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Summary of Summer Programs Available for Teens

TeenLife Boston's online and print **Guide to Summer Programs** is the most comprehensive database of local summer opportunities available to families with middle and high school students. We provide descriptions of more than 400 summer programs in eight different areas of interest. In addition, our website connects you with many more opportunities that middle and high school students need to succeed. Be sure to sign in to see all of the listings!

Academic Programs provide opportunities for students to pursue areas of intellectual interest such as Ethics, Jewish Studies, and Biotechnology. Some courses help individuals preview the college experience and possibly earn college credit for the academic work they have completed. Others help students strengthen their knowledge in specific subject areas or support students with learning issues to develop compensatory skills.

Adventure/Trip Programs can include traveling to Boston to explore the North End or the Public Library or the Mayor's Office. They can also be daylong or overnight trips to Maine to go white water rafting, rock climbing, or canoeing.

Programs in the **Arts** are yet another way for students to enhance their current skills or to develop new ones. Often these camps end with a concert, recital, or art show to showcase what the students have accomplished.

Counselor-in-Training Programs offer teenagers the opportunity to learn leadership and problem solving skills and effective ways to build peer relationships with the expectation that they will eventually take some responsibility for what goes on at camp.

Internship Programs offers teenagers a chance to learn and discover while gaining hands-on work experience. Internships for high school students are usually short-term, on-the-job learning experiences that allow students to broaden or narrow career options before beginning college.

Leadership Training Programs offer teenagers the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Teens learn about leadership challenges, what it takes to lead effectively, how to resolve conflict, and often gain leadership experience through service-learning projects.

Special Interest Camps allow students to explore new and often unusual areas that are not readily available during the school year. Programs range from glass blowing to go-kart racing to marine biology to video production to circus performing.

Sports Programs make up some of the more traditional summer experiences. These programs are organized at various ability levels. These camps provide the students with the chance to improve their skill levels so that they might be able to make a competitive team or do better on one on which they are currently a member. In addition, these programs offer excellent ways for teens to maintain a fitness- training schedule over the summer months.

Many **Day Camp** Programs offer extended sessions in the afternoons for families who need a later pick up time. Some camp programs provide meals for students while others ask families to pack a lunch. Most offer financial aid to help offset some of the costs. Some of the added expenses for families can be sports equipment or possibly other types of supplies depending on the nature of the program. Some camps will provide bus transportation to and from the program for an additional fee. There might also be added costs for special field trips that are offered by the camp. These extras obviously increase the total cost of the program. It is important to look carefully at each of these areas when considering what experience is best suited to your child and your family. It is the hope of TeenLife Boston that both our website and our Guide to Summer Programs will provide valuable information to help you make these decisions.



Belmont Hill School Summer Programs

617-484-410 | www.belmonthill.org



Our 3-Week Intensive Courses are designed to allow middle & high school students to work more intensively within specific academic areas in a concentrated session. Each workshop will be specifically designed for the students enrolled. Our 6-Week Academic Courses offer a solid line-up of courses for middle & high school students taught by experienced teachers in small group settings. Unique combinations can be tailored to each student. Our Summer Arts Programs provide middle & high school students with the materials & instruction for creative exploration. Students work at their own pace in a creative, supportive atmosphere.

Berklee College of Music Summer Programs

617-747-2245 | www.berklee.edu



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The Five Week Summer Performance Program for high school age students emphasizes the mastery of playing or singing skills in a chosen style of contemporary music. Students learn through individual studies and other musicians of similar training and ability. Guitar Sessions emphasizes practical playing experience through a variety of classes, clinics, and performance activities for high school age guitar players. All Guitar Session participants are placed in performance ensembles with guitarists of similar training, stylistic interest, & ability.

Boston University Summer Lab

617-638-5681 | www.bumc.bu.edu



SummerLab is a hands-on, laboratory-based program during which students in grade 10 and beyond work cooperatively in laboratories at the Boston University School of Medicine. Students work in research teams to produce & purify proteins using a variety of techniques.

Cambridge School of Culinary Arts Summer Cooking Course

617-354-2020 | www.cambridgeculinary.com



Tour of Italy for Teens is a cooking course that goes beyond teaching middle and high school age teens how to make macaroni & cheese. These classes feature easy-to-prepare, quick, nutritious, and authentic dishes from all over Italy. Back to Basics for Teens is a basic cooking course designed to introduce middle school and high school age teen chefs to the fundamental techniques of cooking that include learning knife use, meat cookery, basic soups and stocks, and how to complement the perfect dish with sauces. Advanced Baking Techniques is a four-part series for middle and high school age teens that builds off of the fundamentals learned in Teen Techniques of Baking.

Charles River Canoe & Kayak Camp

617-965-5110 | www.paddleboston.com



The Canoe & Kayak Camp CIT position is open to 15- and 16-year-olds who have canoeing and kayaking experience and an interest in teaching others to paddle. Training will be provided. The Sea & Kayak Camp CIT position is open to 16 and 17-year-olds who have significant ocean or whitewater kayaking experience. These programs are available to students at no cost.



Summer Courses at The Clay Center Observatory

617-454-2718 | www.dexter-southfield.org



Operated by Dexter and Southfield Schools, The Clay Center Observatory offers a challenging yet fun hands-on astronomy course for high school students serious about science who strive for excellence and want to build their college portfolios. Course includes night labs to use the observatory's research-grade telescopes.

The Junior Program at Community Boating, Inc.

617-523-1038 | www.community-boating.org



The Junior Program at Community Boating offers formal and informal on-the-water instruction for middle and high school age students. Sailing classes cover all the bases from rigging and safety rules to sailing your own boat. When not on the water, kids get to enjoy dances, Community Boating's Junior Olympics, and other team-building events.

Courageous Sailing Center Summer Sailing Classes

617-424-3821 | www.courageoussailing.org



In Step 2 Sailing, students sail with an instructor and learn through land drills, water drills, and games, and also learn about the marine eco-system. Step 3 is geared toward students who are prepared to set sail without an instructor in the boat and are ready to move beyond the basics to take on a new set of challenges. Students build confidence and independence through day-trips, games and drills. Step 4 is for those sailors who have mastered the basics, possess solid boat handling, and want to perfect their skills in Racing and/or Cruising!

Dexter-Southfield School Day Camp (CIT)

617-454-2725 | www.dexter-southfield.org



We are seeking teens to serve as Counselors-in-Training at our Day Camp. Counselor Staff is made up of responsible high school age students, who, demonstrate both enthusiasm and a willingness to learn, and serve as positive role models for their campers. The camp emphasizes the development of individual skills in an atmosphere of fun, adventure, and camaraderie.

Diablo Glass School's Teen Vacation Intensives

617-442-7444 | www.diabloglassschool.com



The MFA and Diablo Glass School have collaborated to offer Teen Vacation Intensives for middle and high school age students. All camps start with an introduction at Diablo and then a tour of the MFA's glass collection. At the MFA, we discuss the history of glass, different techniques, and artistic inspiration. After that, the teens return to the studio to start their intensive glass studies. Teens choose between Glass Blowing and Flame Working.



Emagination Computer Camps

877-248-0206 | www.computercamps.com



Emagination Game Design for Teens is a residential summer program held at Bentley College for 16-18 year olds who are serious about learning video game design and development as practiced in the industry today. RC Car Racing Camp is a week-long summer program for 12-17 year olds who are interested in building and racing RC cars. Campers will build a Tamiya brand 1/10th scale radio controlled car, learn principles of mechanical engineering, physics, and more. We also offer a wide range of computer courses, from which middle and high school age campers can choose. Options include RPG Game Design, Action Game Design, Strategy Game Design, Sprite Comics, and more!

Exploration Summer Programs

781-762-7400 | www.explo.org



The Exploration Intermediate Program offers middle and high school age students the opportunity to live and learn in a diverse and vibrant international community. Students can explore a wide range of academic courses, travel to Boston and throughout New England, and get involved in a variety of extracurricular activities and athletics.

Fenn School Summer Programs

978-318-3614 | www.fenn.org



Our drama program offers middle school age students the excitement and camaraderie of putting on a play. Through a variety of acting exercises, theatre games, rehearsals and performances, campers learn character development, speech and diction, improvisation, movement, audition techniques, and how to work together as an ensemble. Open to middle and high school age students, Musical Camp teaches teens all aspects of participating in a musical, including singing, dancing and acting, as well as auditioning for parts, casting the play, costume design, set design and lighting design. Combining education and adventure, Day Tripper programs let middle and high school age campers explore special interests through trips to fun & interesting places. Half & Half allows middle and high school age campers to combine a special interest session in the morning with a day camp program in the afternoon.

F1 Boston: Jr. Novice Racing Academy Racing Camp

781-228-2080 | www.fiboston.com



Jr. Novice Racing Academy Racing Camp is the ultimate Junior Racing experience for middle and high school age enthusiasts serious about getting the best possible start in racing! Students spend three days at F1 Boston; 2 days on the Country Course learning the skills necessary to start racing safely and competitively, followed by a day on the City Course building on those skills & competing in more races.



Summer Programs at Internship Connection

617-796-9283 | www.internshipconnection.com



Internship Connection is a structured, educational program that provides high school and college students with “real-world” career experience through Summer and Gap Year Internships. Students live at home and work in part-time positions matched to their career interests. Athletes in Service is a special program for high school athletes in collaboration with a variety of service agencies in Boston and surrounding communities. Athletes take on the role of leaders and mentors in outdoor and indoor sports, social and/or academic activities.

JCC Kaleidoscope Arts & Science Camp

617-558-6523 | www.jccgb.org



Kaleidoscope Upper Camp offers 4 and 8-week sessions where middle school age campers explore the arts, science and sports in a welcoming environment. Community service and leadership opportunities are also a part of the camp experience. Each session culminates in Arts Nite, when parents are invited to view our art exhibition and attend performances. High school students can serve as Counselors-in-Training and gain leadership skills as they spend half the day in electives and half the day assisting counselors and specialists, and also organizing camp community events.

Landmark School Summer Programs

978-236-3420 | www.landmarkschool.org



Study Skills provides high school students with an essential array of tools and ideas designed to help students learn more effectively in high school and college. Developing Essential Writing Skills is for high school students who need to review, develop and refine essential writing skills. Summer School in a Month combines intensive academic skill development with Afterschool Programs for students in grades 8-12, who have been diagnosed with a language-based learning disability. Essential Writing & Study Skills provides middle school students with an essential array of writing and study skills to help students learn more effectively in middle school and prepare for high school.

New England Conservatory Summer Programs

617-585-1126 | www.newenglandconservatory.edu



For Middle & High School students, Vocal Vacation 2009: Urban Summer Choir Festival is a cross-cultural summer music choral festival for urban and suburban youth to gather in friendship and song. Classes are taught by master Kodály educators. Summer School Festival Youth Orchestra meets for 3 weeks in July and will perform Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony at a concert at the end. Daily activities include full orchestral rehearsals, sectional rehearsals, chamber music coachings, master classes, etc. Go For Baroque! is a Baroque Performance Institute for High School Instrumentalists who want to explore repertoires and performance practices of the Baroque era, including how to convey emotions through tempo, articulation, dynamics, etc.; dance instruction; and study of music history. High School students are invited to participate in Jazz Ensembles, including 8 meetings of 2 hours each. Placement auditions are on May 30.



New School of Music Kids' Cabaret Summer Program

617-492-8105 | www.newschoolofmusic.org



Open to middle and high school students, our Kids' Cabaret Summer Program allows teens to work in a fun, up-beat, and supportive atmosphere; workshops incorporate singing, acting, and dancing, as well as set, prop, and costume design. Participants develop team-building skills through theater games, writing exercises and improvisation. Each 3-week intensive course culminates in a performance.

Sierra Student Coalition: Environmental Leadership Training

888-564-6772 | www.ssc.sierraclub.org



Environmental Leadership Training is a program for high school and college age students that involves week-long training sessions led by the nation's top youth organizers. Develop your grassroots organizing and leadership skills, network and bond with fellow students, engage in fun activities, and enjoy tasty vegetarian cooking (the low carbon diet for the climate).

The Pre-College Summer Program Studio at SMFA Boston

617-393-3636 | www.smfa.edu



Open to students who have completed their sophomore year of high school, the Pre-College Summer Program Studio is a unique and rigorous program focused on making art, sharing art, and living art. Students explore painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, installation, video, digital photography, as well as sound art and performance.

Summer Stage Dance Workshop

978-402-2339 | www.diabloglassschool.com



Held in tandem with the main workshop, Summer Stages 2 provides advanced, beginner and intermediate-level students, ages 12-16, with the opportunity to strengthen their technical skills and expand their knowledge of contemporary dance. The program often serves as a springboard to advanced level training in the Summer Stages Workshop or elsewhere.