

Thinking About Cambridge Summer Programs?

2024 Summer Registration Start Dates & Timeline for K-8 Full Day Camps

Full Day Program	Details	Contact Info	Registration Starts	Registration Ends
DHSP Summer Programs at Youth Centers (CYP)	Frisoli, Gately, Russell, & Moore Youth Centers for 4-8th Graders	617-349-6200 askdhsp@cambridgema.gov	Summer Lottery Opens Feb 1st	Summer Lottery Closes Mar 3rd <small>Can still join waiting pool after deadline has passed</small>
DHSP Community Schools Summer Programs	Community School Camps for K-5th Graders	617-349-6200 askdhsp@cambridgema.gov	Summer Lottery Opens Feb 1st	Summer Lottery Closes Mar 3rd <small>Can still join waiting pool after deadline has passed</small>
CCC: Cowemoki Summer Enrichment Program	Full Day Camp at Cambridge Community Center	Latifah James, 857-357-3319 latifahj@cambridgecc.org	Already accepting registrations	Open until filled <small>Younger age groups and certain weeks often fill quickly</small>
Cambridge YMCA	Full Day Summer Program	Mike Reed, 617-661-9622 x 721 mreed@cambymca.org	Feb 1st	Open until filled <small>Younger age groups and certain weeks often fill quickly</small>
Community Art Center	Arts-focused Full Day Summer Program for K-6th Graders	Jada Alleyne, 617-868-7100 x 125 jada@communityartcenter.org	Apr 15th	Open until filled <small>Younger age groups and certain weeks often fill quickly</small>
East End House	School Age & Middle School Summer Programs Available	Jess Camenzuli, 617-876-4444 Marsé Romero, 857-292-4185	Apr 26th	Open until filled <small>Younger age groups and certain weeks often fill quickly</small>
Baldwin Community Outback Camp & Outback CIT	K-5th Full Day Outdoor Camp, Counselor-in-Training Program for 6-8th Graders	617-349-6287 x 206 registration@agassiz.org	Registration opens Mar 6th	Open until filled <small>Younger age groups and certain weeks often fill quickly</small>
Cambridge Camping	Cambridge Adventure Camp & Daybreak Day Camp	Shilpa Kulkarni, 617-864-0960 shilpa@cambridgecamping.org	Already accepting registrations	Open until filled <small>Younger age groups fill quickly (5yr olds are free!)</small>
Cambridge Youth Enrichment Program (CYEP)	Full Day Camps at 2 Locations Run by PBHA	Jamie Durant & Talia Leavitt 978-850-2534, cyep@pbha.org	Registration opens Mar 1st	Open until filled <small>Multiple sites: usually have a few spots available in June</small>

Want to Know More About K-8 Summer Registration?

How Does DHSP Lottery Work?

- The DHSP lottery is for seats in **Community School Summer Programs** and **CYP Summer Programs** (at Cambridge youth centers)
- All families should fill out **DHSP online application** during lottery window: **Feb 1st - Mar 3rd**.
- When you apply to the DHSP Summer Lottery, you create an account on Viewpoint (if you don't already have one). If your child is offered a seat at a summer program, you will be given instructions on how to accept the seat through Trax (the city enrollment system)
- After the application window closes (Mar 3rd), spots are allocated to families who applied, with priority given to applicants from low-income households.
- The week of March 25th, you will receive an email stating that "a letter has been issued to your Viewpoint account." This letter will share whether your child has been offered a seat or added to the Waiting Pool. You must accept your seat within 7 days.
- To accept your offer, follow the link in your offer letter to fill out your information in Trax.
- If your child was placed in the Waiting Pool, they will remain in the Pool for their preferred sites. Families stay in waiting pool for their preferred site unless they contact DHSP directly.
- **For 6-8th graders:** we encourage you to apply even if the Mar 3rd application deadline has passed. You will automatically be added to the Waiting Pool, but there are usually still seats open for middle schoolers after the first lottery round. Another round of offers will happen in May.
- **Need assistance?** DHSP staff are available for in-person assistance at 51 Inman St, on the 3rd floor on Mondays, 5-7:30pm (on Feb 5th, Feb 12th and Feb 26th) during the lottery window.
- **DHSP contact:** askDHSP@cambridgema.gov or 617-349-6200.

What About CPS Summer Programs?

- CPS runs **SOARS** program for **K-4th graders** and **Summer Scholars Program for 5-7th graders**, in addition to **ELL programs** and **Extended School Year (ESY) programs**. Students are referred to these programs by school staff. Programs will run July 8 - Aug 2nd.
- Families will receive invites from the schools in March. Ask your family liaison later this spring.
- **CPS Contact:** Maggie Rabidou, mrabidou@cpsd.us.

Advice on Applying to Summer Camps

- **Certain weeks of summer fill faster than others**, even for programs with rolling "open until full" deadlines; **keep track of registration start dates**.
- The youngest age groups tend to fill fastest.
- Apply even if you think your child may be referred to a CPS program; you can decline later.
- Apply for the whole summer if you are unsure what weeks you need. You can decline sessions you no longer need later in the process.
- **Join waitlists if you can;** they move at different speeds and can give you more options.
- These are not the only options - consider half day and specialty camps too!

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DHSP Community Schools Feb 1-Mar 3

Cambridge Community Center: Cowemoki Summer Enrichment Program Accepting registrations until full

Cambridge YMCA Feb 1 until full

Community Art Center Apr 15 until full

East End House Apr 26 until full

Baldwin Community Outback Camp & Outback CIT Mar 6 until full

Cambridge Camping Accepting registrations until full

Cambridge Youth Enrichment Program (CYEP) Mar 1 until full

2024 Summer Registration Start Dates & Timeline Snapshot



Need help finding a summer program? Contact: Tyrique Kittrell, Youth Connector, Agenda for Children Out-of-School Time, tkittrell@cpsd.us