









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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Hill House SUMMER CAMP

CELEBRATE 22 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
- Expanded enrichment options
- Community partnerships
- 5% sibling discount

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.

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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

Registration begins for returning campers at 10:00am on Tuesday, January 26 and to the community at 10:00am on Thursday, January 28, at 10:00am, online at www.hillhouseboston.org

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 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

Hill House Summer Camps
Celebrating 22 Years



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: 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 Kampers will spend the entirety of Wednesdays and Fridays (weather permitting) at the Esplanade at Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields and Alfond 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.

SNAP SHOT

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: .... Mon, Tue, and Thur 127 Mt Vernon St. Wed and Fri (weather permitting) TERSF
Cost: ..... $315.00 per week
Adult to Child Ratio: ..... 1 counselor: 4 campers
Maximum enrollment: ..... 36 campers per session
Special Notes: ..... Children must be potty trained
***Parents and guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp.**



"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 Kamper

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Day Camp

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Celebrating 22 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 creating 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, 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 1: June 14 - 18 . . . . . Great Barrier Reef Week
Session 2: June 21 - 25 . . . . . Astronomy & Aliens
Session 3: June 28 - July 2 . . . . . Boston Time Machine
Session 4: July 6 - 9 . . . . . Global Celebration
No camp on July 5
Session 5: July 12 - 16 . . . . . Pirate Party
Session 6: July 19 - 23 . . . . . Kids Bop
Session 7: July 26 - 30 . . . . . Art Adventures
Session 8: August 2 - 6 . . . . . Superheroes
Session 9: August 9 - 13 . . . . . Animal Planet
Session 10: August 16 - 20 . . . . . Fairy Tales
Session 11: August 23 - 26 . . . . . Color Games
No camp on August 27

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 . . . . . **$435 per week for Regular Day campers**
$595 per 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 . . . . . **50 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 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 8:00am and pick up as late as 5:30pm. Spaces are limited and include each day of the camp week. $595 per week



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 chose 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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Enrollment Options

Afternoon Activity Choices for Day Campers

You and your Day Camper are now able to choose your ideal afternoon session: along with our traditional Sports Option or Classic Camp, 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.

Sports, Theater, Sailing and Film Option campers will meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. They will join Classic Campers for the full day on Thursday and Friday for field trips and Friday Festival activities.

CLASSIC CAMP—SESSIONS 1—11

Open to 5-12 year old campers

Classic campers will enjoy a multitude of camp favorites, including art, nature, outdoor sports and other exciting programming every week. If variety 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

Open to 7-12 year old campers

There's a lot of creative energy at camp, and we're looking to channel it with our theater sessions! Our theater coordinator will introduce your camper to theater games, reading scripts to understand stage direction and coach them through lines and actions to contribute to a performance to the entire camp. Parents will be invited to view their thespians in action!

FILM OPTION—SESSIONS 5—7

Open to 9-12 year old campers

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!

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Available with Classic Camp registration all 11 weeks.

Each child participating in the Classic Camp option will have a variety of enrichment options in the afternoon. Campers will participate in such offerings as cooking, art, nature, science, group games and more. The activities are as varied and fun as the counselors who think them up and the kids who participate! (Hint: they're SUPER fun!)

"We had a really great experience. I fully trusted the care of your team & my son always had a grin at the end of the day no matter how tired!"

- Parent of Day Camper 9

SAILING OPTION—SESSIONS 8—10

**This offering is dependent on Boston's status in the re-opening phases.*
Open to 9-12 year old campers

Hill House is thrilled to be partnering with Community Boating for the third year! Our oldest campers will be walked over to Community Boating for sailing school, where they will learn safety measures, go through land drills, ride on a boat to get the "feel" of sailing before they take the tiller of their own vessel.

Campers choosing the sailing option will need to written proof that they 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.

SPORTS OPTION—SESSIONS 1—10

Open to 7-12 year old campers

The Sports Option is for 7-12 year old campers who love staying active, whether it be outdoors on the Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields or in our indoor gym on Joy Street. Every day will be a different sport that helps strengthen and develop a balanced set of skills through drills, fun games and tournaments throughout the whole summer.

EXTENDED DAY—SESSION 1—11

Limited spaces available for 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 will include some extra activities and structured games. The cost is $595 per week for five days of 8:00 am to 5:30 pm camp. (an additional $50 for campers in the Sailing Option).



Leader In Training

Hill House Summer Camps

Celebrating 22 Years

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

HOW DID PAST LITS ENJOY THE PROGRAM?

"The Hill House LIT program was a great experience. I learned leadership skills on how to work with kids that will help me be a great camp counselor, just like I had as a HH camper. I can't wait to be with my life-long friends again this summer for more LIT fun!"

— 2019 LIT

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: . . . . . $200.00 per week

Adult to Child Ratio: . . . . . 1 counselor: 10 LITs

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



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 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 14 - 18
Session 2: June 21 - 25
Session 3: June 28 - July 2
Session 4: July 6 - 9
No camp on July 5
Session 5: July 12 -16
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

January 26th: Returning LITs
January 28th: New LITs

NOTE: All applicants are required to interview in person with Hill House staff. Final acceptance letters will be sent out no later than four weeks after the interview. LIT candidates are encouraged to register early as there are limited spaces available for this very popular program.

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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 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, will follow up 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.

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 call the Hill House Program Updates & Weather Alerts Hotline at (617) 227-5838, extension 2. 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, 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, 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 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.

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.