"Camp Harbor kids explore to learn, discover to grow, and create friendships and memories to last a lifetime."

Program Information

Camp Harbor offers a diversified program that will engage your child in a safe, fun, and enriched environment. Our Preschool through 8th-grade program runs for 7 weeks, and we offer a variety of flexible scheduling options, alongside a set schedule for our CIT program.

Full Day Day sessions: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mini Day sessions: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Workshops: (Grades 1st-8th) 5-day sessions: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. or 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Kindergarten Readiness: (K only) 8:00-9:00 a.m./3:30-4:30p.m.
CIT Program: (9th-10th grade) 8:30-3:30 p.m.
CIT Session 1: July 8th-July 26th
CIT Session 2: August 9th-August 16th
CIT Both Sessions: July 8th- August 16th
(8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

Each day campers participate in a wide variety of activities designed to inspire and stimulate their curiosity and learning, including specialty classes: music, arts & crafts, nature, athletics, weekly contests, challenges, events and swimming (both instructional and recreational). Some activities are constant throughout the summer, while others change each week. Much of the program is planned to coordinate with the theme of the week. Our staff is well trained to make sure that each camper and workshop participant gets the most out of each activity.

All campers are grouped according to the grade they will be entering in September. Camp groups are co-educational. Each group has a home base that serves as a gathering place to begin and end the day. They will rotate through a schedule from their swim to the specialty classes, events.

Camp Staff

The Head Teacher for each camp group is a certified teacher. The group counselors are enthusiastic high school and college students, or qualified staff members, many of whom were campers here themselves, went through our CIT (Counselor-in-Training) program or are majoring in education. Special activities (soccer, baseball, swimming, arts & crafts, etc.) are taught by local professionals or teachers and are experienced in working with children. All Academic Workshops are taught by certified teachers, and professional adults- some of whom are on the staff at Harbor Country Day School.

Workshop Program

This is an exciting option for students interested in fine-tuning a particular skill or experimenting with a new one. Class size for all workshops is small and limited according to the nature of the subject. Workshops are held for one hour before camp (8:00-9:00 a.m.) and/or one hour after camp (3:30-4:30 p.m.). Each week, new morning and afternoon workshops run. Campers will learn, discover and create just for the fun of it! A highly qualified staff of dedicated teachers has assembled to challenge and meet the needs of each student. Please consult the Master Workshop Schedule for a complete listing of workshops, their dates and course descriptions. A minimum camper sign up varies per workshop in order to run.

Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program (8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) is offered to campers entering grades 9 and 10 in September. It is an exciting option for teens interested in working as camp counselors in the years ahead. Those in the CIT Program are enrolled in Red Cross Babysitter, CPR, and First Aid workshops on-site. When not in a workshop/training, CITs will assist the Lead Teachers and Counselors in their assigned camp group. They will rotate between all age groups from PK-5th grade. All participants will meet daily with the CIT Coordinator to discuss their camp experiences and future strategies for working with children. In addition to job-specific training, CITs also learn about general job-related skills. All second-year CITs leave with a scheduled interview for next summer. In addition, CITs will participate in weekly challenges and contests with their peers to sharpen team-building and leadership skills. CITs will have the opportunity to join the 6/8 group on two field trips throughout the summer, one per each session. If interested in this program they should enjoy working with children and be prepared to take responsibility for the campers in their care. CITs are under the direct supervision of the group teachers and activity instructors.

Before /Aftercare Program

Our Before Care Program is available at no extra charge each morning from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. The After Care Camp Program is available each day following camp until 6:00 p.m. Campers are provided with a snack and participate in organized activities supervised by a team of counselors. Please refer to the Camp Fees Form for set Aftercare costs for full summer and weekly childcare. There is a charge of $15.00/hour per child for this program. Participating families will be billed at the end of each week.

Swimming

Our heated pool is staffed with an Aquatics Director and American Red Cross Certified Lifeguards. The camp group counselors and leads stay at the pool with their campers to further increase pool supervision. All camp groups are scheduled for an instructional and recreational swim each day. Beginning with the Kindergarten campers, all children are expected to participate in Red Cross swimming instruction. It is a very important part of the Camp Harbor experience. Swimming abilities will be assessed, and campers will be placed in instructional groups according to their skills. Our swim instructors will be offering private swim lessons after camp from 3:30 p.m.

until 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in this for your camper or have any questions regarding this department, please contact campaquatics@hcdsny.org

Sports

A variety of sports and games is offered each week through our Athletics Program, on a rotating schedule, to campers in a noncompetitive environment. Respect, responsibility, and fairness are key components to this program promoting healthy sports development. Our staff is composed of certified physical education teachers, community/high school coaches, and professional/college/high school players.

6th – 8th Grade Trips

Each week the sixth, seventh and eighth grade campers will travel off campus to enjoy a full or half day field trip. Past trips have included bowling, mini golf, go karts, Robert Moses Beach, Laser Tag, Ice Skating, Canoeing, and Medieval Times. All trip expenses are included with the tuition. A universal permission slip is signed upon registration through the Parent Portal. The front office must be notified if any camper does not have consent to attend a field trip. This must be on file in the office. In addition, pending the field trip location, an ***online waiver*** must be submitted directly to the company hosting the field trip. This will be given to you upon registration. Please check the 6th through 8th grade camp calendar for scheduled trip dates and destinations.

Design Your Own Afternoon

Campers in grades 4-8 can design many of their own afternoons at Camp Harbor from a list of weekly activities. They will have opportunities to choose from several activities including returning to specialty classes. (Athletics, Music, Nature, Art). This exciting program promotes an atmosphere of independence in which the camper is given the opportunity to decide what new interests to explore, and what new friends to make! The greatest challenge will be to figure out what to do first! On days that campers may design their own afternoon, campers sign up for two afternoon choice activities, which begin at 1:00 p.m. and run for 45 minutes each. The campers will also be required to participate in an afternoon recreational swim in addition to their choice. The activities will be supervised by counselors and teachers from their camp groups, in addition to some special guests to be scheduled throughout the summer.