



AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION ACCREDITATION



Hill House has undergone the thorough review process necessary to be named an accredited camp by the American Camp Association. ACA, in partnership with the American Red Cross and American Academy of Pediatrics, has recognized Hill House's success in achieving low staff-to-child ratios, building developmentally-centric daily activities and emergency preparedness. ACA accreditation requires that a camp consistently meets several hundred standards.



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2025 Hill House
SUMMER
CAMP



CELEBRATE
26 YEARS
WITH US!



KIDDIE KAMP
3-5 years



DAY CAMP
5-12 years



LIT PROGRAM
13-15 years

OUR CAMPS FEATURE:

- Weekly Day Camp Field Trips
- Kiddie Kamp On Site Adventures
- Leaders-In-Training Program for Teens
- Sibling Registration Discount

REGISTRATION

Returning campers register
at 10:00am on Tuesday, January 21
Registration opens to the entire community
at 10:00am on Thursday, January 23
online at www.hillhouseboston.org

Paperwork deadline is June 1, 2025.



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Your summer adventure in Downtown Boston

HILL HOUSE SUMMER CAMPS



O On June 16th, 2025, Hill House's dedicated and energetic team of administrators and summer camp staff will kick off the organization's 26th season of summer camp.

Weekly themes, a balance between structure and play, field trips, and age-appropriate daily activities promise a well-rounded experience. Our goal is simple: to provide your family with a high-quality, safety-conscious summer camp in downtown Boston. It is our hope Hill House's summer programming and structure will allow campers to:

- Build positive, life-long friendships and mentor relationships.
- Take advantage of all that city-living has to offer.
- Discover what makes them unique.
- Gain confidence.
- Have fun!

2025 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Registration begins for returning campers at 10:00am on Tuesday, January 21st and to the community at 10:00am on Thursday, January 23rd online at www.hillhouseboston.org.

Please make sure you can login to your camp (*CampMinder*) account, a different site from Hill House's school-year registration portal (*ActiveNet*).

Paperwork Deadline: June 1 for all campers in all sessions.

Hill House Summer Camp kicks off the week of June 16.

Summer camp will not operate on:

Thursday, June 19

Friday, July 4

Friday, August 29

Day Camp will run for 11 weeks

Kiddie Kamp and Leaders In Training will run for 10 weeks

CAMP STAFF & SAFETY

Hill House's team of professionals pride themselves in choosing the most qualified, responsible, and passionate individuals to staff summer camp by matching an individual's strengths with the camper age group that best fits their experiences and interest. Counselors are adults who have demonstrated professionalism, reliability and enthusiasm and are well-learned in childcare and program supervision.

All counselors and staff participate in a rigorous screening process, which includes a week of training and team building activities in addition to First Aid, CPR, and AED certification.

First Aid kits and Automated External Defibrillators are located in designated areas. All camp staff members carry First Aid kits when moving from one location to another, or traveling to a field trip destination. Copies of Hill House Inc.'s emergency procedures are available upon request.

WHERE IS HILL HOUSE?

GREAT QUESTION! Our main facility, the **Firehouse**, at 127 Mount Vernon Street, is just steps from the **Public Garden**, near the intersection of Charles and Mt. Vernon Street in Beacon Hill. Campers of all ages split their time between activities at the Firehouse, 74 Joy Street, Boston Common and Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields on the Esplanade.



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Kiddie Kamp:

3 to 5 year-olds

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Kiddie Kamp at Hill House is the perfect combination of new and exciting experiences and a safe, nurturing, stimulating environment. Join Kiddie Kamp's beloved counselors for a summer full of games, crafts, stories, songs, age-appropriate athletics and outdoor fun. Your child will build confidence, independence, and friendships.

Each week, campers explore playful themes through crafts and songs that allow their imaginations and creativity to flourish.

HAVE A 5 YEAR OLD CAMPER?

If you're picking between Kiddie Kamp and Day Camp for your five year old camper, take a look online to view our camp comparisons to make the right choice for your child. Our staff can help guide you and pass along our comparison sheet upon request.

SCHEDULE

- Session 1: June 16 – June 20 Deep Sea Dive
- Session 2: June 23 – June 27 Boston Time Machine
- Session 3: June 30 – July 3 Space Explorers
- Session 4: July 7 – July 11 Construction Camp
- Session 5: July 14 – July 18 Superhero School
- Session 6: July 21 – July 25 Summer Safari
- Session 7: July 28 – August 1 Pirate Quest
- Session 8: August 4 – August 8 Spy Kids & Ninja Warriors
- Session 9: August 11 – August 15 Dino Dig
- Session 10: August 18 – August 22 Storybook Tales

WATER SAFETY

Cooling off in the summer sun! Kiddie Kampers will spend Wednesdays and Fridays (weather permitting) at the Esplanade at Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields and Alford Spray Deck. Campers will be carefully supervised by Hill House staff; swimming lessons will not be provided. Our experienced staff and low counselor-to-child ratio ensures each child will receive proper attention and supervision.



"My 3-year-old daughter had the best time at Hill House Kiddie Kamp. Each day the counselors warmly greeted her, and she was eager to head upstairs for the days' adventure. I saw huge growth in her development and loved that she made new friends, tried new things, and was in great hands with the Kiddie Kamp team. We will be back next summer!"

- Parent of a Kiddie Kamper

SNAPSHOT

- Age: 3 to 5 years
- Drop-off: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 9:00am
- Pick-up: Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 1:30pm
- Pick-up & Drop-off Location: . . . Hill House, 127 Mt Vernon St
- Cost: \$395 per week
- Adult to Child Ratio: 1 counselor: 4 campers
- Maximum enrollment: 25 campers per session
- Special Notes: Children must be potty trained
- *Parents and guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp.

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Day Camp: 5 to 12 year-olds

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New and experienced campers alike can join us for an action-packed summer full of exciting activities and weekly field trips. Hill House Day Camp has something for everyone: water play at the splash pad, team sports on the Boston Common, rehearsing lines for the weekly play, and arts and crafts in the afternoon. Each summer we hire a dedicated team of summer camp counselors who provide specialty enrichment and athletic skills to help lead activities each week, in addition to being thoroughly trained and certified prior to the first day of camp.

SCHEDULE

Unique and innovative themes will challenge campers to use their imaginations to harness their superpowers, travel to distant planets, and bring comic books to life. New adventures await campers each session. Field trips complement weekly themes and leave campers eager to discover what other sessions have in store.

- Session 1: June 16 – June 20 Under the Sea
- Session 2: June 23 – June 27 Inventor’s Workshop
- Session 3: June 30 – July 3 Astronauts & Aliens
- Session 4: July 7 – July 11 Candyland
- Session 5: July 14 – July 18 Heroes vs. Villains
- Session 6: July 21 – July 25 Animal Planet
- Session 7: July 28 – August 1 Back to the Future
- Session 8: August 4 – August 8 Mission Impossible
- Session 9: August 11 – August 15 Jurassic Camp
- Session 10: August 18 – August 22 Game On
- Session 11: August 25 – August 28 Color Games

EXPANDED OPENINGS!
Extended Day Camp 2025
For those busy families seeking more time at Hill House for their campers. This is for Day Campers only and allows for drop off as early as 8:00am and pick up as late as 5:30pm. Spaces are limited and include each day of the camp week: Price \$695.



WATER SAFETY

Throughout the week, day campers will have the opportunity to cool off in the water at the local splash pad, frog pond, and maybe even a pool for our older campers! If available, campers 9+ will go to a community pool one day per week for open water time, although swimming is not required. For those older campers interested in swimming, they will need to pass a swim test in order to swim without a life jacket. Any pool or water location used by Hill House campers is staffed by certified lifeguards or closely monitored by Hill House’s team of summer staff.

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SNAP SHOT

Ages 5 to 12 years
Regular Day Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm
Extended Day Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:30pm
Pick up & Drop Off Location . . Hill House, 127 Mt. Vernon Street
Cost \$550/week for Regular Day campers
\$695/week for Extended Day campers
5% sibling discount
Adult to Child Ratio 1 to 5 for 5 – 6 year olds
1 to 8 for 7 – 8 year olds
1 to 10 for 9 – 12 year olds
Maximum Enrollment 61 campers per session
*Parents and guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp. Hill House will provide transportation for field trips only.



ACTIVITIES OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:

Your Day Camper is now able to choose their ideal afternoon session: along with our traditional, returning from last summer due to popular demand, are special options during some sessions. These options will allow us to engage all campers in different ways so everyone has a blast.

- **ART:** Related to the theme each week, our artistic campers will get creative with paint, markers, and other supplies to make masterpieces to bring home.
- **CAMP GAMES:** Everyone will enjoy classic summer camp games, both old and new, to inspire teamwork, thinking outside the box, and meeting new people.
- **FIELD TRIPS:** Ranging from educational, recreational, and environmental, our campers and staff enjoy a weekly trip each Thursday to enjoy all that our enriching region has to offer.
- **MUSIC & DANCING:** Jam out with your friends and counselors in this afternoon choice. We'll dance and listen to our favorite songs and play musical games.
- **SPORTS:** Camp wouldn't be camp without some athletics and team games in the mix. Play skill-building group sports, from basketball, floor hockey, soccer, flag football, baseball, kickball, and more!
- **STEM:** Perfect options for budding engineers and scientists. Create and understand how the world around us works.
- **THEATER & FILM:** Calling all bards. Play theater games, write and read scripts, help direct plays and movies, and get coached through acting to perform for campers and staff.
- **WATER PLAY:** Whether it's swimming, splashing in the frog pond, or playing on the spray deck, we want our campers to stay cool in the hot summer weather.

"Our daughter (age 9) and son (age 6) absolutely loved their summer at Hill House summer Day Camp. Every day, they came home with stories of the new friendships they had made and new adventures they had taken. Each week they were there provided a new experience that kept the entire summer exciting and novel! The kids came away with a true summer camp experience that spanned the city as well as day trips - and they can't wait for next year! Thank you for a wonderful summer!"

— Parent of Day Campers

SAMPLE OF A CAMPER'S DAY

MORNING DROP-OFF

Start your day signing in and meeting some of our counselors. Your camper will enjoy some unstructured play time while they wait for the day to start, including playing games with counselors, making bracelets, reading, or whatever they might enjoy with friends.

MONDAY MORNING CIRCLE

Greetings, announcements, camper expectations, and group instructions ensure our campers know their counselors and the plan for the week.

ACTIVITIES

Mornings are for outdoor play! Whether it is team games on the fields, water play, time on the playgrounds, or swimming for the older kids, two blocks of enriching and skill-building activities make sure our campers are enjoying the beautiful weather and staying active! Campers also enjoy their snack from home at this time.

LUNCH

Campers will head back to the firehouse at midday for lunch they brought from home. Team members supervise and socialize with campers while everyone refuels for our afternoon choices.

AFTERNOON CHOICE

Your camper will have a variety of activities to choose from every afternoon. Sports, art, theatre & film, music & dancing, or STEM, there's something for everyone!

FREE PLAY

A fun end to our very busy day as everyone starts to head home. Everyone spends the end of the day playing games with their friends and counselors.



Leaders In Training: 13 to 15 year-olds

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The Leaders-in-Training (LIT) Program is designed for teens from 13-15 years wishing to advance their leadership skills and take on additional responsibilities at summer camp. The LIT program combines adult-supervised experiential learning and skill-building activities to ensure your teen gets the most out of their leadership experience, while also incorporating fun activities and trips since it is their summer vacation too!

SKILL BUILDING AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Under supervision and instruction of our designated LIT counselor, curriculum subjects will include:

- Public Speaking and Presenting
- First Aid/CPR (offered sessions 4 and 8)
- Community service projects
- Social media and technology skills and internet safety
- Resume building and job readiness
- Leadership skills
- Teamwork
- Conflict resolution
- Leading activities with Hill House younger camps

KEEPING THE FUN IN SUMMER

It's summertime for LITs too! It's important we keep it fun for all of our campers with activities like:

- Outdoor field games with counselors and younger campers
- Swimming once per week
- Field trips and outings in-and-around Boston
- End of summer festival
- Culminating event for an end-of-summer send off

"We've been happy users of various Hill House summer camps and school year programs for both of our boys over several years. This past summer our older son really bonded well with his counselor for the LIT program over common outdoor interests. We plan to be back!"

—LIT Parent

SCHEDULE

The LIT program is offered weekly from June 17 – August 22. Participants can enroll in as many weeks as they would like, but attending multiple weeks will ensure your LIT gets the most out of the leadership experience as curriculum will change week to week. CPR trainings will be held sessions 4 and 8.

Session 1: June 16 – June 20

Session 2: June 23 – June 27

Session 3: June 30 – July 3

Session 4: July 7 – July 11

Session 5: July 14 – July 18

Session 6: July 21 – July 25

Session 7: July 28 – August 1

Session 8: August 4 – August 8

Session 9: August 11 – August 15

Session 10: August 18 – August 22



SNAP SHOT

Age: 13-15 years

Drop-off: Monday – Friday, 9:00am

Pick-up: Monday – Friday 4:00pm

Pick-up & Drop-off Location: ... 127 Mount Vernon St

Cost: \$295 per week

Adult to Child Ratio: 1 counselor: 10 LITs

*Parents and guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp.

January 23th: Returning LITs

January 25th: New LITs

Paperwork deadline: June 1, 2025

Weekly sessions begin: June 16, 2025

Register Online: hillhouseboston.org



Policies and Procedures

HEALTH GUIDELINES

If your child is sick, please do not send them to camp. We seek to protect our campers and staff at all times, and work to prevent the passing of illness and infection. If your child is sick and will miss camp, please contact Camp Director at (617) 227-5838 x110.

If your child becomes sick during the camp day and must be sent home, the Program Manager will contact you immediately. Children must be picked up by an authorized individual who is listed on the "Authorized Pickup Form" on their camper forms. All adults will be ID'd at pickup.

This camp must comply with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the local board of health.

MEDICATION

Prescription medications cannot be distributed by Hill House staff. These medications should be taken at home. A camper should never self-medicate. If your child has an EpiPen or another special circumstance, please contact the Camp Director at (617) 227-5838 x110.

BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE

Hill House is committed to providing a safe, fun-filled experience for all campers. This is the cornerstone of our approach to discipline and behavior management. It is our firm belief that consistent, clear communication with children and parents is the key to problem solving. Further, we recognize parents know their children best and we value the input and strategic advice we receive from you.

If a child's behavior is in violation of our Camper Code of Conduct, (available in the A-Z Summer Camp Guide) we will address the issue in an appropriate way with the child, will follow up a parent/caregiver, and finalize the process with a write-up to clarify the appropriate action. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper, without refund, when the camper interferes with the safety of themselves, others or the group, violates our Camper Code of Conduct, or if any pertinent information is not disclosed and brought to Hill House's Admin Team at the time of registration.

We also understand that sensory, cognitive, physical, and learning differences can present challenges for some children in the camp environment. In these instances, we work with parents to accommodate these challenges as best we can. If you have any concerns or wish to file a grievance, please contact our Camp Director — Jamie Kelly, jkelly@hillhouseboston.org at 617-227-5838 ext 110

WEATHER PLAN

In cases of extreme weather, families will be notified via email or text of any changes to the camp schedule.

For weather updates, please visit our website to view day-of changes.

PAYMENTS, REFUNDS, & FEES

Participants may pay for summer camp through our secure website, www.hillhouseboston.org. All sessions must be paid for in full seven days prior to the start of the program. Camp tuition includes a non-refundable 20% deposit per session, per child. Should your summer

plans change, notify us as soon as possible. Our refund schedule is:

By May 1st: 80% (full refund less the deposit).

By May 31st: 30% (50% refund less the deposit).

June 1st onwards: no refunds.

A payment plan option is also available. This plan includes five payments of 20% due upon registration, then on March 1, April 1, May 1, and June 1, 2025. Hill House is proud to award scholarships to those who qualify each summer. If you are interested in applying for financial assistance, please request and complete a scholarship application before March 1, 2025.

* Please note that camp fees are not eligible for refund for children who attend camp and are not fully potty trained before their start at camp. Our refund schedule listed above still applies accordingly.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We are proud to award financial aid to applicants each year. It is our hope that Hill House summer camps remain accessible year-round to families and children of all financial backgrounds. We recognize the issue of affordability in summer camp fees. To assist participants in meeting this challenge, we allocate scholarships on a need-basis each season. Scholarship applicants are asked to pay a minimum of 25% of the Hill House Member program fee. A separate Hill House Scholarship Application (PDF or Online) must be submitted for each applicant, along with income verification documents. Please apply at www.hillhouseboston.org/Programs/Scholarships.htm

REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE

All forms for all campers for all sessions are due June 1, 2025 in order to have time to follow up with questions, inform the staff of allergies, and to have your space secured. We must receive your forms with registration and payment, well in advance of your attendance.

WHAT TO BRING

Each day, your child should pack a bag that they are capable of carrying on their own, labeled with their first initial and last name. The bag should contain:

- Bagged lunch
- Change of clothes
- A separately packed/labeled snack
- Sunscreen, swimsuit, towel (if applicable on scheduled pool days)
- A water bottle

As Hill House's facilities are nut-free, please do not send products containing any type of nut.

Each camper will receive a Hill House Summer Camp T-shirt. This shirt must be worn on Day Camp's field trip days.

All electronics and toys (smart phones, iPods, video games, personal sports equipment, cameras, Legos, etc.) should be left at home. Under no circumstances are firearms, knives or anything else classified as a weapon or illegal/controlled substance allowed on Hill House property. Also, no animals/pets are allowed at Hill House Summer Camp.