

2024 Hill House SUMMER CAMP

CELEBRATE
25 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 23
Registration opens to the entire community
at 10:00am on Thursday, January 25

Paperwork deadline is June 1, 2024.



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Your summer adventure in Downtown Boston

HILL HOUSE SUMMER CAMPS



On June 17th, Hill House's fabulous team of administrators and summer staff will kick off the organization's 25th 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 that 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!

2024 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Registration begins for returning campers at 10:00am on Tuesday, January 23 and to the community at 10:00am on Thursday, January 25, online at www.hillhouseboston.org

Please make sure you can login to your camp (*CampMinder*) account which is different 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 17.

Summer camp will not operate on:

Wednesday, June 19

Thursday, July 4

Friday, August 30

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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January 23, 10:00am

Registration for the community:
January 25, 10:00am

Paperwork deadline: June 1, 2024

Weekly sessions begin: June 17

Register Online: hillhouseboston.org



Kiddie Kamp



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 17 - 21 Barnyard Animal Bash
- Session 2: June 24 - 28. Super Spy Mission
- Session 3: July 1 - 5 Blast Off
- Session 4: July 8 - 12 Summer Safari
- Session 5: July 15 - 19 Superhero School
- Session 6: July 22 - 26 Deep Sea Dive
- Session 7: July 29 - August 2 Pirates of the Charles
- Session 8: August 5 - 9 Construction Camp
- Session 9: August 12 - 16 Dino Dig
- Session 10: August 19 - 23 Fairy Tale Adventures

WATER SAFETY

We love to play in the summer sun! Kiddie Kampers will spend the entirety of 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 and no swimming lessons will be provided. Our experienced staff and low counselor-to-child ratio ensure that each child will receive proper attention and supervision.



"My son (4) loved Kiddie Kamp, he did six weeks this past summer and I quickly regretted not signing him up for more. Ms. Adriana and Ms. Kate were wonderful with him and he was always so excited to see them and run up the stairs. It was such a nice feeling to know that he was having fun but also being taken good care of by such warm and fun counselors."

- 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: \$340.00 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

Hill House
Summer
Camps
Celebrating
25 Years

New and experienced campers alike can join us for an action-packed summer full of exciting outdoor activities and weekly field trips. Whether they are pools and splash pads, playing field games on the Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields, taking part in athletic activities on the Boston Common, or boarding a ferry to the Boston Harbor Islands, your camper will find something new to enjoy every day.

We also have a variety of community partnerships which provide special events and programs, as well as dedicated enrichment instructors to provide specialty skills and activities each week.

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 I: June 17 - 21 Animal Planet
- Session 2: June 24 - 28 Mission Impossible
- Session 3: July 1 - 5 Infinity and Beyond
- Session 4: July 8 - 12 Candyland
- Session 5: July 15 - 19 Heroes v Villains
- Session 6: July 22 - 26 Shark Week
- Session 7: July 29 - August 2 Pirate Treasure Quest
- Session 8: August 5 - 9 Olympic Games
- Session 9: August 12 - 16 Jurassic Journey
- Session 10: August 19 - 23 Magic Kingdom
- Session II: August 26 - 29 Hill House Has Talent

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 \$480/week for Regular Day campers
\$650/week for Extended Day campers
Campers enrolled in the Sailing Option
will pay an additional \$50 for each session
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 years old
- 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.

EXPANDED OPENINGS!

Extended Day Camp 2024

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 \$650.



WATER SAFETY

Throughout the week, Day Campers will have the opportunity to cool off in some water play at our local pools or splash pads. If swimming (for those campers ages 9+), campers will need to pass a swim test to swim without a life vest. Campers who do not pass will have wear a life vest to enter the pool or join the day campers who chose to enjoy cooling off at the spray deck: there's water for everyone! Any pools used by Hill House campers are staffed by certified lifeguards in addition to Hill House's team of summer staff.

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ACTIVITIES OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:

You and your Day Camper are now able to choose your 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 different campers in different ways so everyone has a blast.

- **ART:** Create masterpieces, build sculptures, design jewelry, or enjoy good old fashion camp crafts.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:** The Charles River, the Esplanade, the Boston Common, and so many other ways to learn about creatures and plants, great or small, that live in our world.
- **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.
- **FILM:** Ready, set, action! Direct, star, shoot, or whatever their passion, campers can help write, film, direct, and act in a short film to be presented to the camp.
- **NEW GAMES:** Play some friendly new creative games and old classics competitions. Run, jump, strategize, and have an all-around great time.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Use some of our digital cameras to capture the great wide world we live in. Some work with filters and other digital tools will be used to enhance or alter these brilliant images.
- **SAILING:** Continuing our partnership with Community Boating, older campers can have the opportunity to learn safety measures, land drills, and eventually sail on the Charles.
- **SPORTS:** Camp wouldn't be camp without some athletics in the mix. Play skill-building team sports, compete in individual trials, and get some exercise!
- **STEM:** Perfect options for budding engineers and scientists. Create and understand how the world around us works.
- **THEATER:** Calling all bards. Play theater games, read scripts to understand stage direction, and get coached through lines & actions to perform for the entire camp.
- **WATER PLAY:** Whether it's swimming or splashing around the spray deck, we want our campers to stay cool in the hot summer weather.

"Hill House Day Camp has been a great experience for my son (age 7.) He has been at Camp for two summers now and always asks about going back — the counselors are kind and attentive...and fun! My son enjoyed all the activities each day (especially the sports options) and the field trips — he had such great stories from each adventure. The staff is also responsive to any questions which helped me to feel comfortable that he was in a safe environment. Thank you to everyone at Hill House for great summer memories!"

— Day Camp Parent

SAMPLE OF A CAMPER'S DAY

MORNING DROP-OFF

Start your day signing in with our cheerful and smiling counselors. Enjoy some unstructured play time while you wait for the day with some card games, board games, reading time, or whatever you might enjoy with your friends.

MORNING CIRCLE

Greetings, announcements, songs, expectations, and group instructions ensure our campers have a great way to know how our day will shape up.

ACTIVITIES

Mornings are for outdoor play! Whether it is new games on the fields, water play, environmental education, playtime on the playgrounds, or sailing for the older kids, two blocks of enriching and skill-building activities makes sure our campers are enjoying the beautiful weather and staying active!

LUNCH

Time to enjoy the yummy meal that was packed from home with love! Counselors supervise and provide some unstructured socializing while everyone refuels for the rest of the day.

ACTIVITIES

What's in store for the afternoon? So many choices! Sports, art, theatre, film, music, STEM, photography, tumbling, and so much more is in store throughout the afternoon.

CLOSING CIRCLE

We finish the day right as we gather for our closing circle! Lots of fun songs, camp highlights from the day, and a way to wish everyone a great rest of the night as they head home.



Leaders In Training

The Leaders-in-Training (LIT) program is designed for young teens ages 13-15 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 an enriching summertime experience. Additionally, recognizing our LITs are still “kids,” there are fun activities such as swimming, outings, and recreation built into each and every day.

SKILL BUILDING AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Under supervision and instruction of our Leadership staff, LITs will learn/participate in:

- Program Lesson Planning
- Age-Appropriate Curriculum Development for Campers
- Conflict Resolution and Behavior Modification Strategies
- Social Media and Print Marketing Tactics including Internet Safety, Compelling Messaging, and Audience Engagement
- Public Speaking and Presentations
- Weekly Community Service Projects
- First Aid/CPR Training and Certification

KEEPING THE FUN IN SUMMER

Let’s not lose sight of what summer is all about—our LITs have fun too! Including:

- Daily activities including recreation, sailing, and other water activities
- Field trips and outings in-and-around Boston and eastern MA
- Midsummer celebration
- Culminating event for an end-of-summer send off



SCHEDULE

The LIT program is offered weekly from June 17-August 23. There will be two tracks of curriculum: one for returning LITs from previous summers and one for those brand new to the program. Participants should enroll in multiple weeks per summer, though one-week participation is possible. We strongly encourage and prefer enrollment in as many weeks as possible to ensure that your LIT gains the most from the curriculum developed that builds upon their experience from previous weeks.

Session 1: June 17 - 21

Session 2: June 24 - 28

Session 3: July 1 - 5

Session 4: July 8 - 12

Session 5: July 15 - 19

Session 6: July 22 - 26

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Session 8: August 5 - 9

Session 9: August 12 - 16

Session 10: August 19 - 23

“My son has worked as an LIT for 2 summers and has really loved it. It’s been a great opportunity for him to feel and act like a leader and role model to younger kids. It’s so fun to debrief with him each day to hear the stories of wrangling the kiddos, which has definitely given him a new appreciation for what parents have to deal with! One of the things that makes the program unique is that they structure into every week some activities that are just for the LITs. My son really enjoys those events, as well as the daily camaraderie from working alongside the other LITs doing fun things like playing soccer or doing art projects. He’s made some great friends and is dying to work there when he’s old enough to get paid! The Hill House staff is incredibly nice - really great role models for teens. It really has been the perfect summer option for us.”

—LIT Parent

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: \$240 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



Policies and Procedures

HEALTH GUIDELINES

If your child is sick, please do not send him/her 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 Program Manager at (617)227-5838 x.110.

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 Program Manager at (617) 227-5838 x.110.

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 Lauren Hoops-Schmieg, Executive Director, at (617) 227-5838, extension 180.

WEATHER PLAN

The Camp Director and summer staff have many exciting indoor activities planned for days that do not permit outdoor play.

For weather updates, please check Today's Updates and Alerts on our home page www.hillhouseboston.org. This hotline will be updated each weekday morning. Please also visit our website to view day-of changes.

PAYMENTS, REFUNDS, & FEES

Participants may pay for summer camp through our secure website, www.hillhouseboston.org, or at Hill House (127 Mount Vernon Street). 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, 2024. 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, 2024.

* 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.

REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE

All forms for all campers for all sessions are due June 1, 2024 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.



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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