

Academic Enrichment Activities

The academic enrichment activities will be offered through various teaching methods that coincide with the weekly themes.

“Throughout their first summer at Camp Echo Bridge (Summer 2024), we were able to experience a truly inclusive environment that allowed both boys to have unforgettable experiences.”-Parent

Residential Camping Trip

We are delighted to announce that we are heading back to Camp Winadu located in Pittsfield, MA for our overnight trip. This beautiful lakeside retreat is loaded with fun outdoor 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 Camp Winadu can be found online at www.campwinadu.com. Eligibility is based on child’s day camp experience.

Dates & Costs: 5 days, 4 nights

Mon. August 11– Fri. August 15

\$750 Resident; \$800 Non-Resident



Staff

The staff consists of the Director of Special Needs, Camp Directors, 3 Teachers, Unit Leaders, Sports & Arts Specialists, Counselors, and CIT’s. We recognize the importance of mature and qualified staff and have selected staff based on their enthusiasm, dedication, and experience.

“Inclusion is the ethos of every staff member and volunteer who works with Newton Athletes Unlimited and Camp Echo Bridge.” - 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 (no crocs or flip-flops please) and socks. 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. Please label clothing, towels and other personal items.

Camp T-shirts:

All enrolled campers receive a Camp Echo Bridge T-shirt on their first day of camp.



CAMP ECHO BRIDGE



Camp Echo Bridge Summer 2025

Camp Echo Bridge is an inclusive day camp serving campers with and without disabilities that focuses on fun while bridging recreation and academics in the summertime.

Campers entering 1st grade through post-grad are eligible (ages 6-21).

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Camp Echo Bridge

The Newton Parks & Recreation Department in collaboration with Newton Public Schools is 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 fun academic enrichment activities.
- 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, Academic enrichment activities, Swimming at Crystal Lake, Special Events, Field Trips, Theatre, Camp Show

We will walk to Crystal Lake for swimming on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's. Special events on Wednesday's & Friday's.

Camp Location

Camp Echo Bridge is held at Mason Rice School located at 149 Pleasant St, Newton, MA 02459. The school is centrally located in Newton Center, has a huge playground and is a great place for summer camp.



Ages & Units

The camp is open to individuals between the ages of 6–21 (MUST be entering first grade). The camp is broken down into units. The units are based on age, so that both activities and academics are age-appropriate. **The camp is inclusive, and welcomes campers with and without disabilities.**

The majority of our campers are elementary school children between the ages of 6-10. Programming for these campers focuses on teaching and improving recreation and leisure skills, providing academic support through various teaching methods, building friendships and, most importantly, having fun!

The camp also caters to middle school and high school students focusing on recreation and leisure, functional academics, leadership, community outings and of course, having fun!

Registration:

Registration will begin on Wednesday, January 29th at 5:30PM.

Go to www.newtonma.myrec.com to create an account prior to registration. Slots fill up quickly so always add your child's name to the wait list if you do not get in initially.



Sample Daily Schedule

Varies based on unit

8:00—8:30	Extended Morning
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—12:00	Swimming & Walk back
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—3:00	Music & Games
3:00—3:30	Closing Circle
3:30	Departure/Sign-out
3:30—5:30	Extended Afternoon

Fees: Fees listed are per child per week.

Week 1 - pro-rated due to the shorter week (June 30 - July 3) \$305 Resident; \$320 Non-Res. \$25 for Ext. AM; \$90 Ext. PM

Week 6 - Last day of camp (8/8), no Ext. PM (\$90)

Weeks 2—6: \$380 Resident; \$400 Non-Res.

Extended Afternoon: 3:30-5:30PM—Additional \$110 per week

Extended Morning: 8:00-8:30AM—Additional \$30 per week

<i>Standard Day</i>	8:30am – 3:30pm
<i>Extended Morning</i>	8:00am – 3:30pm
<i>Extended Afternoon</i>	8:30pm – 5:30pm

Final payments are due **May 15, 2025**. A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed for late paperwork or payments. Mastercard or Visa is accepted. For information about scholarships, please call 617-796-1527.

Refund Policy: Canceling a week(s) of camp on or before May 15th—you will be given a refund of that week(s) tuition cost minus a \$30.00 per-week non refundable registration fee. There will be no refunds issued after May 15th.