

# Bement School

*English Language and American Culture Summer Program*





## The Program

*A well-rounded program for middle school-aged girls and boys*

The Bement School's experience with middle school-aged girls and boys and our understanding of their needs offer a unique opportunity for each individual to grow. Our qualified teachers and staff have a passion for learning and living in an international environment. The faculty develop techniques to teach both language skills and community values while nurturing close relationships with the students. Each experience immerses the student in English and provides multiple opportunities for language acquisition. These students leave our program with improved skills and confidence in using English.



## Activities & Events

### *Immersion into American Culture*

Program activities are a blend of cultural interaction, language projects, travel experiences, and recreational athletics. Because of our location, students have opportunities to research historical towns, visit bustling cities, and explore the beauty of the natural environment. There is an equal emphasis placed on developing the arts and learning a variety of athletic skills. Our goal is to provide a well-rounded program for middle school-aged girls and boys.

The daily schedule provides opportunities for students to integrate with our Adventure Day Camp. They have the opportunity to enjoy activities with local campers:

- *Art:* tie dye, painting, water rockets, sewing, fimo clay, gimp, and daily journals
- Local visits to Historic Deerfield, Forest Park Zoo, Magic Wings, berry picking, Laurel Lake, Look Park, Barton's Cove, Indoor Action, Poet's Seat, Mt. Skinner, Wendell State Park, and Tri-town Beach
- *Athletics:* soccer, swimming, canoeing, basketball, hiking, kickball, fishing, knock out, and capture-the-flag
- Campus late nights with local adventure campers

The English Language and American Culture program attends organized trips that explore the local surroundings. Weekend trips are excursions to accessible cities and local summer attractions. Likely trips and events include, but are not limited to:

- The New England Aquarium, Museum of Science, Faneuil Hall, and Quincy Market in Boston, Massachusetts
- Professional baseball games, dramatic theater performances, movies, music concerts, Connecticut River boat cruise, barbecues, bowling, and roller skating
- A weekend camping trip with swimming and hiking
- Shopping, amusement parks, and beach trips
- A weekend homestay with our local Bement families
- Cape Cod, Massachusetts visit including camping, island tour, and a ferry ride

"We had a fun late-night on campus with our new American friends...games, s'mores and a movie—it was terrific!"



"I was so excited about my homestay at Lauren's house. I was the first one who met my host family, and I was nervous. But when I talked with them, I just got so comfortable."

## Daily Schedule

### Morning

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-9:00 Morning Meeting
- 9:00-10:30 Speaking and Listening
- 10:30-10:45 Snack and Break
- 10:45-11:45 Writing
- 11:45-12:30 Reading

### Afternoon

- 12:30-12:45 Lunch outside
- 12:45-4:00 Activities with Adventure Camp
- 4:00-5:00 Study Time

### Evening

- 5:00-5:30 Dinner
- 5:30-8:30 Evening Activities
- 8:30-9:15 Dorm Time
- 9:15-10:00 Quiet Time and Lights Out



"I went to the Aquarium in Boston with my friends and teachers. I saw whales, a sea lion show, and an IMAX Theatre show! It was very hot and we ate a delicious slushy!"



## Academic Classes

*Small class size ensures that each individual is challenged and supported*

Morning classes promote the development of English proficiency in the four language skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students are expected to participate fully and feel comfortable taking risks as they learn entirely in English.

**Speaking & Listening** activities include practice in the skills of interview, discussion, oral presentation, and group work. Grammar and pronunciation are taught as an integral part of the speaking program. Listening skills are a key component of all experiences in the program as well. Understanding directions and receiving information are important competencies in this immersion program.

**Reading** class develops individual skills in academic reading as well as reading for pleasure. The curriculum includes reading aloud, being read to, and reading quietly. Instructional materials are drawn from novels, short stories, multicultural literature, newspapers, and magazines to broaden vocabulary and analytical skills necessary for proficiency in English.

**Writing** activities are directed toward developing good sentence structure and well-supported paragraphs. Journal writing, oral and research reports, and creative writing are all components of the writing lessons. Teachers utilize the planned activities as a platform for writing assignments.

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## Admission Information

- Bement's English Language and American Culture Program welcomes students ages 7 through 12 from all over the world to apply.
- Candidates must fill out the application, submit a hand-written writing sample, and provide a copy of their transcript. There is a \$60 application fee.
- Application deadline: April 12. After April 12, acceptance is based on available space. Enrollment is limited.





## Our Historic Location

Internationally known and respected for over 80 years, The Bement School is located in Deerfield, Massachusetts, one of New England's premier educational and colonial villages. Nestled among historic houses, fields and farms, pristine rivers, and beautiful mountains, our campus provides an easy walk to stroll the area on sidewalks and we are a short drive to Northampton and Greenfield.

Further, our location is just two hours from Boston and three hours from New York City. This setting allows the learning of English to be both academically and culturally enriching. What students learn in their classes and in the community is linked together to make the experience more meaningful. Girls and boys will find themselves challenged to learn in a variety of activities while receiving strong support and encouragement from professional instructors.



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