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- Kiddie Kamp on-site adventures
- Expanded enrichment options
- Community partnerships
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On June 20th, Hill House’s fabulous team of administrators and summer staff will kick off the organization’s 24th 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!

2023 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 20

Summer camp will not operate on:
Monday, June 19
Tuesday, July 4
Friday, September 1

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.
Kidde Kamp at Hill House is the perfect combination of new and exciting experiences and a safe, nurturing, stimulating environment. Join Kidde 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: June 20 – 23 .......................... Under the Sea
Session 2: June 26 – 30 ........................... Once upon a Fairytale
Session 3: July 3 – 7 ............................... Spy Kiddies & Ninjas
Session 4: July 10 – 14 ............................. Wild about Animals
Session 5: July 17 – 21 ............................. Little Scientists
Session 6: July 24 – 28 ............................. Magic Barnyard Circus
Session 7: July 31 – August 4 .............. Pirate Party
Session 8: August 7 – 11 ....................... Blast Off
Session 9: August 14 – 18 ...................... Superhero School
Session 10: August 21 – 25 ..................... Dino Dig

**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 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.

**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: ... Hill House, 127 Mt Vernon St
Cost: .......................... $335.00 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.

“Hill House Kidde Kamp was such a happy experience for my kids. The counselors were so attentive and warm and I felt so comforted knowing that they were with such a wonderful group. Every morning at drop off my kids couldn’t wait to run over to Adrianna and give her a big hug. Thank you, Hill House, for such a fun summer!”

— Parent of 3 & 4 year olds
ew 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 1: June 20 – 23 ................................. Deep Sea Dive
Session 2: June 26 – 30 ............................... Mythical Dragons & Magic
Session 3: July 3 – 7 ................................. Boston Ninja Warriors
Session 4: July 10 – 14 ................................. Summer Safari
Session 5: July 17 – 21 ................................. Haunted Hill House
Session 6: July 24 – 28 ................................. Magic Realms & Lands
Session 7: July 31 – August 4 ........................ Pirates on the Charles River
Session 8: August 7 – 11 ............................... Star Battles and Journeys
Session 9: August 14 – 18 ............................ Superheroes Assemble
Session 10: August 21 – 25 .......................... Camp Cretaceous
Session 11: August 28 – 31 ............................. Color Games

**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** ................................. $475/week for Regular Day campers

$645/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.

**POOL 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, 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.

**EXPANDED OPENINGS!**

Extended Day Camp 2023

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 $645

**Registration for returning campers:**

January 17, 10:00am

**Registration for the community:**

January 19, 10:00am

**Paperwork deadline:** June 1

**Weekly sessions begin:** June 20

**Register Online:** hillhouseboston.org
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.

“Our sons look forward to camp at the Hill House each summer. They enjoy the games and activities, and especially the weekly field trips! Hill House also has been a great way for them to meet other kids in the neighborhood.”

- Parent of Day Camper
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

“My daughter was part of Hill House’s LIT program for three years. She had an amazing experience learning from great role models and leaders on how to work with younger children. She learned leadership skills and how to engage the children in various activities and was given the responsibility to plan and run some of her own activities. The counselors are very friendly and provide the LITs room to bond and have fun of their own. She has made great friends that she is still in touch with today and is looking forward to being a camp counselor when she is old enough.”

—Parent of an 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:** .................... $235 per week

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

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

**January 17th: Returning LITs
January 19th: 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.
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 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 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 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-Schmieig, 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, 2023. 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, 2023.
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REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE
All forms for all campers for all sessions are due June 1, 2023 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. For more information, please contact the Program Manager at (617) 227-5838 x.110.

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- A water bottle
- Sunscreen
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COST
- Hill House Summer Camp T-shirt
- Limited to Day Camp’s field trip days
- No pets allowed

COVID
- Following latest guidance from the state
- Policies updated and communicated to campers and families
- Updates posted on website

MEDICATION
- Prescription medications should be taken at home
- No self-medication by campers

WEATHER PLAN
- Indoor activities planned for days with inclement weather
- Updates via hotline and website

PAYMENTS, REFUNDS, & FEES
- Payment plan option available
- Five payments of 20%
- Scholarship opportunities

REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE
- Deadlines established for early submission
- Payment with registration required

WHAT TO BRING
- Bag that camper can handle independently
- Personalized label with initial and last name
- Nut-free environment
- Electronic devices and toys prohibited

COVID
- Compliance with state guidelines
- Updated policies and information
- Announcements on website

MEDICATION
- No prescription medications at camp
- Self-medication at home

WEATHER PLAN
- Indoor activities scheduled
- Updates provided through various channels

PAYMENTS, REFUNDS, & FEES
- Payment plan
- Scholarship opportunities

REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE
- Early submission required
- Payment with registration

WHAT TO BRING
- Bag that camper can carry
- Personalized label
- Nut-free environment
- No electronics or toys
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.