



## 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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# 2023 Hill House SUMMER CAMP

CELEBRATE  
24 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 10:00am on Tuesday, January 17  
Registration opens to the entire community  
at 10:00am on Thursday, January 19

Paperwork deadline is June 1, 2023.



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# Your summer adventure in Downtown Boston

## HILL HOUSE SUMMER CAMPS



**O**n 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

**Registration** begins for returning campers at 10:00am Tuesday, January 17 and to the community at 10:00am on Thursday, January 19, online at [www.hillhouseboston.org](http://www.hillhouseboston.org)

**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.



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# Kiddie Kamp



**K**iddie 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 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.



*"Hill House Kiddie 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

## 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: . . . . . \$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.

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# Day Camp

Hill House  
Summer  
Camps  
*Celebrating  
24 Years*

**N**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

## 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



## 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.

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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 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.

- **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.

*"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**

## 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

**T**he 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



## SCHEDULE

The LIT program is offered weekly from June 20–August 25. 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.

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**Session 3: July 3 – 7**

**Session 4: July 10 – 14**

**Session 5: July 17 – 21**

**Session 6: July 24 – 28**

**Session 7: July 31 – August 4**

**Session 8: August 7 – 11**

**Session 9: August 14 – 18**

**Session 10: August 21 – 25**

## 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 19 th: 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-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](http://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](http://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.