

SUMMER GUIDE 2024

Explore summer activities in the Greater Boston area that will help support your child's development and well-being!

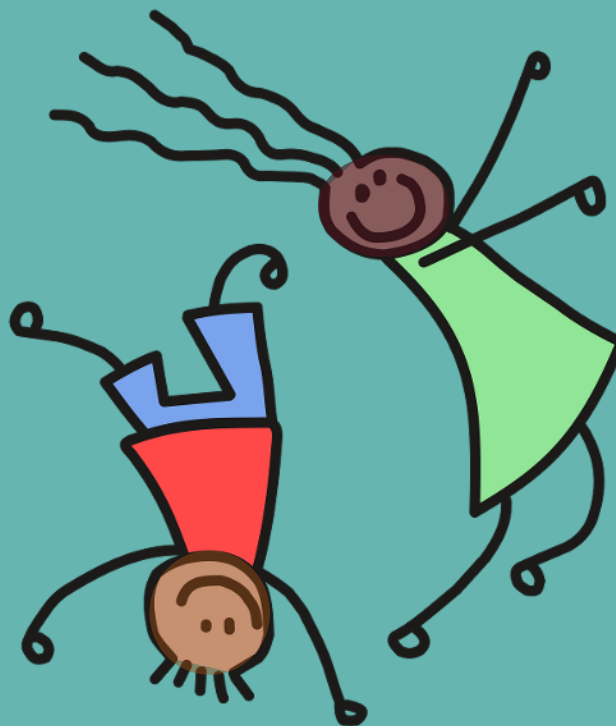
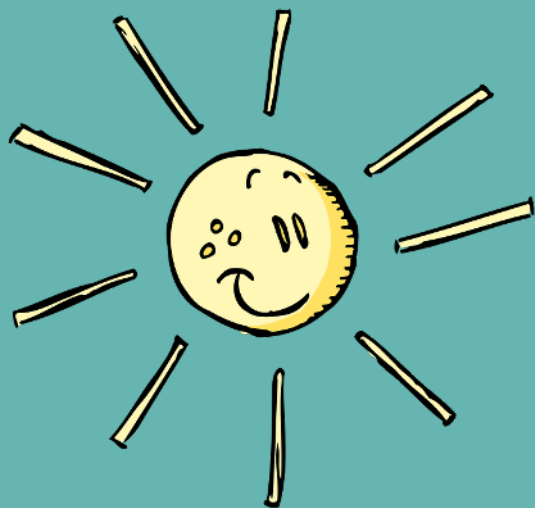


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SUMMER CAMPS

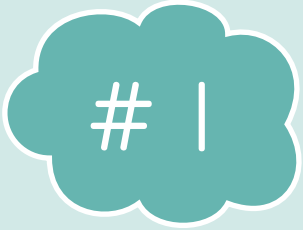


Disclaimer: We know camps can be expensive! If you're in need of financial assistance, please try:

1. Contacting the camp directly
2. Asking your doctor
3. Contacting DDS
4. Reaching out to local organizations



The sooner you reach out, the more likely you are to receive aid!!



CAMBRIDGE CAMPING

Concord, MA

Ages: 5-13


Dates: July 8 - August 9 Hours: 9am - 3pm

Cost: \$190-2400 (Sliding Scale Fee)



The goal of Adventure Day Camp is to provide a dynamic, engaging, and educational experience that allows children to stretch beyond their current boundaries and develop their leadership potential. Each year the program theme provides the framework for camp activities including: studio art, cooking, movement, performance art, dance, and engineering.

*daily transportation, breakfast, lunch, and snack are provided

<https://cambridgecamping.org/adventure>  Click me!
617-864-0960



RIVERVIEW SCHOOL

Cape Cod, MA

Ages: 11-21

Dates: July 10 - August 12 Hours: 8:30am - 4:45pm or overnight

Cost (based on 2023 tuition): \$6616 (day), \$10,854 (overnight)

*financial assistance available



Riverview's Summer Program is an opportunity for students to maintain academics, improve upon independent living and executive functioning skills while enjoying social opportunities with peers. Summer at Riverview offers programs for three different age groups: Middle School, ages 11-15; High School, ages 14-19; and the Transition Program, GROW (Getting Ready for the Outside World) which serves ages 17-21.

<https://www.riverviewschool.org/programs/summer-program>
508-888-0489

SUMMER CAMPS



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BRANCHES AT MEADOWBROOK

Weston, MA

Ages: Entering Preschool (Age 4) - Grade 8

Dates: June 24 – August 16 (two week sessions)

Hours: 8:30am - 4pm (early arrival and extended day available)

Cost: \$1593+



Campers enjoy a traditional day camp experience and a focus on developing collaboration and leadership abilities. Campers engage in a variety of classic camp activities and experiences that will nurture them as they grow alongside each other. Your child will make friends, learn new skills, spend time outside, and have fun!

<https://www.branchesmeadowbrook.org/campers>

781-647-0546

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CAMP FUSE

Lexington and Norwood locations

Ages: 3-9

Dates: June 24 – August 8, Mon-Thu

Hours: 9am - 1:30pm

Cost: \$6550



Camp Fuse hosts a small ratio of 6-7 children with 2 teachers. The goals of the summer program include:

Enhancing peer interactions, strengthening play skills, promoting social communication, increasing flexibility and problem solving in peer interactions. Lastly, enjoying and sharing fun experiences with peers!

<https://www.fuseprogram.com/lexington-vacation-summer-program/>

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YMCA SUMMER CAMPS

Wakefield, Reading, Boxford, Needham, Dorchester, East Boston, Boston, Woburn, Brighton, West Roxbury, Canton, Medfield, Roxbury, Hyde Park, Dedham, Waltham, Chinatown, Roslindale

Ages: 3-13

Dates: Sessions Start June 27 and end August 30

Hours: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Cost: Member Early-Bird: \$254, Non-Member Early-Bird \$305

The Y Summer Day Camps are a place where kids can be kids and enjoy the great outdoors with swimming, field games, arts and crafts, group activities, field trips and other exciting events offered throughout the summer.

YMCA Camps vary by age and location



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MGH ASPIRE

Program specific for children and adolescents on the autism spectrum. Individuals come together to build social skills, stress management strategies, and self-awareness through interactive and supportive activities. A strict enrollment policy applies.

Dates: July 1 - August 9 (6 week program)

Summer Child Program

Westwood, MA

Ages: 5-13

Hours: 8:45am - 1pm (Junior Camp), 8:45am - 2:45pm (Adventure Camp)

Cost: \$5995 (Junior Camp), \$6495 (Adventure Camp)

Summer Teen Program

Newton & Lexington Locations

Ages: 14-22

Hours: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Cost: \$6495

<https://www.massgeneral.org/children/aspire/apply>



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PETER PAN SUMMER PROGRAM

Boxborough, MA

Ages: Grades K-5

Dates: Sessions from July 2 - August 22

Hours: 9:00am - 12:00pm, Tuesday - Thursday

Cost: Member Early-Bird: \$254, Non-Member Early-Bird \$305



Summer camp focused on fostering social growth, confidence, and success in children through nine hours of direct social coaching each week. The program incorporates participant-inspired games and activities, encouraging children to explore and interact with peers in a supportive environment. Through unique, in-the-moment social coaching, kids learn to apply social knowledge in real-life situations.

<https://peterpancenter.com/summer-program-2024/>

Email: dshea.peterpancenter@gmail.com

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THE LARK CENTER

Boxborough, MA

Ages: 2-6, 7-11, 12-17

Dates: Sessions from July 2 - August 23

Hours: 9am-12pm (Ages 2-11), 12:30-3:30pm (Ages 12-17)

Cost: Member Early-Bird: \$475/wk



A therapeutic summer camp focused on sensory skills, art, music, fine and gross motor feeding, toileting, social language, school readiness (for Ages 2-6)

Fitness, recreation, games, art, music, cooking, outings (Ages 7-17)

<https://www.thelarkcenter.com/summer-2024>

contact@theLARKcenter

SPORTS



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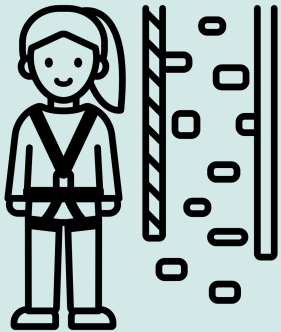
ROCKSPOT CLIMBING CAMP

Boston-Dedham

Ages: 8+

Dates: sessions starting June 24

Cost: \$495 for one session (week)



Each week includes a variety of climbing based skills and games as well as team building activities, crafts, and more! This is a great place to make new friends who have a shared interest or to spend time with good friends from outside of the gym. This program is staffed at a low participant to staff ratio and all staff are trained to give your climbers the best experience possible.

<https://boston.rockspotclimbing.com/youth/boston-dedham-adventure/617-333-4433>

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VIKING CAMPS

Many locations throughout New England

Ages: 5-13

Dates: July 5 - August 30

Hours: 9am - 3pm (early dropoff and extended day available)

Cost: ~\$300-400 for 1 week



Multi-Sport Summer Camps include a fun variety of sports, and Sport-Specific Camps are also offered. Camps are designed to promote regular physical activity, sportsmanship, and values. At Viking, they strive to create the best possible experience and atmosphere of engagement and teamwork for all of campers. In Brookline and Medway, in addition to our multi-sport camps, they offer Sport-Specific Camps including Soccer Camp, Baseball Camp, Flag Football Camp, and Soccer Academy.

<https://www.vikingcamps.com/viking-programs/summer-camp/>
508-358-5066

SPORTS



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BINA FARM



Lexington, MA

BINA Buddies

Ages: 6-12

Dates: July 8 - August 1 (one week sessions)

Hours: Mon-Thu, 9am - 12 pm

Cost: \$595/wk

Learn all about our four-legged friends, and how to care for them! This program is designed for those who want to spend more time on the ground with these incredible creatures, and welcomes children of all abilities and skill levels. Participants will attend daily unmounted horsemanship classes, enjoy gardening, games, arts and crafts.

Horsing Around

Ages: 6-14

Dates: July 8 - August 22 (one week sessions)

Hours: Mon-Thu, 9am - 1pm

Cost: \$895/wk

This program is open to all abilities and skill levels, and designed for those that would like to get in the saddle! Participants will take part in group horseback riding and horsemanship classes daily, as well as other activities such as arts & crafts and games.

<https://binafarm.org/summercamp>

781-862-5020



STEM



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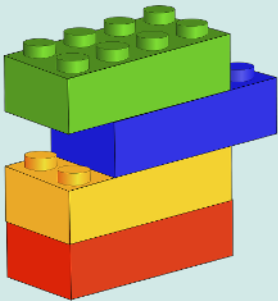
LEGO SUMMER PROGRAMS

Brookline, Burlington, Danvers, Hopkinton, Medford, Melrose, Newton, Sharon, Wakefield, Walpole, West Roxbury, Westwood

Ages: 4-13

Dates: June 17 - Aug 16

Cost: \$240 (one week half day), \$390 (one week full day)



Children will engage in guided STEM-related building projects led by dedicated teachers throughout the week. The activities involve the designing, building, testing, and modifying creations, fostering critical thinking skills. Children will participate in activities promoting creativity, teamwork, and a passion for discovery.

<https://www.letgoyourmind.com/2023-summer-programs>
603-731-8047

#13

EMPOW STUDIOS

Boston, Newton, Cambridge, Lexington

Ages: 7-15

Dates: June 26 - Aug 1. 8:45am-4:00pm

Cost: \$899 Per 5 Day Session



Campers learn essential 21st century skills and valuable habits as they experiment, persist, and solve problems to complete their projects. They foster collaboration because it's an essential learning skill and because it increases STEM learning and because making friends with kids with shared STEM interests build lifelong learning and is an awesome part of camp!

Empow Studios | STEM Programs | Coding, Minecraft, Robotics, and more!

STEM



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GUILD HALL LEARNING

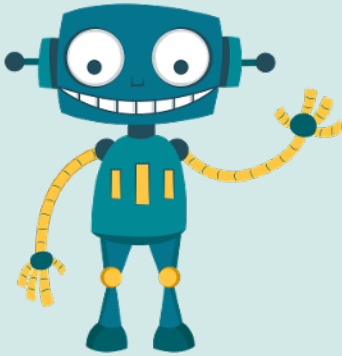
Woburn, Cambridge, Natick

Ages: 8-18

Dates: Sessions from July 8th,

Times: Two time slots, 9am-12pm, 12:30pm-3:00pm

Cost: \$350-\$400



Guild Hall provides seasonal camps in STEM education. Their camps include engineering, robotics, coding, and art and design. These camps are for students 9 years old and up. In combat robotics, camp students will have the opportunity to create a fully controllable robot that is designed and built for combat. At the end of the week, students will put their creations to the test against other student robots!

STEM Vacation Camps! (guildhalllearning.com)

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STEVE & KATE'S CAMP

Boston-Fenway, Boston-Hyde Park, Boston-Jamaica Plain, Cambridge

Ages: 4-12

Dates: Vary by location - June 17 or June 24

Times: 8am-6pm

Cost: Day Pass-\$122, Summer Pass-\$3660



Campers choose minute to minute from a variety of activities including, sewing, stop-motion animation, music, sports & recreation, makers crafts, bread making, and more. They'll decide what they want to do, and for how long. The camp staff's job is to get out of their way, cheerlead creative risks, and provide just enough guidance for kids to make their own way.

Steve & Kate's Camp Locations

MUSIC



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ABLE SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Berklee College of Music (Boston)

Ages: 9-17

Dates: July 29 - August 2, August 5 - 9

Cost: \$1100/week, need-based tuition available

At Berklee, they believe that the arts better the lives of everyone. That's why they offer the ABLE Day Sessions program for musicians with disabilities. Study your instrument in group lessons. Play or sing with other musicians in an ensemble. Experience music through drumming, singing, and music technology workshops. Learn from other musicians in clinics. Share your music in a performance with your ensemble at the end of the week. *must have at least 6 months of playing or singing experience

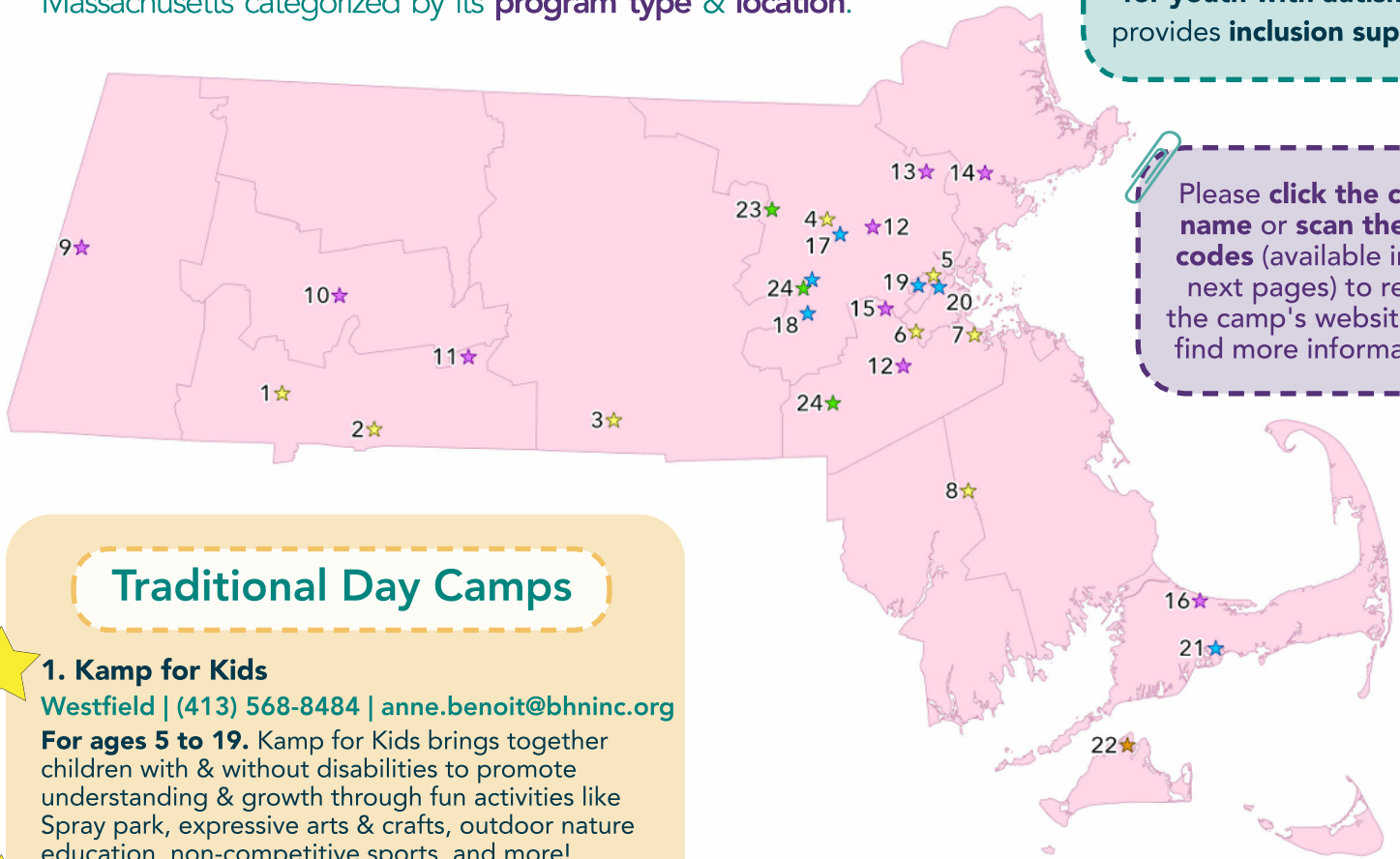
<https://college.berklee.edu/BIAAE/programs/day-sessions-able>
617-266-1400



Special-Needs Summer Camps

If you are looking for a **special-needs summer camp** for your child this summer, look no further! Here are **24 options** across Massachusetts categorized by its **program type & location**.

All camps listed below are **for youth with autism OR provides inclusion support!**



Please **click the camp name** or **scan the QR codes** (available in the next pages) to reach the camp's website and find more information!

Traditional Day Camps

1. Kamp for Kids

Westfield | (413) 568-8484 | anne.benoit@bhninc.org

For ages 5 to 19. Kamp for Kids brings together children with & without disabilities to promote understanding & growth through fun activities like Spray park, expressive arts & crafts, outdoor nature education, non-competitive sports, and more!

2. JCC Springfield Inclusion Camp

Springfield | (413) 739-4715 | info@springfieldjcc.org

For ages 5 to 16. This traditional camp is packed with fun summer experiences along with the support of a Special Needs Inclusion Counselor for children with social, emotional & behavior support needs. **Can offer 1:1 or 2:1 support.**

3. Camp Hope

Charlton | (508) 764-4085
rthompson@thecenterofhope.org

For ages 6 to 21. This is an inclusive day camp with a traditional summer camp experience for all, where campers can have fun playing games, arts & crafts, activities and aquatics, and much more! **1:1 staffing can be arranged.**

4. Daybreak Day Camp

Concord | (617) 864-0960 | [Program Director's online contact form](#)

For ages 6 to 12. This 6-week program provides affordable, meaningful and fun camp experiences to youngsters with special needs. **Transportation, breakfast and lunch will be provided!**

5. Camp Rainbow

Cambridge | (617) 892-5478
CampRainbow@cambridgema.gov

For ages 6 to 22. This one is for Cambridge residents with disabilities looking for affordable summer camps! Campers will enjoy fun outdoor activities, swimming, field trips to local attractions, arts & crafts, and cooking, and much more.

6. Camp Joy

Boston | (617) 961-6952 | roberta.smalls@boston.gov

For ages 3 to 15. Created by the Boston Center for Youth & Families (BCYF), Camp Joy is for Boston residents with disabilities and their siblings (ages 3-7). **Provides 4:1 child to staff ratio, breakfast/lunch and door-to-door transportation!**

7. Camp Quirk

Quincy | (857) 403-4744 | campquirk@ssymca.org

For ages 4 to 16. Enjoy the outdoors and build lifelong memories & friendships with Camp Quirk! All staff are inclusion-trained & **collaborates with families to provide specific inclusive supports.**

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8. Easterseals Summer Camp

Bridgewater | (617) 737-6658
tbc@eastersealsma.org

For ages 7 to 22. This camp provides youth with unforgettable summer experiences from indoors to outdoors, including arts & crafts, adaptive biking, cooking, interacting with small animals and nature trails, water play and more!

Therapeutic/Academic

9. BGC Berkshires Recreational Therapy Camp

Pittsfield | (413) 448-8258 | info@bgcberkshires.org

For ages 6 to 22. This program emphasizes the continuation of school IEP objectives to prevent regression & encourage the development of positive self esteem and age appropriate social skills. Any individual with an Independent Education Program (IEP) are eligible!

10. Camp Commūnicāre

Northampton | (413) 374-3056
hall@AACcommunicare.com

This is a 5-week immersive summer camp for individuals using AAC and total communication. Enjoy music therapy, movement groups, science experiments, cooking, swimming, and much more!

11. Camp Ramah

Palmer | (781) 400-0204 | bonnies@campramahne.org

For ages 7 to 16. Camp Ramah is for Jewish campers with a wide range of differences, including learning disabilities, ADHD, autism, and other developmental/intellectual disabilities. **Various levels of support are available including Individualized Support Plans!**

12. F.U.S.E Summer Program

Lexington & Norwood | (781) 658-3009
lauren@fuseprogram.com

For ages 18 months to 8. This camp will be 7 weeks of fun themes and indoor/outdoor activities! Provides small group structure of 5 to 7 kids with 2 teachers.

13. Camp Triumph

North Reading | (781) 942-0277
triumphcenter@verizon.net

For ages 6 to 16. This is for youth with disabilities to build confidence and self-esteem! Enjoy fun and therapeutic group activities along with discussions in a 3:1 small group structure.

14. The Spotlight Program

Danvers | (978) 924-5843 | ccurtin@ne-arc.org

For ages 6 to 22. This program utilizes ABA to bring meaningful change to social behaviors. Your child will be taught social skills and demonstrate within groups using role play and games!

15. Confidence Connections

Needham | (781) 433-9890
info@confidenceconnection.org

For ages 3 to 8. This is a 9-week summer program designed for children with autism. Programming includes social pragmatic groups, music and speech therapy, KidFit, yoga, cooking classes and more!

16. Riverview's Summer Program

East Sandwich | (508) 888-0489 |
admissions@riverviewschool.org

For ages 11 to 21. This is an ideal opportunity for students to maintain academics, improve independent living skills while enjoying the beautiful Cape Cod with concerts, kayaking, whale watching and much more!

Sport/Music Programs

17. Diamond Physical Therapy Associates, PC

Concord/Sudbury | (857) 299-4732
megan@diamondphyscaltherapy.org

This organization provides 1:1 aquatic physical therapy and adaptive swimming lessons for children with autism. Diamond PTs Laura and Megan work very closely with every child's unique profile to provide quality experiences that are therapeutic, empowering and fun for the child! Initial evaluation is performed on land in Sudbury, followed by water sessions in the Concord pool.

18. Performing Arts Center (PAC) Summer Program

Framingham | (508) 875-5554
pac@pacmetrowest.org

For ages 8 to 14. Calling all music and theater lovers! Enjoy various small group programmings such as Choral Intensive for ages 8-10, Audition Bootcamp for ages 10-14, and Camp for Young Actors for ages 8-10. Any skill level is welcome. If your child loves to sing or act, this program is perfect!

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19. Adaptive Sports Camp

Brighton | (617) 254-3800 x5475
paward@franciscanchildrens.org

For ages 5 to 21. This adaptive sports camp by Franciscan Children's run for 2-3 hours/day for 2 weeks in August. Children (grouped according to their age and abilities) have fun participating in a variety of adaptive sports Morning and afternoons sessions available.

20. ABLE Music Program

Boston | (617) 747-2760 | rbernard@berklee.edu

This program is for musicians with disabilities! Participate in group lessons, collaborate with other musicians in an ensemble and perform with your ensemble at the end of the camp! **To participate, Campers must have at least 6 months of playing/singing experience.**

21. Cape Cod Challenger Summer Program

Osterville | (508) 420-6950 x.1 | kelvin@capecodchallenger.org

This program is for musicians with disabilities! Participate in group lessons, collaborate with other musicians in an ensemble and perform with your ensemble at the end of the camp! **To participate, Campers must have at least 6 months of playing/singing experience.**

If any of these programs sound interesting, make sure to click its name and visit their website!

There you will find a lot more information from camp dates, how to register, to what types of individualized supports can be arranged for your child. Camps/programs also often provide **financial assistance** in the form of **scholarships** or **sliding scales**, so make sure to reach out to them directly (of course, earlier the better) to find out what's available!

If you would like more summer camp options, SPED Child Mass offers a great list that can help. You can find here camps not only in MA, but also NH, ME, VT, and RI!

SPED Child Mass: Summer Camps

Residential Camp

22. Camp Jabberwocky

Vineyard Haven | (508) 693-2339 | info@campjabberwocky.org

Camp Jabberwocky is a **free** residential summer camp for children with disabilities to live together in a beautiful, wooded campus and enjoy jam-packed days with adventurous and fun activities like island trips, arts and crafts, barbecues, biking, horseback riding, boating, beach days and so much more!

Nature-Oriented

23. Peter Pan Summer Program

Boxborough | (978) 413-1965
dshea.peterpancenter@gmail.com

This is an 8-week summer program held in an antique farmhouse where kids can "go out and play" in their own sensory profile while receiving 9 hours of social skills support & coaching each week! Led by Donna Shea, Social-Emotional Learning Specialist.

24. TimberNook Summer Camp

Sudbury | (978) 287-7878 | sherry.kenin@timbernook.com

For ages 1.5 to 12. This camp offers many nature and play-based summer programs for kids with developmental disabilities. Located at the beautiful Nobscot Reservation where children can enjoy rock scrambling, mud stomping, frog finding and more!

24. TimberNook Summer Camp

Norfolk | (617) 669-4366 | megan.devendorf@timbernook.com

For ages 1.5 to 10. This camp offers many nature and play-based summer programs for kids with developmental disabilities. Located at the beautiful Leland Wild - a habitat for many species of butterflies, grassland birds, mammals and small creatures!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Farms + Fruit Picking

***be sure to check whether the farms accept cash/card!**



North Shore

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- Russell Orchards (Ipswich): strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries
- Brooksby Farm (Peabody): fruits, barnyard animals, farm store with freshly picked garden fruits and vegetables

South Shore

- Tree Berry Farm (Scituate, MA): blueberries
- C.N Smith Farm (East Bridgewater): strawberries, blueberries, peaches, farm animals, garden center

MetroWest

- Belkin Family Lookout Farm (South Natick): strawberries, peaches, nectarines, plums, kid's play area, farm animals
- Ward's Berry Farm (Sharon): strawberries, blueberries, hayride, picnic area

Other Boston-area berry farms

- Blue Meadow Farm (Sudbury): blueberries
- The Blueberry Farm (Hanson) : blueberries
- Boston Hill Farm (North Andover): strawberries, raspberries, blueberries
- Canver Hill Orchard (Stow): cherries, blueberries, vegetables, country store
- Connors Farm (Danvers): blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, and blackberries, special attractions for kids
- Hansons Farm (Framingham): flowers, blueberries, blackberries
- Honey Pot Hill Orchards (Stow): blueberries
- Parlee Farms (Tyngsboro): strawberries, cherries, blueberries
- Patt's Blueberries (Holliston): blueberries

FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Museums + Attractions

Boston Children's Museum

← Click me!

- The Morningstar Access Program at Boston Children's Museum offers children with disabilities or other special/medical needs the opportunity to visit the Museum at a time when there are only a few other visitors. At these times, there is a limit of 100 guests, and children and their families can explore the Museum with less concern about large crowds.



Museum of Fine Arts Boston

- *Beyond the Spectrum* is offered to both younger kids and teens with autism on select Saturdays. Kids can explore the gallery and then work on an art project.



Discovery Museum Acton

- The *Especially for Me* event series offers dedicated hours and free admission for families with disabilities. During these events, the museum offers accommodations that increase access to exhibits and provides an opportunity for families to network. All events are free, but require pre-registration online.



New England Aquarium

- To help people with special sensory-processing needs enjoy their visit, special kits (which include noise-canceling headphones, fidget tools, picture-communication cards) are available at the Information Desk
- There is also a sensory cool-down space for for guests seeking a quiet, private space



AMC Theaters

- AMC partners with the Autism Society to offer sensory-friendly films the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Theaters turn the sound down and turn the lights up so you're not in complete darkness. Kids are welcome to get up and move around, and even sing and dance along with the movie.



Chuck E. Cheese

- On the first Sunday of each month, Chuck E. Cheese hosts their *Sensory Sensitive Sundays*. They open their doors two hours early with a quiet environment, dimmed light, and onsite trained staff to help guests as needed.



ACTIVITIES FOR HOME



DIY Pool Noodle Sprinkler

A fun way to cool off during the summer is making and then playing with your own pool noodle sprinkler. All you need is a pool noodle, a hose, some duct tape, and a pair of scissors. Here is a guide to help you along the way:



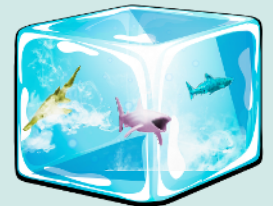
Making Oobleck

Oobleck is a super easy and fun fluid you can play with at home. When you move it slowly, it acts like a liquid, move it fast and it acts like a solid. Don't believe us? Try it yourself. Just mix water, cornstarch, and whatever food coloring you want and enjoy hours of fun. Follow this link or scan the QR code for more detailed instructions.

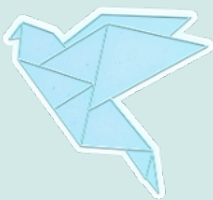


Freezing Toys in a Block of Ice

What is better than ice in the summer? Ice with toys inside of it. Just grab some Tupperware, fill it up with water and drop a toy in. After it freezes you can take it out and have fun melting it to get to the reward and the center.



Family Origami



A great family activity is making origami. Origami is the art of folding paper to create 3D objects. Some simple examples are making a boat but it can get as complicated as making flying horses. It is a fun and enriching activity that gives you a fun toy to play with after. Click here or scan the QR code for some instructions on how to get started.



Obstacle Course / The Floor is Lava

Using household items like chairs, tables, or sofas, you can make an obstacle course for your family to enjoy. Making sure to be safe, you can set up a game of "The Floor is Lava" using the Floor is Lava Song.

Home Scavenger Hunt

A great way to spend a summer afternoon with the family is having a scavenger hunt. Compile a list of specific items or descriptions of items such as "something blue" and set off on an adventure in the comfort of your own home. Click here or follow the link in the QR code for some ideas of what to put on your own list!

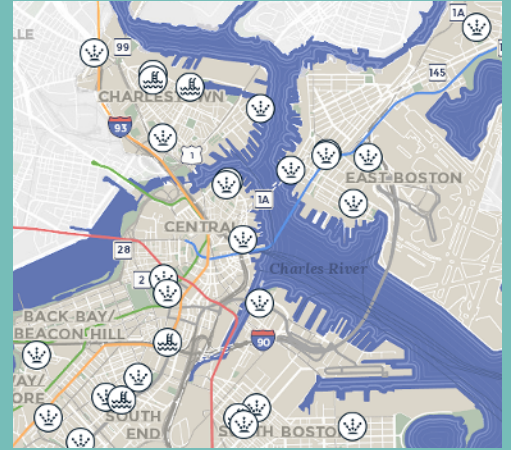
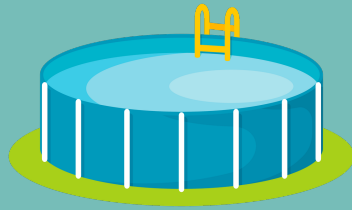


FUN IN THE SUN



BOSTON POOLS

Boston has a variety of public pools to cool off during the summer heat! Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to see the map of available pools and splash pads.



BOSTON BEACHES

Enjoy your summer vacation by visiting some of these beautiful public beaches in the Boston area



Pleasure Bay Beach, M Street Beach and Carson Beach

These three accessible beaches are located in South Boston and have amazing facilities including a boardwalk, playground, and picnic areas. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to learn more.



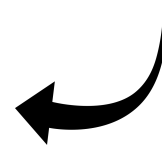
Malibu Beach

This beach on the Dorchester Bay Basin is a wonderful spot to go swimming. It even features a playground and baseball fields for added fun! Click [here](#) or scan the QR code below to learn more:



For more beach options, visit the Massachusetts Parks and Recreation website found [here](#):





As summer rolls around, many parents find themselves spending more time near water. Whether at pools, ponds, or beaches, follow these 6 pointers to ensure a safe and fun time in the water!



Expose your child to water as frequently as possible

The more time your child spends in the water the more comfortable and safe they will be.



Be patient with your child when they are learning to swim

Every child's path to water comfort is different. Do not allow your child to rush his or her learning process by swimming in the deep end or jumping off the diving board until he or she feels ready and can demonstrate being safe.



Proactively watch your child in the water

Simply being with your child in the water setting is not enough. Don't assume that because your child has mastered swimming, that he or she can be left unsupervised. Remember to keep an eye out at all times!



Keep an eye out for dangerous situations

Children with ASD often lack awareness of the dangers around them, putting them at a higher risk than other children in the water. Remember to look out for things like slippery surfaces, water that is too cold, or unexpectedly deep water.



Watch out for wandering behaviors

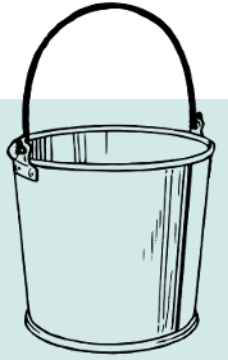
Children with ASD often exhibit wandering behaviors. Being near water makes these behaviors extra dangerous, especially if they are still learning how to be safe near the water. Remember to watch for wandering behavior, especially when near water



Ensure that your child is wearing water safety gear

Insist that your child wears a life jacket or floaty until they have mastered swimming and water safety skills. Also note that they still need to be carefully watched even when wearing safety gear.

SUMMER BUCKET LIST!



What I want to do this summer:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____



I'M GOING TO SUMMER CAMP!

Hi! My name is _____.



This summer I'm going to

Summer Camp.



My camp is located in

_____, Massachusetts.



I'm going to take a _____ to get to camp.



My camp starts at _____ and ends at

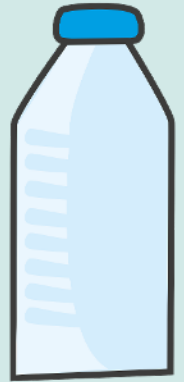
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CAMP CHECKLIST ✓

When I go to camp, I need to bring:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



At camp I get to participate in a lot of fun activities. For example,

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

The activity I'm most excited about is _____.

At the end of the day I will go home to my family. They will be proud of me for having a fun, happy, and safe day at camp!



QR CODES FOR SUMMER CAMPS

1. CAMBRIDGE CAMPING



2. RIVERVIEW SCHOOL



3. BRANCHES AT MEADOWBROOK



4. CAMP FUSE



5. YMCA SUMMER CAMP



6. MGH ASPIRE



7. PETER PAN SUMMER CAMP



8. THE LARK CENTER



QR CODES FOR SUMMER CAMPS

9. ROCKSPOT CLIMBING CAMP



10. VIKING CAMPS



11. BINA FARMS



12. LEGO SUMMER PROGRAMS



13. EMPOW STUDIOS



14. GUILD HALL LEARNING



15. STEVE & KATE'S CAMP



16. ABLE SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM





1. Kamp for Kids



2. JCC Springfield



3. Camp Hope



4. Daybreak Camp



5. Camp Rainbow



6. Camp Joy



7. Camp Quirk



8. Easterseals



9. BGC Berkshires



10. Communicare



11. Camp Ramah



12. F.U.S.E



13. Camp Triumph



14. Spotlight



15. Confidence



16. Riverview



17. Diamond PT



18. PAC



19. Franciscan



20. ABLE



21. Challenger



22. Jabberwocky



23. Peter Pan



24. TimberNook

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