as Math Camp-In that can be used by teachers and families to engage students in mathematical thinking.

We are excited that you will be hiking the Math Camp-In Trail with us! Inside your Trail Guide, you will find tips and ideas that will help you implement a Math Camp-In. Information about each station included on the hike is outlined in the Trail Guide and additional information is included on our website.

Our goal is to allow students the opportunity to apply their mathematical knowledge using interesting and complex problems. We have taken that goal and combined it with an exciting theme to allow students the opportunity to experience mathematics in a fun setting!

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# GETTING READY FOR CAMP!

Getting ready for Math Camp-In is easy to do! Just follow a few simple steps and you'll be having the best time ever!



**Fill your backpack** with great ideas! There are seven "Trail Posts" (activities) that can be used with students. Use this **Trail Guide** to give you helpful hints for tasks and questions you can ask about each activity. You can hike to a trail post each day during a week, or have a full day experience! Design your Math Camp-In to meet your needs!



Mathematical understanding will *multiply* as campers finish problems at each Trail Post and earn their **camp badges**! You may want to cut out the badges ahead of time so that students can get them as they complete the task. Students should keep all the badges together in a safe place as they will be needed to earn the final Challenge Badge.



The **Camp Journal** can be printed all at once or you can give out Trail Posts as you are ready to do the activities. Campers can collect them all and create their own camp journal or you can have it ready for them. The journal also has helpful reminders-be on the lookout for the compass...there are some *bright ideas* there for you and your campers!



**THE COMPASS:** When you see this icon, it usually helps give a direction or reminder about a trail post.

Our best tip? **HAVE FUN!** We believe math shouldn't be "in-tents" (get it?!). Make this an experience that lets kids feel like they're at camp! Be sure the campers *pitch in* and get ready for camp to start!



# WHAT IS YOUR MATH CAMP-IN NAME?

(CAMPERS WILL WRITE THIS ON THEIR JOURNAL)

## First Initial of First Name

A Adventure  
B Binocular  
C Canteen  
D Day Pack  
E Evergreen  
F Flashlight  
G Grilling  
H Half Moon  
I Itching  
J Journey  
K Kindling  
L Lightning Bug  
M Marshmallow  
N Noseeums  
O Owling  
P Porcupine  
Q Quiet  
R Ribbiting  
S Sleeping Bag  
T Tracking  
U Ultralight  
V Vest  
W Walking  
X Xtreme  
Y Yawning  
Z Zip Line

## First Initial of Last Name

A Algorithm  
B Bar Graph  
C Centimeter  
D Digit  
E Equivalent  
F Factor  
G Gallon  
H Hexagon  
I Inch  
J Justify  
K Kilometer  
L Length  
M Metric  
N Number Grid  
O Octagon  
P Parallel  
Q Quart  
R Rhombus  
S Sphere  
T Tessellation  
U Unit  
V Vertex  
W Whole Number  
X X-Axis  
Y Yard  
Z Zero Facts

# CAMP BADGES

As campers earn their badges, keep them together.  
Below are the TWO things Campers need to do to earn the  
**Math Camp-In CHALLENGE BADGE!**

## TRAIL POST CELEBRATION:

First, have campers get out the badges from each Trail Post. In their Camp Journal, they should turn to the Camp Badges page. Share with campers that they need to use all the pieces and arrange them so that they fit into the shape.

### During this time, campers could:

- share what they liked best about each Trail Post
- share attributes of the shapes they are placing
- explain what they are thinking about the arrangement and how the badges fit together.

## CHALLENGE BADGE:

Once your camper(s) have all the pieces in the square, use the following prompt for the final challenge.

*Campers LOVE displaying their badges in creative and unique ways. Sometimes campers like to arrange their badges to look like something they have seen at camp or their favorite animal from camp. To earn your Math Camp-In Challenge Badge, use your badge pieces to create an object from camp.*

*Choose your favorite one and add it to your journal and then DESIGN YOUR OWN CHALLENGE BADGE in your journal and CELEBRATE!*

**We would LOVE to see the objects you design  
and your Challenge Badge creations!**

Share them on Twitter (@Connect2TLC #MathCampInChallengeBadge)  
or send your design via the website:  
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# SUPER

## Program Components

- Two week-long modules
  - *Science*
  - *Mathematics and Robotics (Computer Science)*
- Focus on Kindergarten readiness
- Flexible format
- Professional Development and support
- Detailed lessons and resources for successful implementation
- Integrated STEM focus with literature connections
- Family resource components
- Fun, interactive theme to keep students engaged
- Materials provided for each module



# Math & Robotics

Overview of a week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:00-8:30	Restroom/Hand Washing/Breakfast	Restroom/Hand Washing/Breakfast	Restroom/Hand Washing/Breakfast	Restroom/Hand Washing/Breakfast
8:30-9:00	Welcome/Music & Movement	Welcome/Music & Movement	Welcome/Music & Movement	Welcome/Music & Movement
9:00-9:30	INTRO-R is for Robot and mTiny masks (30 min)	Bulldozer: Mission 1: 30m	Getting My Superhero Ready: Mission 2: 25m	Programming Superhero Ready: Mission 2: 30m
9:30-10:00	Road Mender: Launch 10m Mission 1: 20m	Bulldozer-Debrief 15m and Building Skyscrapers: Signal 15 min	Getting My Superhero Ready: Debrief 15m Superhero Suitcases Signal 15	Programming Superhero Ready: Debrief: 20m
10:00-10:30	Road Mender: Mission 2: 20 m	Building Skyscrapers: 30 m	Superhero Suitcases Mission-20 Debrief 10	Where's My Cape?: Signal: 20m
10:30-11:00	Bathroom/Playground	Bathroom/Playground	Bathroom/Playground	Bathroom/Playground
11:00-11:30	Road Mender: Mission 3: 30 m	Building Skyscrapers: 15 min Getting My Superhero Ready: Launch: 15m	Programming Superhero Ready: Signal 20	Where's My Cape? Mission-30m
11:30-12:00	Bathroom/Lunch	Bathroom/Lunch	Bathroom/Lunch	Bathroom/Lunch
12:00-12:30	Road Mender: Debrief: 15 and Bulldozer Signal: 20	Getting My Superhero Ready: Mission: 20m	Programming Superhero Ready: Mission 1-30	Where's My Cape? Debrief-20
12:30-1:00	Music & Movement/Playground/ Pickup	Music & Movement/Playground/ Pickup	Music & Movement/Playground/ Pickup	Music & Movement/Playground/ Pickup



# Math & Robotics

Your kit will include copies of this sheet to send home with each student

**MATH & ROBOTICS**

**THIS WEEK...**

We are exploring robotics and mathematics this week and discovering more about thinking like a computer scientist! Each day we will explore a new idea, so be sure to ask me about my day!

**MONDAY**  
**Robots, Roads, & More!**  
What are robots? How do they know what to do? We will begin exploring the idea of robots in our world. We'll help repair roads so OUR class robot, mTiny, can move through the town!

**TUESDAY**  
Today we are "constructing" our ideas about numbers as we bulldoze a construction site to get ready for new buildings! We will also be building Superhero city and discovering a lot about counting, numbers and more!

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Superheroes are just like you and me!**  
Superheroes get ready for the day, take trips, and back suitcases just like we do! Ask me what important items I packed for my superhero today!

**THURSDAY**  
**I am a computer scientist!**  
Today we will program our mTiny robots to get ready for the day just like a Superhero does!

**MY SUPER SUMMER Experience**

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There are several games that are part of the week that can be sent home with students. Copies of several games are included in your kits to send home after students experience these in the summer program.

# SUPER CITIES

Creating Innovative Transformations in Early-childhood Settings



## ROBOTICS MODULE

Students explore computer science through diverse literature, critical focus areas in mathematics, and computational thinking activities.

As they write algorithms for everyday routines and program a robot to test and troubleshoot these algorithms, students will begin to envision themselves as computer scientists while building early number concepts.



## KEY COMPONENTS

- Content focus on critical focus areas in mathematics to support Kindergarten readiness
- Ohio Approved Professional Development (PreK) and implementation support
- Material kits

## PROGRAM FORMAT

- Flexible format (week-long Summer or school-year program)
- Full-day schedule
- Detailed lessons and resources for successful implementation
- Integrated STEM focus with literature connections
- Fun, interactive theme to keep students engaged

## MATHEMATICS FOCUS

- Subitizing
- Cardinality
- One-to-one Correspondence
- Unitizing
- One/two/ more/less
- Comparisons

## COMPUTER SCIENCE FOCUS

- Computational Thinking
- Algorithmic Thinking
- Program Development
- Troubleshooting
- Control Structures



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# PROGRAM CONTENT



## I Can be a Computer Scientist!

This activity is designed to set the stage for the experience and generates excitement about activities in the module.



## Road Mender

Students work together to repair the interrupted roads, allowing their robot to journey through the town. Students will use algorithmic thinking, computational thinking, and collaboration to problem-solve as they explore this task.



## Bulldozer

Students "construct" an understanding of number relationships, counting concepts, and subitizing. As students bulldoze, they will be decomposing and reasoning about the quantity of 10 in various ways. All construction workers communicate their thinking and solution strategies at the site during this lesson!



## Building Skyscrapers

Students will explore different types of skyscrapers that can be created using ten blocks. Students will create and represent their thinking, look for patterns, investigate multiple solutions, and reason about their ideas.



## Superhero Suitcases

Superheroes aren't that different from you! Students make real-world connections as they help their superhero get ready for the day. Students will use reasoning and problem-solving skills to select and sequence activities for their superhero.



## Getting my Superhero Ready

This lesson is "packed" full of fun and comparisons! Students take on the important task of helping their superhero pack for a trip. The items they will be packing: coding cards that send programming signals to their robot!



## Superheroes in my World

Students think like a computer scientist and work in pairs to create an algorithm and program a robot to complete all a superhero's morning routine. To conclude the lesson, students will work together to debug a pathway.



## Where's My Cape?

The Superheroes are all ready for the day except one thing...they can't find their capes! Students design a program for their robot to travel to get the cape. As students navigate the program, they will be using one-to-one correspondence and the counting sequence. Students also engage in math concepts such as: decomposing, composing, more, less, and subitizing.

# Super Science

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9:00-9:30	SUPERHERO TEAM BUILDING (15) and Supersuits-Absorb (15) The Signal	Colorful Capes-Signal 15 and The Mission Part 1 (15)	Forces: The Signal (20)	Robotic Hand-The Signal
9:30-10:00	Supersuits-Absorb Part 1 Mission (20)	Colorful Capes-The Mission Part 2 (30)	Forces: Capes & Gliding (30)	Robotic Hand-The Signal (continued)
10:00-10:30	Supersuits-Absorb Part 2 Mission (30)	Supersuit Team Building (30)	Forces: Boats (30)	Robotic Hand Part 1
10:30-11:00	Bathroom/Playground	Bathroom/Playground	Bathroom/Playground	Bathroom/Playground
11:00-11:30	Supersuits-Absorb-Debrief 20 min.	Drying your Supersuit-Signal (20)	Forces-Debrief (15) and Connect back to Colorful Capes and do the debrief (15)	Robotic Hand The mission-part 2
11:30-12:00	Bathroom/Lunch	Bathroom/Lunch	Bathroom/Lunch	Bathroom/Lunch
12:00-12:30	Supersuit Cutouts	Drying your Supersuit-The Mission (30)	Debrief-Drying your Supersuit and Supersuit Cutouts: Colorful capes/material choices	Robotic Hand & Debrief (15) Supersuit Cutout Sharing (15)
12:30-1:00	Music & Movement/Playground/Pickup	Music & Movement/Playground/Pickup	Music & Movement/Playground/Pickup	Music & Movement/Playground/Pickup

# Super Science Family Engagement

Your kit will include copies of this sheet to send home with each student

**THIS WEEK...**

We are exploring science this week and discovering more about thinking like a scientist, animals, materials and forces!

- Each day we will explore a new idea, so be sure to ask me about my day!

**MONDAY**  
**SUPERSUITS!**

We will be investigating materials that absorb water and finding out which type of material might be best for that!

STAY TUNED to find out more!

**TUESDAY**  
**COLORFUL CAPES!**

Superheroes sure like their supersuits!

We will be exploring how to help get the right color supersuit and the best way for a superhero to hang their supersuit to dry!

We will be exploring lots of different materials today to find out answers to lots of questions!

**WEDNESDAY**

It's bird...it's a plane...it's **TRANSPORTATION DAY!**

We're learning all about force and motion today as we explore transportation!

**THURSDAY**  
**Gizmos & Gadgets**

Superheroes love their gadgets and they need our help! We will explore a neat gadget and then figure out how to make it work even better!

**MY SUPER SUMMER Experience**

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Additionally, at the end of the week, students can take home:

- Superhero Cutout
- Student journal
- Superhero glider
- Foam boat
- Robotic hand

For more information on professional development programs and resources designed by TLC, please contact us.



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