Registration

Returning campers register at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 26.

Registration opens to the entire community at 10:00 am on Thursday, January 28.

Paperwork deadline is June 1.

Our camps feature:

- Weekly Day Camp field trips
- Kiddie Kamp on-site adventures
- Expanded enrichment options
- Community partnerships
- 5% sibling discount

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. 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.

Hill House Summer Camp

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(617) 227-5838
hillhouseboston.org
Your summer adventure in Downtown Boston

HILL HOUSE SUMMER CAMPS

On June 14, Hill House’s fabulous team of administrators and summer staff will kick-off the organization’s 22nd summer of camp for children ages 3-12, along with our popular LIT program for ages 13-15. 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!

2021 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

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Paperwork Deadline: June 1 for all campers in all sessions

Hill House Summer Camp kicks off the week of June 14.

Summer camp will not operate on:

- Monday, July 5
- or Friday, August 27

Day Camp will run for 11 weeks

Kiddie Kamp 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 interests. 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 will split their time between activities at the Firehouse, 76 Joy Street, Boston Common and Teddy Eberhardt’s Red Sox Field on the Esplanade.

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SNAP SHOT

Age: 3-5 years
Drop-off: Monday – Friday, 8:30-9:00am
Pick-up: Monday – Friday, 1:00-1:30pm
Pick-up & Drop-off Location: Mon., Tue., and Thur 127 Mt. Vernon St. Wed and Fri. (weather permitting) TELS
Cost: $35.00 per week
Adult to Child Ratio: 1 counselor: 4 campers
Minimum enrollment: 36 campers per session
Special Notes: Children must be potty trained
*Parents and guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp.

Hill House Summers Camps
Celebrating 22 Years

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.

SCHEDULE

Session 1: Session 1: June 14 – 18 ...... Under the Sea
Session 2: June 21 – 25 ............... Blast Off!
Session 3: June 28 – July 2 ............ Beantown Adventures
Session 4: July 6 – 9 .................... Fiesta!
No camp July 5
Session 5: July 12 – 16 ............... Pirate Party
Session 6: July 19 – 23 .................. Musicians
Session 7: July 26 – 30 .................. Dino Dig
Session 8: August 2 – 6 ............... Superheroes
Session 9: August 9 – 13 .............. Barnyard Friends
Session 10: August 16 – 20 .......... Fairy Tales

POOL SAFETY

We love to play in the summer sun! Kiddie Kapers will spend the entirety of Wednesdays and Fridays (weather permitting) at the Esplanade at Teddy Eberhardt’s Red Sox Field and Alford Spray Dock. 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 LOVED all his counselors, which is why I think he adjusted so quickly to this new experience for us. Thank you for hiring and training such energetic and fun people!”
— Parent of Kiddie Kamp

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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.
Day Camp

1. 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.
2. Artistic masterpieces at the Firehouse, swimming in the outdoor pool at the Clubs at Charles River Park, playing field games on the Teddy Ebersol’s Red Sox Fields, and traveling around Boston on field trips relating to our themes every Thursday and end the week with a bang with our summer staff-designed Friday Festival activities.
3. Campers who pass the swim test are allowed to swim in the outdoor pool at the Clubs at Charles River Park.
4. Campers enrolled in the Sailing Option have passed a swim test and can swim 75 yards on their own. The cost of the sailing option is an additional $50 per week.
5. The Extended Day option is available to our Day Campers in and out of camp.
6. Swimming test. Campers who pass the swim test are allowed to swim in the pool without a life vest.
7. Extended Day is available to our Day Campers in and out of camp. Every day will be a different sports that help strengthens and develop a balanced set of skills through drills, fun games and tournaments throughout the whole summer.
8. Field trips. Campers who choose to enjoy cooling off at the spray deck, there’s water fun for everyone! The pool is staffed by American Red Cross certified lifeguards in addition to Hill House’s team of summer staff.
9. Parents and guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp. Hill House will provide transportation for field trips only.

ENROLMENT OPTIONS

Afternoon Activity Choices for Day Campers

- Sports, Theater, Sailing and Film Option

- Classic Camp—Sessions 1–11
- Classic Camp will enjoy a multitude of camp favorites, including art, nature, outdoor sports and other exciting programming every week. If every week is the spice of life, these campers are well seasoned! Campers will travel around Boston on field trips relating to our themes every Thursday and end the week with a bang with our summer staff-designed Friday Festival activities.

- Theater Option—Sessions 2–4
- There’s a lot of creative energy at camp, and we’re looking to channel it to the entire camp. Parents will be invited to view their thespians in action!

- Film Option—Sessions 5–7
- Be the star of your camp weeks! For these three sessions, campers will learn and be involved in the various different roles needed to create a film production. Creating scripts, learning about editing as well as time both in front and behind the camera is sure to inspire campers. We will premiere the film at the end of the session for campers to see!

- Extended Day—Session 1–11
- Extended Day is available to 5–12 year old campers. For parents who are looking for a few extra hours of fun during the day, we are happy to once again provide our Extended Day option! Extended Day allows you to drop off your child as early as 8:00 am and pick your child up as late as 5:30 pm. Extended Day is available to our Day Campers in and out of camp.

POOL SAFETY

Each Monday, Day Campers wanting to swim will take a swimming test. Campers who pass the swim test are allowed to swim in the pool without a life vest. Campers who do not pass will have to wear a life vest to enter the pool or join the day campers who choose to enjoy cooling off at the spray deck, there’s water fun for everyone! The pool is staffed by American Red Cross certified lifeguards in addition to Hill House’s team of summer staff.

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SNAP SHOT

- Age: 5 to 12 years
- Regular Day: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Extended Day: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm
- Pick up & Drop Off Location: Hill House, 127 Mt. Vernon Street
- Cost: $35 per week for Regular Day campers
- Registration: See Hill House’s website for more information.

Hill House Summer Camps Celebrating 22 Years

- Extensive experience and professional staff
- Day Camp
- Extended Day
- Sailing
- Film Option
- Theater Option
- Classic Camp

Day Camp

- Hill House will provide transportation to and from camp. Hill House will provide transportation for field trips only.

EXPANDED OPENINGS!

Extended Day Camp 2021

For those busy families seeking more time at Hill House for their campers, we are delighted to announce an expansion of openings in the “Extended Day” option. This is for Day Campers only and allows for drop-off as early as 8:00 am and pick up as late as 5:30 pm. Spaces are limited and include each day of the camp week. $595 per week.
SCHEDULE
The LIT program is offered weekly from June 14 – August 27. 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 to get the most from the curriculum developed that builds upon their experiences from previous weeks.

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Session 6: July 19 – 23
Session 7: July 26 – 30
Session 8: August 2 – 6
Session 9: August 9 – 13
Session 10: August 16 – 20
Session 11: August 23 – 26
No camp on August 27

SNAP SHOT
Age: 10 – 15 years
Drop-off: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am
Pick-ups: Monday – Friday, 4:00 pm
Cost: $200.00 per week
Adult to Child Ratio: 1 counselor : 10 LITs
*Parents and guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp.

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 Chelsea Evered at (617) 227-5838, extension 140.

If your child becomes sick during the camp day and must be sent home, the Camp Coordinator will contact you immediately. Children must be picked up by an authorized individual on their Transportation & Release Agreement.

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 Chelsea Evered at (617) 227-5838, extension 140 or cevered@hillhouseboston.org.

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 that 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, follow up with a parent/caregiver and finalize the process with a write-up to clarify the appropriate action. Our Parent Feedback Form serves to document the progress and ongoing status of any issues that arise, and confirms the parent’s participation in this process.

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.

WHEN 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 available 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.

COVID
Hill House will be following the latest guidance from the state in relation to COVID-19. Policies will be sent out to enrolled campers before their session begins. If policies are updated, families will be informed and they will also be posted on our website. The re-opening phases may impact our ability to participate in certain camp activities like field trips. For more information, please contact Chelsea at cevered@hillhouseboston.org.

PAYMENTS, REFUNDS & FEES
Participants may pay for summer camp through our secure website, 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: 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, 2021.

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, 2021.

REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE
All forms for all campers for all sessions are due June 1, 2021 in order to have time to follow up with questions, inform the staff of allergies, and to have your space secured. We request you receive your forms with registration and payment, well in advance of your attendance.

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January 28th: New LITs

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