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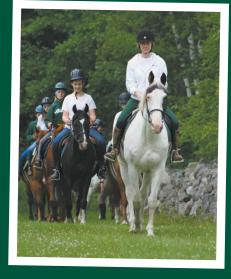
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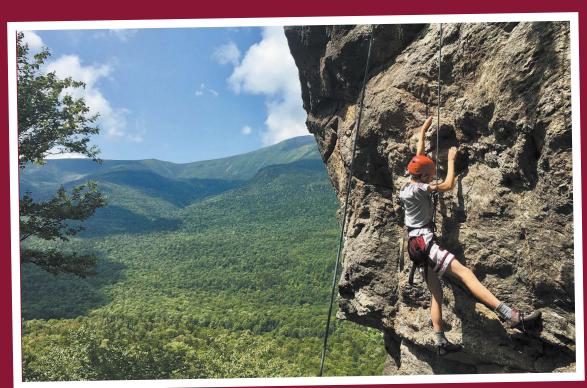




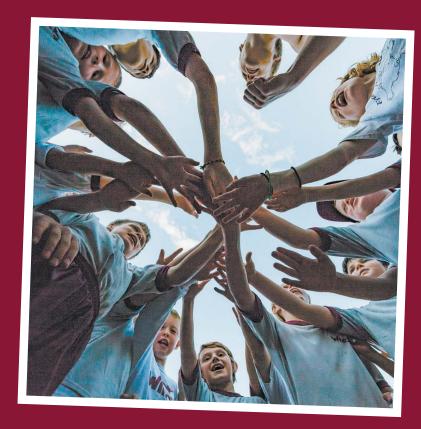


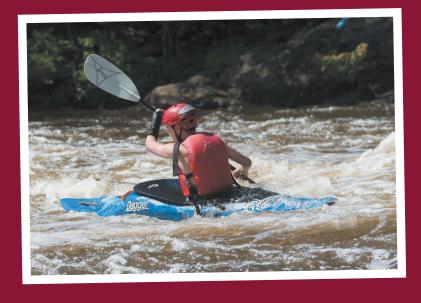
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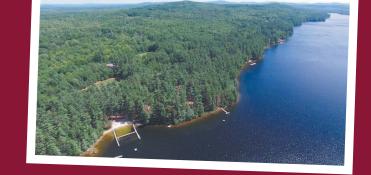


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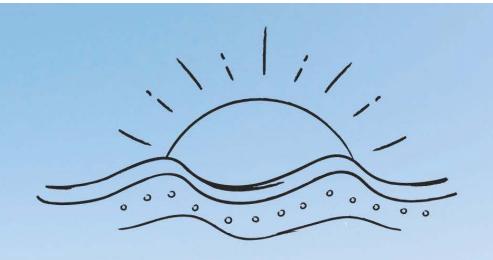








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Join us for a summer learning experience that safely combines in-person academic enrichment and skill development with outdoor social activities to inspire students to confidently reach their potential.

### Why Academic Summer Camps?





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within a camp atmosphere are

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By Erin Wynne & Susan Cranford

We have all heard or used terms such as "summer slide" and "summer learning loss." In fact, for years, in promoting our summer session we have pointed to Malcolm Gladwell's book, Outliers, where Gladwell makes the case with statistical evidence that the single greatest factor in a child's academic achievement is not race, socio-economic status, or even IQ scores...but rather the level to which students have a structured academic experience

during the summer. And never has this statement held more weight than it does right now, in the unprecedented time we are all living through together. Even the very best forms of online school delivery cannot replace the kind of growth and learning that happens within a student as a result of the personal interactions between teachers and students, and students and their peers. A recent national survey conducted by RAND Corporation, in conjunction with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, found that sixty percent of teachers report that their students are less prepared for grade-level work now compared to where they were one year ago. And little is being done presently to close that gap. This can be especially true for students with diverse learning abilities who will be affected doubly by the loss of critical instruction and an extended period of potential regression in

As the summer approaches, we no longer are looking just at addressing the 'learning loss" that could happen over the course of the summer, but rather at the inevitable learning loss that has occurred for all students over the course of the last twelve months. The quality and continuity of instruction that our children have received has varied greatly. A summer experience that can combine both academics at the foundational and advanced levels with fun, outdoor experiences will be crucial to making up for the COVID-related disruptions in learning, and in addressing the social and emotional needs of today's young people.

As we look ahead to Summer 2021, an academically focused summer camp is more critical to students' development than ever before. Parents should be seeking academic enrichment and skill development in an atmosphere that inspires students to reach beyond their comfort zone, to explore new activities, and to reach their potential. They should also be looking for a destination where the kids can safely be outdoors in the fresh air and having fun!

Below are ten advantages to carefully selecting the right summer experience for your child.

- 1. Significant impact on academic achievement Small classes that meet the student where he or she is currently performing and then moves them toward greater mastery and enrichment is key!
- 2. Time outdoors and to be physically active Summer session provides a wonderful opportunity for kids to run, swim, hike, bike and enjoy nature. #playoutside!
- 3. Development of key coping skills learning Learn to live awayfromhome with new peers and adults, students learn to advocate for themselves within an encouraging and supportive community, and they learn to take measured and manageable academic and social risks in the absence of their parents.
- 4. Making life-long friends

   Without the social and academic pressures of the school year, children can relax and truly be themselves. The low pressure atmosphere fosters deeper, more meaningful friendships among the campers.
- 5. Gaining independence Summertime is the perfect time for kids to practice making good, informed decisions. Kids learn to manage their time and their choices. Of course,

structured, and supportive environment.

6. Strengthening a positive identity – With the benefit of a well-conceived summer orientation process, kids are assisted in sharing with the community their interests, their ideas, and their aspirations.

7. Enjoying free time for fun

- Away from the structured
and scheduled routines of the
academic year, the summer
session provides time for
unstructured play where

kids can laugh, take part in activities they most enjoy, and just have fun with their peers. Kids need to be encourage to just be kids.

8. Gaining leadership skills – Campers engage in activities that enhance their problem solving and communication skills, as well as learn how to be members of a "team." Great camps nurture kids' natural abilities and strengths while the adults and peers assist in developing areas in need of additional support.

9. Strengthening peer relations skills – A camp atmosphere is often one where there is a small close-knit community. Kids learn to cooperate with, respect, and be kind to one another.

10. Find success and gain confidence – Students explore, practice, and discover talents and passion!

As a school that has successfully navigated the challenges of the pandemic and been able to offer full-time,

in-person learning, we look forward to the summer and the opportunity to welcome students back to an in-person classroom environment where we can help them regain the academic skills, confidence, and self-esteem that come from meaningful, in-person student and teacher interactions.

Erin Wynne, Eagle Hill School, Assistant Head of School for Institutional Advancement and Susan Cranford, Eagle Hill School, Associate Director of Admission



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### Camp Agawam

**CAMP AGAWAM** 54 AGAWAM RD, RAYMOND, ME 207-627-4780 | WWW.CAMPAGAWAM.ORG

At Camp Agawam, a boy learns to become his best self. Through a structured seven-week program filled with opportunities for leadership, teamwork, and healthy competition in a digital-free environment, boys develop the character traits they need to play a positive role in their communities. Each boy leaves camp with new skills, new friends, and a new sense of his own capacity, and becomes part of a dedicated alumni network that extends around the globe. Since 1919, the values of sportsmanship, service to others, and stewardship of the natural world have been at the heart of the Agawam experience, which takes place each summer on a 125-acre lakeside campus in Maine. 7-Week Sessions. Some Half Season Session options are available.

At Camp Agawam, a boy learns to become his best self. Founded in 1919, Camp Agawam is one of the nation's oldest summer camps.



AUDUBON CENTER NATURE DAY CAMP WWW.GREENWICH.AUDUBON.ORG

Fresh air, frogs, and friendships are just some of what's waiting to be discovered in the hills, streams, and forest of the Greenwich Audubon Center. Seven miles of trails across 285 acres of wildlife sanctuary provide endless chances to learn and play in an environment that teaches through exploration. Children entering grades K-5 participate in themed camp sessions, including Backwoods Explorers and Aquatic Adventures. Campers entering grades 6-9 can join our specialty camps: Wilderness Survival, Climate Champions, Nature Art Camp, and our off-site Ecology Adventures camp, during which campers take daily field trips to forests, beaches, and other areas with experienced naturalists.

Our camp program encourages positive youth development through nature exploration, inquiry-based learning techniques, and positive social interactions. By connecting campers to nature through hands-on activities and authentic experiences our campers learn how to appreciate and respect the world around them while reaping the benefits that being outdoors has on physical and mental health. By combining inquiry-based learning with science and nature lessons and activities campers develop important STEM skills and learn how to question the world around them. We encourage a diverse and welcoming camp environment where children can make friends, learn how to work as part of a team, and build important social skills.



ALFORD LAKE CAMP 207-785-2400 | HOPE, MAINE WWW.ALFORDLAKECAMP.COM

A Summer Haven for Girls, Alford Lake Camp is an overnight summer camp for girls, ages 8 to 17, located on Alford Lake in Hope, Maine. Summers at ALC are action-packed, fun and filled with friends. As one of the world's oldest girls' residential summer camps, ALC is steeped in tradition and legacy, tenets that guide the camp's enduring philosophy. The Alford Lake Camp experience engenders confidence, self-awareness, and kindness, lifelong lessons. ALC is rich in friendship, fun, adventure and important educational growth for all campers.



#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GREENWICH** WWW.BGCG.ORG/CAMPS | 203-869-3224

Fun! Adventurous! MEMORABLE! Within just a few miles from home, kids ages 6-12 and 13-15, can choose their source of FUN this summer!

Lake Avenue in Greenwich and features an outdoor swimming pool, archery range and pond for boating and canoeing. In addition to the

are special events and themed days like Christmas in July, Soccer Olympics, and weekly fishing derbies!

Clubhouse Camp is located on Horseneck Lane in Greenwich and offers a multi-sport field house, soccer field, 25-meter pool, arts & crafts and a technology center. Here, children enjoy daily games of with their friends. Every day is special at the Clubhouse with themed days such as Funny Hat Day, Super Hero Day and the Summer shared interests and students gain confidence in their abilities. Olympics!

members ages 13-15, teens have access to a multi-sport court, soccer field, swimming pool, and game room. Most of their time is spent off-site visiting attractions such as New York City, local beaches, amusement parks, sporting events and more!

All camps are licensed by the State of Connecticut and are competitively priced. Campers must be registered members of the Club in order to attend. All swimming instructors are American Red Cross certified.



(207) 882-7323 | WISCASSETT, MAINE WWW.BOYS.CHEWONKI.ORG

Every summer, boys ages 8-15 come to Chewonki from across the country and around the world to experience authentic summer camp fun on the coast of Maine. On our 400-acre campus, you can explore the outdoors, gain new skills, work on a real farm—and just be yourself. For more than 100 years, our unique nature-based approach to adventure, learning, and play has created lasting summer memories for our campers. Get outdoors and discover what's inside!

### **CAMP CHEWONKI FOR GIRLS** (207) 882-7323 | WISCASSETT, MAINE WWW.GIRLS.CHEWONKI.ORG

Who are we? We're girls and young women who love adventuring, having fun with new friends, learning about ourselves, each other, and Maine's legendary lakes and rivers, mountains and forests, islands and

We welcome challenges, inspiration, and laughter. Each of us is essential in the community we create each summer, living close to the

Imagine How it Would Feel: wake up with the birds; cook blueberry pancakes over a campfire; laugh on a mountaintop after a hard climb; paddle your canoe through white water; sing under the stars with friends; share a lake with loons; hear a river running by your tent at night. Imagine-or spend a summer with us and find out what these experiences feel like for real.

Chewonki girls and young women are ages 8 to 16. We come from all over the U.S. and the world. Each one of us is unique. What we have in common: curiosity, courage, compassion, a good sense of humor, and the passionate belief that spending time outside teaches us and leads us month of July. Open to any students entering grades 7-11 who would to our truest selves.

Chewonki girls and women discover joy in the great outdoors, welcome a challenge, and get that competence and communitybuilding are vital in the wilderness, and afterwards. They dare to explore, expect the unexpected, work hard, and play with all their classroom and beyond.



EAGLE HILL SCHOOL SUMMER SESSION WWW.EAGLEHILL.SCHOOL/SUMMER 413-477-6000 ADMISSION@EAGEHILL.SCHOOL

week summer session for students ages 10-16. With four programs to choose from, Eagle Hill's summer session blends the experience of a classic summer camp with our unique approach to educating diverse learners in a warm, friendly, camp-like atmosphere. Course offerings and activities are designed to help students have a fun-filled summer while building confidence and paving the road for academic success in

Divided into eight periods, the daily schedule combines four academic courses, focusing on the areas of reading, writing, and math, with four electives. Class sizes are kept small, averaging 5:1, Camp Simmons is a sprawling 77 acres of pure wilderness on and course schedules are designed based upon age, demonstrated skill levels, and learning abilities, ensuring that students are always placed in a position to maximize learning. This success-oriented environment gives bright, motivated students the opportunity to flourish.

Afternoon activities and evening clubs are designed for maximum summer fun! Each afternoon, a choice of sporting or recreational activities is offered to every student with the opportunity to try something new or participate in an activity already loved. In addition, a vast selection of clubs makes the evenings an adventure. By giving table tennis, bumper pool, and air hockey, as well as leisurely swims students the chance to be part of a team or club, we foster the ideals of sharing, trust, sportsmanship, and tolerance. Friendships develop over

There's a reason so many families have fallen in love with Eagle Hill Teen Campers can dive into summer at the Clubhouse. Open to after participating in the summer program. The summer session is the perfect mix of academics and fun!



EAGLE HILL SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS JULY 6-30 • ON CAMPUS 45 GLENVILLE ROAD, GREENWICH WWW.EAGLEHILLSCHOOL.ORG/SUMMER

Eagle Hill's Summer Programs are designed for students ages 5-14 who are in need of academic remediation before the start of the new school year, have fallen behind due to the pandemic, and students who have a language-based learning difference (such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, or ADHD).

Our programs help prevent the "summer slide" and will help students be ready for school in September!

In our Academic Program, class sizes are small and are taught by Eagle Hill faculty. Academic instruction and class placement are based on the individual needs of our students.

When classes are over, students can take part in our Afternoon Activities Program where a camp-like atmosphere is used to encourage and reinforce group work, social skills, and fair play.

A twice-weekly social skills group is also available for students who need additional support in learning social and emotional language concepts.

Early bird pricing is available until April 30, 2021. Visit eaglehillschool.org/summer for pricing and more information.



### FORMAN SUMMER PROGRAM 860-567-1802 | ADMISSION@FORMAN.ORG WWW.FORMANSCHOOL.ORG

The Forman Summer Program is a four-week, coed boarding and day camp that takes place on the Forman School campus during the benefit from our individualized approach to learning, this program provides students insight into our innovative teaching techniques. During the Forman Summer Program, students learn independence, self-advocacy, and academic strategies that they can apply in the

While attending morning classes, students discover their own individual learning styles in a small classroom environment and practice executive function skills. Afternoons offer the opportunity to explore other areas of boarding school and New England summer life with activities such as jewelry making, boat building, athletics, ropes course, theater, horseback riding, fishing, and more!

For over 80 years, Forman has focused exclusively on teaching students with learning differences and helping them build specific skills and strategies for success, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to offer the Summer Program for those who may not be able to attend during the regular school months. Our faculty and staff are trained in research-proven approaches to education, validated Located in Hardwick, Massachusetts, Eagle Hill School runs a five- teaching techniques, and the latest assistive technologies, meaning students are exposed to innovative educational approaches that will stay with them long after they leave the Forman campus.

At Forman, we have seen how one summer can change a student's life. To learn more about the Forman Summer Program and see the change for yourself, please contact us today!





For more information and

to register, visit ywcagreenwich.org/summer-camps



tailored to the academic needs of your child reinforcing and enhancing skills for the upcoming school year.

July 6 - July 30 • For students ages 5-14



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Come to Franklin Academy this summer to make friends and have fun! Explore your interests with other people who enjoy the same things! And try something new, too!

The Summer Program at Franklin Academy is a creative program designed for students aged 13 to 19 who have unique learning styles, including those diagnosed with Nonverbal Learning Disabilities (NLD, NVLD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), and related profiles. Students are smart, passionate, and interesting. They enjoy being with like-minded teenagers. They embrace eclectic and varied interests and find joy as they participate in activities that excite their curiosity.

#### Join us for a Summer Program Virtual Open House on Thursday, March 25, at 5:00 PM!

Please call or email the Admissions Office to register and receive the Zoom link: 860-300-3774 x1114 or admissions@fa-ct.org



GREENWICH COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL GCDS.NET/SUMMERCAMP 203-863-5677 401 OLD CHURCH ROAD, GREENWICH

Co-ed summer camp for Ages 3 – 13

Located on the 92-acre campus of The Greenwich Country Day School, GCDS Summer Day Camp offers boys and girls a summer full of adventure and fun! Open to all children in the CT/NY area.

Our state-of-the-art facilities include 2 swimming pools, 4 gymnasiums, 4 tennis courts, dance studio, rock wall, Performing Arts Center, Technology and Creativity Labs, and air-conditioned classrooms.

Campers are divided into seven age groups. This allows our professional instructors and exceptional counselors to give more personalized attention to each camper and to target age-specific athletic and artistic activities. A nutritious nut-free lunch is served every day!

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Whether they're destined to become a scientist, an engineer, a world leader, or CEO, girls will walk away with invaluable skills, giving them an added advantage for the future.



### THE GOW SCHOOL SOUTH WALES NY | 716.652.3450 WWW.GOW.ORG/SUMMER-PROGRAMS

The Gow School Summer Program (GSSP) is a five-week program running from the end of June to the beginning of August. Designed for students ages 8–16 who possess the potential to excel but who have struggled in school or who have been diagnosed with learning disabilities such as dyslexia, central auditory processing disorder, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, ADHD, and ADD.

"Summer school" doesn't begin to cover Gow's exciting and enriching summer program. With options for boarding, full or academic day, families can choose an option that works for them. GSSP days are broken up into two main parts: academics and camp fun. In the morning campers get to work in the classroom taking four classes that include Robotics, Reconstructive Language, Summer Reading and much more.

The Gow School Summer Program is settled on 125-acres which gives our campers plenty of room to learn and play. With activities including a one-hundred-foot water slide, and gaga pit campers utilize every inch of their surroundings. On the weekends campers load the busses to go camping, to water parks, to baseball games, or Cedar Point!

The Gow School Summer Program helps improve academic performance by teaching skills as well as material, enhancing confidence, and instilling discipline and sportsmanship. GSSP gives students academic tools and self-confidence they can take with them wherever they go.

By combining a structured program and environment with flexibility, individualization, and room for fun, The Gow School Summer Program provides a rich school experience that is precisely what dyslexic students need to learn and to enjoy learning.

### Art and History Camp

GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 203-869-6899 | 39 STRICKLAND RD, COS COB GREENWICHHISTORY.ORG/CAMP

Come explore Connecticut's colonial history and Cos Cob's Art Colony through games, crafts and hands-on fun . Creative minds will spend time in our historic gardens and (air-conditioned!) barn, exploring their surrounding using art, science and old-fashioned ingenuity under the guidance of professional educators and artists. Space is limited!

HISTORY WEEK CAMPERS will be transported back in time to Greenwich's colonial era. They will learn about important historical events as well as skills necessary for living in a time without electricity and running water. Campers will have the opportunity to weave, cook and create colonial art. They will also learn about the importance of a personal garden and about the plants that could be grown for cooking, medicine and creating natural pigments.

ART WEEK CAMPERS will learn about the Cos Cob Art Colony and the avant-garde work of

the impressionist artists that stayed at the Bush Holley House. Led by Master Painter Dmitri Wright, campers will have the opportunity to learn about color, light and form as they create their own unique works of art. Activities include painting en plain air, pottery and theater.

# Middle School Camps Elementary Camps 6-8 Grade 2-5 Grade 9:30 am - 2:30 pm 9:30 am - 2:30 pm History Camp: History Camp: July 12 - 16 July 26 - 30

Art Camp:

July 19 - 23

Contact: Anna Greco, 203.869.6899 or agreco@ greenwichhistory.org.

Art Camp:

August 2 – 6



# OXFORD ACADEMY SUMMER SESSION WESTBROOK, CONNECTICUT JUNE 21 - JULY 23 GIRLS AND BOYS, GRADES 8-12 WWW. OXFORDACADEMY.NET/SUMMEREXPERIENCE/

Oxford Academy's summer session generates enthusiasm for academics and offers abundant seaside recreation for students who are ready to keep learning during the summer break. There are opportunities to accelerate learning and experience individualized support with customized, 1:1 and small group classes until 2pm followed by fun summer recreation on campus and Long Island Sound in the afternoons and evenings. We welcome day and boarding students.

During classes students may explore new courses, take on challenging subjects and bolster their learning while guided by Oxford Academy's expert teachers. The focus is on each student's individual goals and needs. The Oxford Method of teaching employs a Socratic approach placing a premium on the development of the student's voice in every class, growing their intellectual curiosity and ensuring a high level of engagement. Participants build their learning repertoire and avoid the 'summer slide' through coursework that prepares them for the September return to school.

After classes, students spend their afternoons and evenings in a variety of activities and offerings including swimming, fishing, sailing, paddleboarding, kayaking, horseback riding, hiking, biking, tennis, basketball, soccer, archery and local outings. Summer session also offers time in the campus gardens, raising bees, hanging out at the beach, (a three minute walk from campus), mindfulness walks and most importantly, an opportunity to make friends from around the world.



### CAMP SETON 363 RIVERSVILLE ROAD, GREENWICH 203-869-8424 | CAMPSETON.ORG GREENWICHSCOUTING.ORG

7 INCREDIBLE WEEKS!

June 22 – August 7 No Scouting experience necessary!

You do not have to be a Scout to attend Camp Seton! Set on a 238-acre woodland with 2 lakes and over 5 miles of hiking trails, Camp Seton combines the best of a traditional New England summer camp and resident Scout camp to offer a day camp full of outdoor adventure. Daily program offerings include fishing, boating, swimming, archery, BBs, nature, Scout skills, climbing, campfire cooking, handicrafts & more! Cub Scout Camp (Boys & girls age 7-10) Nothing stirs the imagination or interest of a young child like spending time in the outdoors. Everyday campers will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of games, lessons and experiences in each of our four program areas -Aquatics, Scout Skills, Nature and Sports. Our enthusiastic staff plan fun activities while allowing time for free choice and unstructured, exploratory play. Boys and girls are separated by Dens and meet together for Friday campfire.

Scout Adventure Camp (Boys age 11-13): Outdoor program for boys with or without Scouting experience! Our Scout Adventure camp highlights the best of our year-round Scouting program. Each day campers will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities from fishing, campfire cooking, canoeing, swimming, ax and whittlin' skills, archery, rifle shooting, shelter building, climbing, orienteering, and more!

Book a camp tour today!

### WINONA CAMP FOR BOYS 207-647-3721 | BRIDGTON, MAINE WWW.WINONACAMPS.COM

The Winona Experience begins with our beautiful location on the shores of Moose Pond with inspirational views of Pleasant Mountain and Mount Washington. A mile of waterfront, with each unit offering its own encampments and program. Junior (7-11), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (13-15) and CIT (16-17). Canoe, mountain and kayak trips are available for all ages. Campers choose activities on a daily basis from a wide variety of outdoor living programs, athletics and aquatics. Included in the Winona Experience is an extensive sailing program, horseback riding (English), rock climbing and woodworking. Junior Maine Guide program available to boys ages 14 and older. Veteran staff; with campers and staff from 30 states and 15 foreign countries. Founded in 1908.

### WYONEGONIC CAMPS (207) 452-2051 | DENMARK, MAINE WWW.WYONEGONIC.COM

Wyonegonic Camps, established in 1902, is the oldest continuously-run camp for girls in America. Wyonegonic is composed of three separate camps — designed to fit the individual needs and interest of the campers. Each camp forms its own close-knit community that is small enough to kindle deep friendships. Cabin life is rustic and simple. Our seven hundred acres of pine forest and two miles of shoreline offers campers a sense of privacy and isolation. We offer programs for girls between 8 and

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A fun in-person four-week program of strategies, skill building, and executive function growth for bright students who learn differently.

### FORMAN Summer

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### Top 10 Benefits of Attending a Summer Session



By Phil Cocchiola

decades at Oxford Academy we've witnessed summer students stoke their intellectual curiosity with coursework and explore the abundant seaside offerings nearby. With the disruption experienced in the past year due to the pandemic, students can benefit more than ever from additional time learning with expert teachers while also enjoying new friends and recreation along the Connecticut shoreline. Here are ten reasons why you should consider summer session:

#### 1. Bolster learning

Summer session means more learning! At Oxford Academy, boys and girls extend their experience beyond the traditional school year. They are taught by expert teachers, strengthening their skills and knowledge. We use a one to

connection between teacher and to find and use their voice in academic pursuits.

#### 2. Explore new academic areas

Unique summer offerings such as marine biology, forensics, painting and photography, statistics, psychology or Latin may awaken newfound interests. Within each course students may go as deep and wide as they'd like. By diving into new fields of study, students may discover a future path strengths for college and career.

#### 3. Grow your knowledge base

Summer session offers an abundance of opportunities both in and outside of the classroom. Project based learning provides deep learning experiences. Build a go-kart, join the photography club and shoot a starry evening sky at the beach or engage in 3-D design or movie making in the Innovation Lab. Investigation and inspiration abound on our seaside campus where students study the ocean, grow food in our gardens, help with the beehives, and learn about sustainable living.

### 4. Make new friends & meet people from other cultures

New friends broaden a teen's

one, relational model of teaching experience beyond their childhood strengthened through which places a premium on the friend group. According to the Century Foundation, "researchers student. This encourages students have documented that students' exposure to other students who are different from themselves and the novel ideas that such exposure brings leads to improved cognitive skills, including critical thinking and problem solving." Our culturally diverse community helps our students experience summer session as a time to transform and expand their worldview.

### 5. Increase social and emotional

Summer session provides ample opportunity to connect with teachers and friends though programs, activities and free time. Conversation and connection happen in the campus gardens, tending to the hives, gaming in the student center and walking to the beach. Many students take sailing and horseback riding lessons. As students meet new teachers and friends, they develop their empathy, and improve their overall communication skills.

### 6. Develop resilience

environment around students, fostering new relationships with peers and trusted adults. The muscle of resilience is further

work and effort while taking risks in a safe environment and structured time and space to learning from failures. Students are encouraged to pursue their passions while learning problem solving skills.

### 7. Live independently

Summer session students are coached to own their living and learning experience. Residing on campus in dorms and eating in a dining hall provides a growth opportunity to truly feel independent while learning to get along with others. This helps students prepare for boarding school or college, where the newfound sense of freedom and new independence can sometimes be disorienting.

### hard 8. Discover new interests

Summer session provides explore interests. Students enjoy the outdoors and nearby beach and rivers. Some join clubs such as photography, outdoor adventures, mindfulness, chess, environmental or even create their own club. There is time after classes for trying something new, joining friends for a hike, a bike ride or spending time at the shore for swimming and fishing. Horseback riding and sailing lessons are popular choices as well.

### 9. Avoid the "summer slide"

The pandemic has presented challenges that have compromised learning in the past year. Combined with the usual summer slide, students need

to numerous studies, students are likely to experience learning loss during summer break. When students are away from formal learning for 10-12 weeks, they forget what they learned during the school year. This can be mitigated by participating in summer session.

#### 10. Prepare for college

College admissions remain competitive. By attending summer session, students gain an edge through their coursework and by working with our college guidance counselor. Students may explore the college search process, identify schools and gain insights into the admissions process. They can work on their essays, applications and even prepare for SATs or ACTs.

Phil Cocchiola is the Head of more learning time. According School at Oxford Academy

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18 years old. Wyonegonic is a camp where girls learn about themselves in a non-competitive atmosphere and enjoy the beauty of friendship in the simplicity of the outdoors.



### WWW.GREENWICHYMCA.ORG

BEST SUMMER EVER!

Located in the heart of Greenwich, the YMCA of Greenwich offers a variety of Summer Camp options that value individuality as well as a sense of community, promote positive self-esteem and expose children to a variety of skills and experiences. Our dedicated camp counselors are ready to provide an active and fun environment for all of our campers.

Mini Campers (ages 3-5) will enjoy arts & crafts, music & movement, outdoor sports. Discovery Campers (ages 6-12 and rising Kindergarteners attending with older siblings) will enjoy sports, crafts, games and more, AND take trips to town beaches and attractions. With 7 different weekly themes ranging from Y Spirit Week, Party in the USA, Mad Science and Water Works – the Y is where Summer adventure awaits! Show us your Y spirit, celebrate America's birthday, step into the spotlight and show us your talents, get messy and wild, have some swashbuckling fun and find lost treasures, rock out at a beach party equipped with some splish-splash fun and explore the galaxy's great unknowns - you never know where Summer will take you next!

Each camp also includes daily Swim Lessons based on the YMCA's National swim lesson curriculum with lessons given by the Y's trained Swim Instructors. Campers entering 10th or 11th grades (ages 13-15) in Fall 2020 will qualify for spots in our Camp Counselor in Training (CIT) program. Whether your campers come one week or the whole summer, our CIT program will keep them engaged while learning important skills. CITs will have opportunities to shadow the age groups as well as participate in camp service projects and specially designed trainings. Training topics include customer service, planning activities, behavior modification, communication with parents, supervision at the waterfront, goal setting, active listening, working with younger campers, camp communication, service learning, and team work.

Contact Information: For more information or to register please visit: greenwichymca.org online or contact Diana Gonzalez at dgonzalez@gwymca.org or 203.869.1630 x 283.



### YWCA SUMMER CAMPS 259 EAST PUTNAM AVENUE 203-869-6501

YWCAGREENWICH.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS/ Summertime means water, sand, slides, and lots of fun for your child. Combining the best of our fitness classes with outdoor play, field trips, and hands-on learning, your child will enjoy activities at our beautiful 6.5-acre Greenwich campus.

YWCA Preschool Summer Camp offers fun filled days with activities specially created for this age group. Each of our counselors are licensed teachers who will always nurture and supervise campers. Campers enjoy indoor and outdoor activities that include swimming and gymnastics instruction for older children when they attend 5-days-a-week. Be sure to sign up for the Lunch Bunch option available for either Extended or Full Day options.

For nearly 50 years, Camp Ta-Yi-To has brought happiness to thousands of children. Under the guidance of our experienced camp director, a highly trained staff helps your child grow socially, emotionally and physically in a welcoming, safe environment. Campers enjoy a diverse schedule of activities.

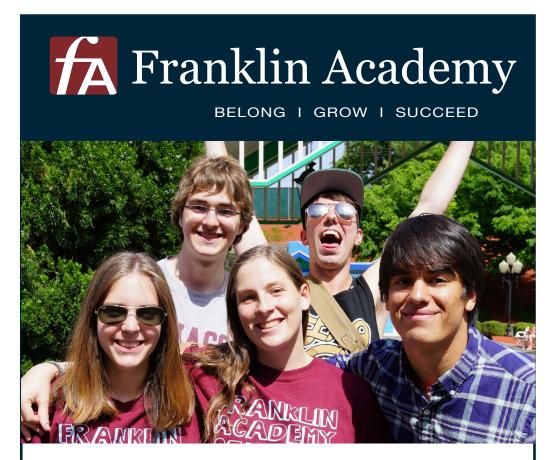
Girls Circle Summer Camp A camp just for girls . . . where new friendships grow. Girls learn and build self-esteem through games, crafts, field trips, workshops with local artists, writers, role models and



### WHERE ADVENTURE AWAITS

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## Summer Program 2021

Virtual Classes
June 21 - July 2

On Campus Institutes
July 5 - July 23

The Summer Program at Franklin Academy serves bright students with unique learning styles who are 13-19 years old. Students are celebrated for their gifts and have the freedom to be themselves in a community that fosters curiosity, learning, and growth. Exciting classes and Institutes bring together those who share similar interests so friendships can easily and naturally form. There is nurturing support and coaching in navigating social nuance and strengthening executive functioning.

Join us for a Virtual Summer Program Open House on March 25!

Contact Admissions 860-873-2700 x1114 admissions@fa-ct.org

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The Gow School Summer Program is for students who have been experiencing academic difficulties, or have been diagnosed with dyslexia or specific learning disabilities. Five weeks of learning and fun for ages 8-16.







Morning Academics

Afternoon Activities

Weekend Adventures





The best way to get to know Gow, is to visit! Call 716.687.2001 or visit gow.org/summer-programs to plan your trip to sunny South Wales, New York



# Camp Agawam Raymond, ME Est. 1919



Join us for a technology-free summer of outdoor fun, friendship, growth, leadership and community.



# SUMMER

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN IN THE CT/NY AREA

**CHOOSE** the weeks that work for you! **Limited Capacity. Enroll Now!** 



of stimulating activities across our sprawling campus!



### **LOWER CAMP** AGES 4–5

Extra hour of fun! Includes swimming, music, art, sports, science, and yoga.



A morning of exploration, play, group activities, and a chance to make friends all in a safe and engaging environment. **Plus Swim and Lunch Programs!** 



### **CAMP AFTERS** AGES 4–5

This program provides parents the opportunity for a later pick up. Includes supervised playground time and a snack.

### JUNE 28-JULY 30

5 weeks of summer fun 5 days a week! CHOOSE the weeks that work for you.

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