



2017  
SUMMER  
CAMP  
GUIDE



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# Summer Day Camps

Camp	Kangaroo	Gator	Express	L.I.T.	Bus
Location	Lawrence	Runkle	Brookline HS	Lawrence	
Activity no.	108001	108002	108003	108005	
Week 7/5-7/7	\$141	\$126	\$156		\$21
Weekly Sessions 7/10-8/18	\$235 per week	\$210 per week	\$260 per week	\$125 per week (2 weeks required)	\$35 per week

## Summer Day Camps 8:30AM - 4:00PM - Monday through Friday

The Brookline Recreation Department offers three summer day camp programs to children ages 5-6, 7-9, and 10-13. Each camp provides various activities and pre-established schedules where children can build confidence, develop skills, make new friends and have fun! Our camp gives children an experience that lasts a lifetime by providing challenging activities under the guidance of caring, well-trained staff members. Children take part in arts & crafts, non-competitive sports & games, aquatics activities, recreational play and theme activities. Each camp will partake in a series of field trips and special guests throughout the summer. All field trips are included in the camp fees.

### Camp Kangaroo (Entering Grades K to 1st)

We invite our youngest campers to experience Camp Kangaroo. We are committed to giving all our campers a friendly, welcoming summer camp environment, where process over product and fair play are always our top priority. Our camp's curriculum is planned with a special emphasis on arts and crafts, noncompetitive games and activities that are integrated with fast paced fun and down time interaction. The ratio of campers to counselors is 1:5.

### Camp Express (Entering Grades 5th to 8th)

Camp Express is for our oldest campers who are looking to expand their camp experience to include adventure based, highly active, mind stimulating activities. Our program is packed with games, activities, arts and crafts, specialty theme days, weekly field trips and frequent visits to the Brookline Interactive Group, BIG, which is an integrated media and technology education center and a community media hub. The ratio of campers to counselors is 1:10.

*All campers will be traveling to the Kirrane Aquatics Center twice a week for instruction and free swim.*

### Leadership in Training Program (Entering Grades 9th to 10th)

The Leadership in Training Program (L.I.T.) is a unique training experience for teens. The two-week training program is designed to give hands on training to adolescents who are looking to be future Summer Camp Counselors. L.I.T.s will be involved in participating in Teambuilding Challenges, Camp Basics Workshops and assisting with the management of summer camp groups. All L.I.T.s will be certified during the program in CPR and First Aid through the American Heart Association. In addition, the program will be leaving campus once a week to take part in offsite teambuilding adventures. They will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and work with children directly while working alongside other full time staff in the field. L.I.T.s will be interviewed as a full time seasonal employee would, and their participation will be based upon the interview outcome. L.I.T. program is broken up into two, one week sections, A and B. Both sections must be completed before being awarded a Certificate. Sections can be taken in any order.

*These camps comply with regulations set by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 4.30) and are licensed by the Brookline Health Department.*

### Bus Transportation

Bus transportation is available for the summer day camps. You must be registered for camp to be eligible for bus transportation to and from camp. Bus routes are preset and you must select your stop from the choices provided. A full listing of stops will be posted on the website and available at the time of registration. Morning bus routes are from 7:45am to 8:30am, and afternoon bus routes are from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. All buses will have an assigned Bus Monitor to ensure proper drop off and pick up procedures.

### Extended Day 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (For Grades K to 8th)

Extended day programming is offered at all summer day camp sites for an additional fee. Extended day will provide your children with supervision and additional camp activities from the end of the regular camp day. \$10 per day.

### Lunch Service

Daily lunch is available at Day Camps for an additional cost. Through a partnership with the Public Schools Food Services, healthy options include cold sandwiches, salads and bagels. The full menu is available on our web page. Families who receive free and reduced lunch services during the school year may extend this through the summer. Campers will utilize their existing food service account with the Brookline Public Schools.

## Nature Day Camps

Camp	Little Acorns	Sprouts	Junior Rangers	Water Exploration	Earth Exploration
Time	8:30AM-3:00PM	8:30AM-4:00PM	8:30AM-4:00PM	8:30AM-4:00PM	8:30AM-4:00PM
Activity no.	104001	104002	104003	104004-8A	104004-8B
Date	7/5-7/14	7/17-7/28	7/31-8/11	8/14-8/18	8/21-8/25
Fee	\$480	\$600	\$600	\$375	\$375

Location: Environmental Education Center - 654 Hammond Street

### Little Acorns for Ages 5-6

As a little acorn, your young nature lover will have the opportunity to visit and explore many of Brookline's parks and sanctuaries. We will focus on local wildlife and their habitats, unraveling the mysteries of the natural world through hands-on exploration, stories, arts & crafts, nature walks and games.

### Sprouts for Ages 7-8

This group of naturalists will explore Brookline, focusing on the native plant life and varied habitats found in our natural areas. Sprouts will have the opportunity to visit many of Brookline's parks, sanctuaries and farms as we discover the cycles of life through hands-on exploration, stories, arts & crafts, nature walks and games. Campers will also participate in the maintenance and harvesting of our community garden.

*These camps emphasize hands-on, field-based, experiential learning and include daily themed excursions to beautiful locations near and far. Nature Camp is designed to encourage children to discover, enjoy, and respect nature through personal experiences.*

### Junior Rangers for Ages 9-10

These rangers will experience nature based learning in the outdoors as they work towards earning a Junior Ranger badge. While visiting Brookline's parks as well as exciting destinations such as Halibut Point and Purgatory Chasm State Parks, campers will explore the outdoors with themes and activities including: fishing, kayaking, tidepooling, team-building, orienteering, conservation and more! Junior Rangers Camp will provide a unique learning experience while encouraging the exploration and stewardship of our natural areas.

### Adventurers for Ages 11-13

For the more adventurous spirit, this program will begin with explorations in Brookline and then move beyond the town's boundaries. Our oldest group of naturalists will expand their knowledge and skill set as they experience nature by being active in it! Excursions include hiking trips, canoeing, kayaking, and a ropes challenge course. Both weeks will culminate in an overnight camp-out Thursday night (Water and Earth Exploration).

*Bus transportation and extended day services are not available for the Nature Camps.*

# Specialty Programs

Program	Puppetry Camp	Swim Camp	Golf Clinic
Time	8:30AM-4:00PM Monday - Friday	9:00AM-3:00PM Monday - Thursday 9:00AM-1:00PM Friday	9:00AM-2:00PM Monday - Thursday
Activity no.	108009	105408	115004
Weekly Session Date(s)	8/21-9/1	8/14-8/18	7/10-8/17
Fee	\$450 per week	\$260 / \$351 (Res/Non-Res)	\$550 per week

## Puppetry Camp for Ages 7-10

Puppetry is exercise for your imagination! Join Puppet Showplace Theatre's team of professional puppeteers for a week of creative building and performance activities. Kids will learn how to design, construct, and manipulate puppet characters, focusing on different styles of puppetry each week. Campers will work together to devise, rehearse, and present original performances. Along the way, kids will learn theater skills such as voice acting, backstage etiquette, and more. In addition to art activities, campers will enjoy fun recreational games and outings each day, including trips to the swimming pool and to Larz Andersen Park. Each week of camp is different! Register for either week, or sign up for both and save \$50.

Location: Puppet Showplace Theatre

## Swim Camp for Ages 8-18

Comprehensive week-long camp for swimmers who have competitive swim team experience and or who have passed American Red Cross Level 4 and are proficient in all four competitive strokes. Includes dry-land training, two daily swim sessions, instructional videos and underwater video taping.

Location: Evelyn Kirrane Aquatics Center

## Golf Clinic for Ages 8-16

The four-day clinic is geared toward the young golfer who is serious about improving their game. This program concentrates on improving golf skills, chipping, putting and course management. Practice techniques are covered and on-course playing instructions are included on a daily basis. Additionally, players are grouped according to age and playing experience.

Location: Robert T. Lynch Municipal Golf Course

## Summer Camp Inclusion Services

The Summer Day Camps are inclusive and aim to provide a positive recreation experience for children of any ability. Our summer camps offer participants opportunities to enjoy traditional recreation activities, as well as new experiences through leisure exploration. Staff are well trained to ensure that all participants enjoy a safe, fun and memorable camp experience. Adaptations can be made individually and most adaptations benefit the camp as a whole to support each child enrolled in the summer camp program. One-on-one support staff may be available on a case by case basis. Recreation and the Public Schools of Brookline (PSB) collaborate to provide services for the children of Brookline each summer. Children attending a PSB program located at one of our day camp locations may also participate in the Recreation camps once their school program ends for a full day experience. Summer camp is not an extension of PSB services. Anyone choosing to participate in summer camp at the conclusion of their PSB program must register with Brookline Recreation.

## Financial Aid Deadline April 1st

Confidential application can be submitted, and if a hardship exists, the applicant may be granted a reduction in fee. Many programs are self supporting, which limits the amount of available aid per program. Visit [www.brooklinerec.com](http://www.brooklinerec.com) to download the scholarship application.

## Payment Options (For Summer Day Camps & Nature Camps only)

You have the option to make the payment in full or sign up for 4 monthly payment plans. If you decide to choose the monthly payment plan, a 20% non-refundable payment is due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into 4 payment plans and payment will be due the 1st of every month. Failure to make payments on time will result in removal of your child from the program. The last day to withdraw your child from the program is May 1st where you will receive the full refund minus 20%. No refunds after the withdrawal deadline date.