

CAMP RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Local Day Camps

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Camp Name: Bridges Summer Adventure Camp

Camp Location: Harvard Elementary School

Day Camp or Sleep away: day

Website: Information and registration forms will be available by February 5th - www.psharvard.org, Click on Parents & Community, After School.

Phone Number:

Ages of Campers: children entering grades 1 – 6 in the fall

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: Month of July (starting July 6) from 9 – 4 (after and before care available)

Brief Description of Camp: (Note focus, e.g. theater, sports, outdoors programs, crafts, etc)

The first two weeks will include swimming lessons at the pond (coordinated with Harvard Park & Rec), as well as a rotating schedule of Art, Drama, Science & Nature, and free swim time in the afternoon. Our Bridges Summer Adventure Theater performance, July 16th will be Peter Pan. The children create the sets, help with costumes, work "back-stage" and memorize their lines. Our program theme this year is Fish. We will be going on a field trip to the Boston Aquarium during the last week of July, and have a really fun Pirate Party planned!

Pros and Cons of the Camp:

Contact in Harvard – Parent or Student who has attended the camp:

978-456-4118 or email jcavanaugh@psharvard.org.

Camp Name: Camp Nashoba Day

Camp Location: 140 Nashoba Road, Littleton, MA 01460

Day Camp or Sleep away: Day

Website: www.campnashobaday.com

Phone Number: (978) 486-8088

Ages of Campers: 5-14

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: 4-8 weeks (each session is about 4 weeks)

Brief Description of Camp: (Note focus, e.g. theater, sports, outdoors programs, crafts, etc)

My campers have focused mainly on water sports of all kinds, fishing, red cross swimming certification, wall climbing, archery, candle making and learning various weaving techniques.

Pros and Cons of the Camp : Pros - a bus will pick up my campers at 8am at Town Center and bring them back at 4pm. They offered lots of water sports from sailing to water board surfing. Cons - water sports can be risky, the cost is on the high end.

Contact in Harvard – Parent or Student who has attended the camp

Parent: Diana Harte (parent), Students: Jocelyn and Brianna Harte (Jocelyn is a former camper and Brianna may be a camper this summer)

Phone Number: 978-456-9668 Email Address: Diana.Harte@fmr.com

How many years has camper attended the camp? 3-4 years (both campers)

Camp Name: Marcus Lewis Day Camp

Camp Location: Devens Community Center and Mirror Lake, Devens, MA

Day Camp or Sleepaway: Day Camp

Website: www.marcuslewisdaycamp.com

Phone Number: 888-653-2386 or 978-929-9997

Ages of Campers: All ages (3 to 16 years)

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: unrestricted -- one to ten weeks

Brief Description of Camp: Camp program consists of eleven primary activity areas that jointly offer more than 100 different choices for campers throughout the summer.

Pros and Cons of the Camp: There is something for every kid to enjoy year after year. No downside to this camp!!

Contact in Harvard

Name: Cynthia Riddle

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How many years has camper attended the camp? Both children attended last summer and will be attending again this year.

Camp Name: Middlesex School Summer Arts Camp (MSSA)

Camp Location: Concord, MA

Day Camp or Sleep away: Day camp

Website: <http://www.mxschool.edu/summer/shell.asp?L1=1>

Phone Number: 978-371-6550

Ages of Campers: 7 – 16

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend:

Five days per week; half days on Fridays.

Junior Campers age 7 and 8 – new to MSSA, half days

Two Week (June 28- July 9) and Five Week (June 28 –July 31) programs

Brief Description of Camp: (Note focus, e.g. theater, sports, outdoors programs, crafts, etc)

The MSSA program was founded in 1986 to give unique opportunities in performing arts, visual arts and recreation to young people ages 7 - 16. The Middlesex School campus offers an outstanding setting in which these experiences can take place. The program's goal is to encourage young people to explore new means of expression through their interest in the arts. They have an apprentice program for 16 year olds in order to spend more time learning in one area.

Campers take five classes per day in any of the following: musical theater * dance * drama * improv * instrumental music * vocal music * tech theater * painting * drawing * ceramics * sculpture * digital photo * digital video * creative writing * swimming * woodworking * illustration * animation * martial arts * tennis * and much more

Pros and Cons of the Camp:

The 5 weeks is great for working parents and it leaves August for family vacations. Campers come back year after year as do counselors, who are truly committed to the camp. For those who love theater, you can choose to be in a show with your age group. The last week of camp, there is performance every night. You can also find a lot of classes to take without being in a play, from visual arts to tech theater to martial arts, like my daughter did for 8 years. The facilities of the school are fabulous. The campers have made lifelong friends and they are local enough that they can see each other during the school year. Con: It's about 25 minute drive, though they encourage carpools.

Contact in Harvard – Parent or Student who has attended the camp:

Student: Rachel Leicher, Parent: Ellen Sachs Leicher

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How many years has camper attended the camp? 8

Camp Name: Summer Fusion

Camp Location: The Bromfield School

Day Camp or Sleep away: Day Camp

Website: *email jcavanaugh@psharvard.org*

Phone Number: Community Education office at 978-456-4118

Ages of Campers: 9-13, entering 4th through 8th grade

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: 1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks – any combination of sessions.

Brief Description of Camp:

This program enjoyed great success for many years at Lawrence Academy as Summer Mix, and it features the same dynamic blend of recreational sports, instructional workshops in visual arts and theatre, and good old summer camp fun. The camp will be directed by Stephen Peisch, Arts Chair at Lawrence Academy, and Lisa Stanley, Arts Chair at the Nashoba Brooks School.

Pros and Cons of the Camp: New camp for Harvard Public Schools.

Contact in Harvard – Parent or Student who has attended the camp:

Stephen Peisch - speisch52@charter.net (Camp co-director)

Camp Name: Cotuit Kettleers Baseball Clinics

Camp Location: Cotuit, MA (Cape Cod)

Day Camp or Sleep away: Day Camp; Mornings only, 9 - noon

Website: <http://www.kettleers.org/clinics/clinics.htm>

Phone Number: Baseball clinics: please contact Clinic Director Stacy Wardwell at clinics@kettleers.org or call (508) 428-2847. Softball clinics: e-mail Bruce Murphy at: gm@kettleers.org or call (508) 428-3358

Ages of Campers: 6-12 for younger baseball and softball, 11-16 for Advanced Baseball (broken into 11-13 and 14-16 for drills)

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: One week at a time; see website for schedule

Brief Description of Camp: (Note focus, e.g. theater, sports, outdoors programs, crafts, etc)

The Cotuit Kettleers is one of the Cape Cod League baseball teams, made up of college players hand-selected for a premier summer baseball experience. Many Cape Cod League players have become professional baseball players. The teams play against each other in the evenings, in a competitive yet very inexpensive (or free) atmosphere. Many of the Cape League teams have baseball clinics and if you are staying on the Cape within a reasonable commute from one of these teams, this is a great way for children to be coached by future Big Leaguers and their coaches.

Cotuit is between Falmouth and Hyannis and is a quiet town on the ocean with many summer rental properties. At the Cotuit clinics, the younger baseball and softball clinics are held at the Cotuit & Centerville elementary schools. The Advanced Clinic is held at the Kettleers' baseball field. The Kettleers are managed by Mike Roberts, father of Baltimore Orioles All-Star second baseman Brian Roberts. Coach Roberts is the on-field coach for the Advanced Clinic. He is the primary voice at the Advanced Clinic and provides the best instruction that I have observed at any baseball camp in Massachusetts. Even though the clinic is only for a few hours each day (speaking of the Advanced Clinic), the mood is quite serious and kids are shown that baseball practice isn't a game -- at some point in your baseball career, someone will be better than you are, and you might want to get serious about improving yourself. That said, the kids aren't pushed too hard, and the drills are valuable and often fun. It is my understanding that the Kettleers' Advanced Clinic is the only one of its type, where the head coach of the team leads the clinic, and Mike Roberts is amazing.

Pros and Cons of the Camp: It's just in the mornings, but if you're renting a house on the Cape, you probably want to do something more than baseball camp.

Contact in Harvard – Parent or Student who has attended the camp

Parent: Robert Brandom 978-456-8422 rbrandom@mwrn.com
How many years has camper attended the camp? 2 years of Advanced

Camp Name: Camp Coniston

Camp Location: Grantham, NH

Day Camp or Sleep away: Sleep away

Website: www.coniston.org

Phone Number: (603) 863-1160

Ages of Campers: 8-15

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: two weeks, can go for four

Brief Description of Camp: (Note focus, e.g. theater, sports, outdoors programs, crafts, etc): All around activities (sports, crafts, ecology, archery, drama, sports, swimming, sailing) and have fun. It's a Y camp. Boys and Girls: boys on one side of the lake, girls on the other but combined activities all day all ages.

Pros and Cons of the Camp: Two of my children attended for many years and daughter has been on staff for three years and will be back this summer. It is a very well run camp. They seem to do everything right from the management of the kids, to the staff they pick, rituals they create for those who come back every year. The kids have a tremendous amount of fun and make lifetime friends. It's on a beautiful lake that they have managed to buy most of the land around so it will never be developed. It's all theirs basically.

Con: If you don't sign up in the fall you aren't going that summer. They do have a waitlist and sometimes you can get in later on.

Contact in Harvard – Parent or Student who has attended the camp

Parent: Terry Wilson-Malam

Phone Number: 978-456-3405 Email Address: terry@wilsonmalam.com

How many years has camper attended the camp? 9 for one, 6 for the other

Camp Name: Camp Oneka

Camp Location: Tafton, PA (Pocono mountains)

Day Camp or Sleep away: Sleep Away

Website: www.oneka.com

Phone Number: 610 – 687 – 6260

Ages of Campers: 7 to 16

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: 3.5 weeks or full 7 weeks

Brief Description of Camp: (Note focus, e.g. theater, sports, outdoors programs, crafts, etc)

Located on the shores of beautiful Fairview Lake in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, Camp Oneka is a private camp for girls, ages 7 to 16. The summer of 2010 will be our 102nd season, and the traditions that have grown over the years are central to the Oneka experience. Our small, caring, family-type environment has helped girls grow and achieve their full potential for decades.

Pros and Cons of the Camp - The only con is that it is 4.5 hours away from Harvard – so many wonderful pros – all girls, beautiful lake, girls are encouraged to strive for their highest achievement without it being overly competitive – it’s a traditional camp – all about kids just have fun with a structured program – always stuff to do – my daughter said last year – “sorry I didn’t write more mom – I was having too much fun”.

Contact in Harvard – Parent or Student who has attended the camp

Parent Deb Colgan Pope

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How many years has camper attended the camp? Our daughter Alice has been for 2 years and is going back again this summer. I (Alice’s mom) attended the camp for 7 years and my mother (Alice’s grandmother) attended for 10 years ... not much has changed and that’s a beautiful thing. Happy to answer any questions that anyone might have about it.

Camp Name: Camp Wabun

Camp Location: Ontario, Canada

Day Camp or Sleepaway: Sleep away

Website: www.wabun.com

Phone Number:

Ages of Campers: 11-20

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: 3 or 6 weeks

Brief Description of Camp: This is a wilderness experience. Small groups travel by canoe on trips of varying length from several days to the most challenging trip lasting 42 days. The group works as a team participating in all of the activities required to accomplish getting through the day, setting up camp, cutting and chopping firewood, cooking, cleaning, etc. There is also time in the day to enjoy fishing, swimming, cliff jumping, shooting rapids, etc.

Pros and Cons of the Camp: Campers spend the summer almost entirely with one small group, the relationships formed and the experiences and challenges of being together in this environment are unmatched by any I have seen in other environments my children have participated in, teams, clubs or groups of any kind.

Contact in Harvard –

Parent Name: Anyone in the Nocka family

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How many years has camper attended the camp? Each child 4 + years

Camp Name: Keewaydin

Camp Location: Salisbury, VT

Day Camp or Sleepaway: Sleepaway

Website: boys camp www.keewaydin.org

Phone Number: 802 352 4770/Pete Hare (Director)

Ages of Campers: 8-16

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: 2-7

Brief Description of Camp: (Note focus, e.g., theater, sports, outdoors programs, crafts, etc) Since 1893 Keewaydin has been a leader in youth summer camping in North America. Keewaydin summer camps provide adventure, challenges and summer fun that help children develop self confidence, character and leadership. They offer every imaginable outdoor and water sports as well as archery, dramatics, arts & crafts, exploration, rock climbing--visit the website for more information.

Pros and Cons of the Camp:

Keewaydin is known and respected for its mature and caring staff. Most of our staff have worked at camp for several summers; many are former campers. We believe in having a well-rounded staff combining older and younger individuals, often educators by profession.

Contact in Harvard –

Parent or Student who has attended the camp (if you don't mind being contacted):

Name: Fred Hays/Sam Hays:

Phone Number: 617 240 5989

Camp Name: Village Camps

Camp Location: Many locations – we chose Switzerland

Day Camp or Sleepaway: sleepaway

Website: <http://www.villagecamps.com/>

Phone Number: +41 22 990 94 00

Ages of Campers: 7 to 18

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: 2 weeks

Brief Description of Camp: Several different programs (tennis, leadership, adventure, language instruction, etc.) - we chose language instruction (French)

Pros and Cons of the Camp: Truly international attendance – almost no one there from the US; developed friends and interest which altered what she studied in college; unbelievably beautiful setting and area; expensive to attend and too expensive to visit camper

Contact in Harvard - Parent or Student who has attended the camp (if you don't mind being contacted):

Name: Debbie Sheetz/Erica Adelson Phone Number: Email Address:

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How many years has camper attended the camp? 2

Camp Name: Wildwood, a Mass. Audubon camp

Camp Location: Rindge NH

Day Camp or Sleep away: sleep away

Website: Wildwood@massaudubon.org

Phone Number:

Ages of Campers: 9-11 yrs, and 12-14 yrs. , and 15-18 yrs

Number of Weeks One Can or Has to Attend: one week or two weeks

Brief Description of Camp: (Note focus, e.g. theater, sports, outdoors programs, crafts, etc)
Outdoors programs, nature crafts and nature study, rope climbing, hiking, campfires and singing/s'more's, water front fun i.e. swimming, sailing, kayaking, canoeing

Pros and Cons of the Camp: No cons except we wish all the cabins were made of wood instead of being very large canvas tents built on top of wooden flooring. As the tents are located within the forests (no poison ivy!) we were concerned about tall pine trees being blown over onto the tents in a wind or rain storm. The cabins for the youngest age group are made of wood and have electricity. Camp Director, Bob Speare, is wonderful, as is the assistant director, Amanda Zoellner. Amanda is the person parents interact with during the application process. She is extremely thorough and conscientious in her work. She will look into any and all questions and will return calls/emails without delay. The camp is very well organized, upbeat, fun... It is a nice place to learn about nature and laugh with your counselors, Bob Speare, and fellow campers. The lake on the camp is beautiful and has no motor boats. This is not a fancy camp, but it is clean, well tended, and Director Bob Speare makes it his business, together with his counselors and program assistants, to make sure each camper is safe, and having an enjoyable experience at Wildwood.

Contact in Harvard – Parent or Student who has attended the camp

Parents: [Andrea Juchartz and Chris Durham](#)

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How many years has camper attended the camp? Our older daughter attended Wildwood for three summers for one week each time, and our younger daughter attended Wildwood for one summer for one week.