

CAMBRIDGE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

2016

General Activity Listings

Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) Summer Youth Guide 2016

- Lists variety of summer programs including camps, park/playground activities, lessons, sports programs during the day and evening, and some paid opportunities
- Summer Youth Guides are available in Spanish, Creole, and Portuguese
- www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2 (617-349-6200)

Title I Summer Packet, Booklists and June 2016 Calendar

- http://www3.cpsd.us/departement/Titleone/Title_one
- Contact Debbie Bonilla, Family Liaison at the Title I Office 617-349-6492 or 6490
dbonilla@cpsd.us

Center for Families activities

- Center for Families offers drop-in groups, play-groups, programs in the park. For details: Google Center for Families, Cambridge, click on Summer Programs
- Family Fun Day, July 25, 10:00 – 1:30, Rindge Field (behind the Peabody School, 70 Rindge Ave.), fun activities for kids 0-8, free light lunch; rain site: same day, Peabody School gym
- 617-349-6385
- www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/families.cfm

Summer activities for children with special needs

- SPED PAC website: <http://cambridgepacse.org/uncategorized/summer-information/>
- Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Coordinator, Vuleka Queen, 617-593-4402
- www.cpsd.us, click on Office of Student Services

Cambridge Public Schools website listings

- <http://www.cpsd.us>,
- Click on “For Families”, followed by “Resources”, followed by “Summer Activities”

Festivals and Community Events

Cambridge River Festival – June 4, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

- A one day free event being held along the East Cambridge Waterfront, between Edwin Land Blvd. and the Lechmere Canal. It features dance, music, storytelling, specialty food, arts and crafts.
- www.cambridgema.gov/arts/programs/riverfestival

Fresh Pond Day, Saturday, June 11, 11 AM – 3 PM, free to all at Fresh Pond Reservation

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- Celebrate Fresh Pond Reservation with live wildlife presentations, wildlife and bike parade, live music, face painting, tours, and more.

Area IV Community Pride Day, September 10, Noon – 5 PM (free) 617-547-4680

- Columbia Park, between Columbia St. and Pine St.
Bar-B-Q, live music and dancing, basketball tournament, live entertainment, pony rides, resource tables, fun for everyone.

Hoops ‘N’ Health – Sat., June 18, 10 AM – 8 PM, Rain Date, Saturday, June 25

- Hoyt Field, Gilmore St. & Western Ave., Cambridge
- Health fair from Noon – 4 PM
- Sports tournaments, health screenings, music, free books, food, prizes, and more
- For more information, contact Richard Harding, 617-665-3769 or rharding@challiance.org

Men’s Health Leadership Brunch – Saturday, June 4, Noon – 2:00 PM

- Elks Lodge, 55 Bishop Allen Dr.
- Free. Everyone is welcome
- For more information, contact Richard Harding, 617-665-3769 or rharding@challiance.org

City Dance Party—Friday, June 24, 7 – 11 PM, 617-349-4301

- Dance in the street in front of City Hall for the entire Cambridge community

Library Events

On Your Mark, Get Set... READ! Cambridge Public Library 2016 Summer Reading Program

- Set your summer reading goal at you neighborhood library and join us for science, music, magic and stories. We’ll have baby animals to pet, reptiles to admire, things to make, and movies to watch. 617-349-4038 cambridgepubliclibrary.org

Movies Outdoors

Screen on the Green

- Summer outdoor movies on Wednesdays, 7:00, in a different park each week, July 6 – August 10
- Check www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP, for details in mid-June 617-349-6200

Performances

Cambridge Arts Council’s “Summer in the City” 617-349-4669

- Free programs including music, dance, storytelling, theater, puppets, arts and crafts day and night across the city. Many events are interactive.
- See <http://www2.cambridgema.gov/CAC/Community/summer.cfm> for details

Museums, Zoos and Other Attractions

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Free Fun Fridays throughout the state June 24-August 26, 2015

- Every Friday 8 attractions are free to the public including Tanglewood, the Children’s Museum, Franklin Park Zoo, Hancock Shaker Village, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Harbor Islands, Garden in the Woods, and many others
- Offered by Highland Street Foundation
- <http://www.highlandstreet.org/> click on programs, Free Fun Fridays for calendar

Passes from the library for museums and zoos can be reserved up to a month ahead

- www.cambridgema.gov/cpl
- 617-349-4041

Parks

Summer Food Service Programs (SFSP) plus Let’s Move activities

- June 27- August 12, 2016
- Located at 6 parks: Greene Rose Heritage Park (Harvard St.), Sennott Park (Broadway), Hoyt Field (Gilmore St.), Danehy Park (Sherman St., by sprinklers), Gold Star Mother’s Park (Gore St.), Russell Field (Rindge Ave). Open for drop-ins
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Exercise and Activities; 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Book Bike (see section on Book Bike! for days and locations)
- For kids 0-18
- Call 617-349-6247 or www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2 for more information

Book Bike!

- The Cambridge Book Bike, in collaboration with the Summer Food Service Programs is bringing books to kids of all ages...by bike! June 27 – August 4
- Each week the book bike will be at Greene-Rose Heritage Park (Mondays), Hoyt Field (Wednesdays), Danehy Park (Thursdays), Gold Star Mother’s Park (Fridays) and Russell Field (Fridays) with books and activities.
- Learn more at www.cambridgebookbike.org

Water-play parks

- 26 water-play parks in Cambridge
- www.cambridgema.gov/cdd.aspx. Click on Community Development, then Parks and Playgrounds at the top of the page.
- For information about when fountains and pools are in operation, call 617-349-4800

Arts in the Park

- Free art activities, community potlucks, and entertainment in local neighborhood parks. For details go to: www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP.aspx and click on DHSP Resource Guide.