"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 9th-grade & CIT program runs for 7 weeks, and we offer a variety of flexible scheduling options.

Full Day sessions: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Mini Day sessions: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Workshops: 5-day sessions (Weeks 2-7) 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. or 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
CIT Program: (9th-10th grade) 8:30-3:30 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 and daily events.

Before Care

Before Care starts at 7:30 a.m. and runs until 8:45 a.m. at no additional charge. Campers will be dismissed to their groups starting at 8:45. Drop off for Before Care is at the main entrance using the dining room door. Please sign your child in on the clipboard.

Arrival

PreK-1st grade will be dropped off at the front entrance.
2nd-8th Grade & CITs will be dropped off at the back field off Thompson Hill Road
If you have siblings assigned to the front entrance drop off, you may have them dropped off together in the front.

Campers will be dismissed to their groups starting at 8:45 a.m. Regular Camp drop off starts at 8:30 a.m. and Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. ALL arrivals after 9:00 a.m. must be

signed in at the front office. If you are late to the back field drop off please bring your child to the front entrance to be signed in.

Dismissal

Parents are requested to adhere closely to the dismissal times & protocols. Early or late arrivals for pick-up may interfere with the dismissal of another camp group. If you have more than one child attending camp and their dismissal times are different, please arrange to pick up both children together (we dismiss the older sibling according to the youngest's schedule). This information can be found on our Arrival & Dismissal Protocol form on our website or by clicking HERE. Please contact campoffice@campharbor.org or call us with any dismissal changes.

The pickup windows are as follows:

3:15-3:30 p.m. Pre-K/Kindergarten (Front Entrance)
3:30-3:45 p.m. 1st Grade (Front Entrance)
3:15-3:45 p.m. 2nd/3rd Grade (Back field off Thompson Hill Road)
3:30-4:00 p.m. 4th-9th & CIT'S (Back field off Thompson Hill Road)

If you need to pick up your child early, please notify the office in advance so that your child will be ready for you upon arrival. You will be asked to sign out your child. If you are running late for pickup, please call the camp office, and your children will join the aftercare program, which is available every day until 6:00 p.m. *(Except the very last day of camp)*. If someone other than the child's parent or guardian is to pick up the child at the end of the day, please log in to your parent portal and upload this information to the student information section. Our database pulls this daily, so any updates will be seen. If you are unable to do this please call the front office, or a signed note must be on file in the office. If the person picking up your child is unfamiliar to the group teacher, a description must accompany the signed note and the person should be prepared to show identification. For the safety of your child, please keep the group teachers and office informed of any change in the normal routine, and of any special circumstances. Such information is confidential.

Aftercare

Our Aftercare program is available each day until 6:00 p.m. If your child will be attending the after camp program on a regular basis, please fill out our aftercare registration form and submit it to the front office or email to campoffice@campharbor.org . This can be found on our website under 'Camp Harbor Forms'. We will make sure that they are enrolled and dismissed accordingly. If a need for aftercare arises unexpectedly during the day, please give us a call. We will notify our staff and your children of the change in plans. All campers must be picked up promptly by 6:00 p.m. The cost for attending the program is $12.00/hour per child and will be billed to you weekly through your parent portal.

Please refer to the Camp Fees form for set prices

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 who 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 explore, 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. A minimum camper sign-up varies per workshop in order to run. Students enrolled in the morning Workshop Program should arrive 5 minutes before their workshop is scheduled to begin and join other participants in the dining room. Our workshop coordinator will check students in and make sure that they get to their workshop on time. At the end of their workshop, morning workshop students will be escorted to their camp groups. Afternoon workshop students will meet their parents outside the dining room entrance and be checked out by the workshop coordinator. If late, children will be escorted to aftercare where charges will begin as of 4:30 p.m.. Please consult the Workshop brochure for a complete listing of workshops, their dates, and course descriptions.

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 10 ***only*** 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 to 5th grade. All participants will meet daily with the CIT Coordinator to discuss their camp experiences and future strategies for working with children and or general employment. In addition to job-specific training, CITs also learn about general job-related skills. All CITs leave with a scheduled interview for next summer. Additionally, CITs will participate in weekly challenges and contests with their peers to hone their team-building and leadership skills. CITs will have the opportunity to join the Juniors (6th-9th grade) Crabs group on ***two*** field trips throughout the summer- please refer to the calendar for these. 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, and their CIT Coordinator.

Before /Aftercare Program

Our Before Care Program is available at no extra charge each morning from 7:30 to 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, and set prices if in need of Aftercare weekly or full time. Participating families will be billed at the end of each week to their parent portal.

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 Pre-K 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 4:00 p.m.. If you are interested in this their schedule is posted to our website under the forms & fees tab. If you 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 – 9th Grade Field Trips

Each week the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grade campers will travel off campus to enjoy a full or half-day field trip. All trip expenses are included in 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. If this is the case, your camper can still attend camp but will be placed in the 5th grade group for the duration of the trip. 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 camp calendar for scheduled trip dates and destinations.

Design Your Own Afternoon

Campers in grades 4th-9th can design many of their own afternoons at Camp Harbor from a list of weekly activities. This is reflected as ‘Choice-Afternoon’. 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.

What to Wear

We suggest that campers arrive wearing their bathing suits under their shirts and shorts. Remember: camp is fun and sometimes a bit messy. Please send your child to camp in old clothes. On especially sunny days, a hat with a visor is recommended. Campers must wear sneakers and socks while at camp. Wearing sandals, Crocs, water shoes, etc. will exclude your child from many activities and a call will be made to request a parent bring in appropriate footwear. Sandals/Crocs/water shoes may be worn to and from the pool ONLY. All campers should arrive with their sunblock already applied, we will reapply as needed throughout the day! Please, label everything!

What to Bring

- Campers should pack sunblock, a hat, a bag containing a second bathing suit, two towels, water shoes, a water bottle, a plastic bag for wet items, and lunch with a cold pack, if not participating in the optional lunch program All campers will have a locker or cubby in which to store their belongings. PreK and Kindergarten campers should bring an extra set of clothes in a labeled ziplock to leave at camp for the weeks they will be here. *Campers must be three years old before camp starts, and independent in the bathroom*.
- ***NOT* allowed at Camp: *ALL* electronics** (including cell phones, cameras, tablets, gaming systems), or anything valuable. Assume that things brought to camp could be seen anywhere from the middle of the soccer field to the bottom of the pool. Inappropriate items will be taken from the campers and kept in the front office until the end of the camp day and only released to a parent/guardian. Campers will be asked to leave their cell phones secured in their lockers/cubbies with their belongings.

Food

Campers may bring their own lunch (please include a cold pack) or participate in our optional food program through Sequa Deli. Lunch must be pre-selected for the summer and prepaid through our online ordering system EZ School Apps Parent Log In. Each Friday, campers will enjoy a complimentary pizza lunch. Feel free to pack additional snacks for snack/lunch on pizza day. Campers may bring their own lunch on Friday if they do not wish to participate in the pizza lunch.

Ice cream can be ordered through this app as well, however, campers may purchase ice cream ($2.00) at lunch via cash. Please plan to bring a water bottle - we have several filtered water stations. All campers and workshop/aftercare participants will be given a

daily snack supplied by the camp. An afternoon freeze pop will be given to all campers upon dismissal.

Camp Nurse & Medication

There is a registered nurse at camp. A **Health History Form** is **REQUIRED** to attend alongside copies of immunizations. *This is done via the parent portal at the time of registration*. If your camper is in need of medication during camp, a written **Physicians Order Form** from a doctor, as well as written parental consent must be on file in the camp health office. This can be uploaded to your parent portal upon registration, and printable forms can be found on our website. This is **mandatory** in order for the camp nurse to distribute any medication (including over-the-counter medication). All medications must be given directly to our nurse in a labeled ziplock. Please drop this off at the front office. Please do not drop any medicine to the counselors upon arrival.

Parents are asked to notify the nurse if their child has been exposed to any communicable disease during the most recent two weeks before coming to camp.

Payments

Please do not send any payments in with your camper or submit payments at drop off to counselors, CIT's, or Lead Teachers. **ALL** payments can be made through the parent portal. Checks and Cash must be mailed or dropped off directly to the front office. Please call the Camp Office if you need assistance.

Make Up Days/Swap Days/Refunds

Parents are reminded that Camp Harbor **does not** offer make-up days or swap days. If your child will be out with an extended illness like chicken pox or some sort of surgery, please notify the Camp Office as soon as possible. A doctor's note is required. For the typical sickness that leads to missing camp, ***we do not provide make-up days, swapped days, or refunds. Tuition is due in full as of June 22, 2026***. Dropped days as of this date are considered non refundable. We would be happy to add any day requested pending availability.