

Camp Echo Bridge

The Newton Parks & Recreation Department is working with the Newton School Department on offering an exciting inclusive summer program that focuses on fun while bridging recreation and academics in the summertime.

Camp Goals

- To provide a positive recreational experience that fosters friendship and fun
- To teach lifelong leisure skills
- To help prevent academic regression over the summer months by providing academics through fun teaching methods
- To promote a greater degree of independence
- To meet the individual needs of our campers

Camp Programming

Theme-Based Weeks,
Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts,
Nature, Music, Speech Therapy/Social Pragmatics, Functional Math & Language, Swimming at Crystal Lake, Special Events, Field Trips, Camp Show

Camp Location

Camp Echo Bridge will be held at Mason-Rice School this summer. It is located at 149 Pleasant St Newton, MA 02459. The school is centrally located in Newton and is a great place for summer camp. The school offers a variety of playground equipment, fields, and open space.

Ages & Programs

Explorers (Approximate ages: 5-7)

The Explorers program will focus on teaching and improving recreation and leisure skills, providing academic support through fun teaching methods, building friendships and, most importantly, having fun!

Units include: Dolphins, Seals, Gators

Adventurers (Approximate ages: 8-13)

The Adventurers program will focus on recreation, leisure, and functional academics. Campers will have the opportunity to participate in activities that focus on teambuilding and independence while providing the platform to try new activities and build new friendships.

Units include: Eagles, Buffalo, Lions

Voyagers: Community Enrichment Program (Approximate ages: 14-21)

This fun-filled program will include increasing recreation, vocational and community-based skills. Activities will focus on the interests of the campers including sports, off-site trips, and the practical application of academic skills. Possible activities include: trips to the library or grocery store, board games, performances on stage, and leadership activities. Swimming at Crystal Lake for this program will be in the afternoon to accommodate participants of the Connections programs.

Units include: Bears, Tigers

All unit placements (from the Dolphins to the Tigers) are based on age, so that both activities and academics are age-appropriate. We also do our best to ensure all units are inclusive and have campers of both genders.

Day Camp Dates

Day camp for Camp Echo Bridge will run Tuesday July 6 - Friday August 13. Registration is flexible in that campers may register for any number of weeks.

Sample Daily Schedule

Varies based on unit

8:00 – 8:30	Extended Day
8:30	Arrival/Sign In
8:30 – 8:45	Morning Meetings
8:45 – 9:15	Social Club
9:15 – 9:50	Arts & Crafts
9:50 – 10:25	Walk to Crystal Lake
10:25 – 11:00	Swimming
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch & Free Choice
12:30 – 1:00	Math Madness
1:00 – 1:30	Sports
1:30 – 2:00	Language Arts All Stars
2:00 – 2:30	Music
3:00 – 3:30	Closing Circle
3:30 – 6:00	Extended Day

Payment:

Fees:	Resident	Non Res
Standard Day	\$160.00	\$170.00
Extended Day	\$205.00	\$215.00
Till 6:00	\$225.00	\$235.00

Fees listed are per child per week. Week 1 is \$30.00 less and will not run on Monday July 5th.

Standard Day	8:30am – 3:30pm
Extended Day	8:00am – 5:00pm
Till 6:00pm	8:00am – 6:00pm

Final payments are due May 15, 2010. A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed for late paperwork or payments. Mastercard or Visa now accepted. For information about scholarships, please call 617-796-1527

Refund Policy: People canceling a program on or before May 1 will be given a refund of the program cost minus a \$50.00 non refundable registration fee. There will be no refunds issued for programs after May 15

Academic Enrichment Activities

Thanks to the Newton Public School Department we will be offering three academic areas again this summer. They include Math Madness, Language Arts All Stars and Social Club. The academic enrichment activities will be offered through fun teaching methods that coincide with the weekly themes. We are delighted to report that 95% of parents hoped the academic component of camp will continue in 2010.

"The camp has always been a perfect fit for our daughter. The academic/social piece was like icing on the cake – she loved it and had fun and learned so much!" - 2009 Parent

Residential Camping Week

Campers ages 10 & up, who have attended a minimum of 2 weeks of day camp, are eligible for this unique experience. This summer we are delighted to announce that we are returning to Club Getaway in the Berkshire Mountains of Kent, Conn. This Sports & Adventure Resort is loaded with fun activities and it will truly be a memorable way to end our summer. All meals, transportation and supervision included. Program includes hiking, campfires, adventure activities, evening entertainment, sports, dance parties, arts/crafts, swimming, and water sports. More information about Club Getaway can be found online at clubgetaway.com/kids.

**Dates for the Residential Week:
August 16 – August 20, 2010**

Tuition:

\$525 (Resident)

\$575 (Non-Resident)

Staff

The staff consists of the Director of Special Needs, Camp Directors, 3 Teachers from the Newton Public School System, Unit Leaders, Counselors, and Volunteers. We recognize the importance of mature and qualified staff and have selected staff based on their enthusiasm, dedication, and experience. Staff is certified in CPR and First Aid.

"Staff – professional, responsible, fun, safe – always made my day." - 2009 Parent

The staff and the program meet the Commonwealth of Massachusetts camping standards. The camp is licensed by the Newton Health Department. Parents may request, in writing, copies of any and all camp policies.

What to bring to camp:

Campers should wear comfortable appropriate clothing including sneakers and socks. They should bring a bathing suit and towel each day as we swim at Crystal Lake and water play at camp is utilized on very hot days as well. Campers should also have sunscreen and a water bottle in their backpack. Lunch and snacks should be brought from home and will be kept refrigerated at camp. It is a great idea to label clothing, towels and other personal items brought from home.

Camp T-shirts:

All enrolled campers receive a Camp Echo Bridge T-shirt. Camp T-shirts are to be worn on Fridays for our all day special events or field trips.

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Summer 2010

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