



Counselor Drew Kachur, right, with a camper. (Photo courtesy of Indy Stem Camps)

## Minecraft camp provides social, technical outlet

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Indy STEM Camps engage kids in social Minecraft play through eight creative and survival mode courses.

"Our camps are the perfect outlet for children who are creative and who love playing Minecraft at home," said Matt Mulholland, Indy Stem Camps director. "What really makes our camps unique is that our camps emphasize social interactions with all campers playing together on the same server and in the same world."

Indy STEM Camps offer a progression of courses for first- to eighth-graders. These include:

- Beginner level: explorers, build battles and world of Minecraft
- Intermediate level: mega build and PVP (player versus player) games
- Advanced level: build master and engineering
- Invitation-only elite course

"Our camps offer something fun and engaging for the child who may not necessarily enjoy or be a good fit in the typical athletic-themed camp," Mulholland said. "And like so many things in life, Minecraft is so much more fun when you experience it with other people."

The classroom-style settings average 22 to 24 campers with three counselors and

encourage social interaction, teamwork and problem-solving.

Weeklong camps are offered over eight weeks from June 3 to July 26 and include 15 hours of instruction each. Three-hour morning and afternoon sessions are available, with courses varying by location and week.

Locations include Zionsville High School; Cathedral High School in Indianapolis; University High School in Carmel; Riverside Junior High School in Fishers; Fall Creek Junior High in Fisher;s and a to-be-determined location in Westfield location. Times vary by location and course selection.

Founded in 2012 by Mulholland, a Zionsville High School physics teacher, nearly half of the camp counselors are former Indy STEM Camp participants. Lead counselors are teachers and college students, including Mulholland's two daughters.

"We are always on the lookout for energetic high school counselors who are responsible, enjoy working with children and who love the game of Minecraft," Mulholland said.

Interested applicants can email [indystemcamps@gmail.com](mailto:indystemcamps@gmail.com) subject: "Summer Camp Counselor Applicant."

Cost varies by location and session.

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