

ADVENTURE CAMP ACTIVITIES 2017

Cooking

Enjoy two weeks of cooking in The Bement School kitchen! Your child will learn many safety tips for cooking in the kitchen, and s/he will have hands-on experience working with different recipes, tools, techniques, and foods. This is an experience that your child will be able to use in years to come! *This class is limited to six campers.*

Breakout! (Session 2)

Are you a fan of puzzles? Love to solve mysteries, work with a team and have an adventure? This is the session for you! Based on the Escape Room phenomena, breakout is a game where participants solve clues and puzzles to open a locked box. Campers will have the opportunity to participate in several different themed Breakouts and also learn to design their own game. This session taps into critical thinking, collaboration, a bit of mystery and fun!

Cooperative Games

Cooperative games emphasize participation, challenge, and fun over competition. Get ready to work together with new friends to succeed at these fun, exciting, and sometimes silly games!

Finders Keepers

If you love solving puzzles, codes, and clues, then this activity is for you! Each day, campers will tackle a new challenge, from scavenger and treasure hunts to logic puzzles and brain teasers.

Get Crafty!

From clay and paint to duct tape and beads and everything in between, campers will have a great time being creative at camp this summer! New projects, materials, and methods will be introduced, but old favorites like tie-dyeing won't be forgotten. Get ready to get crafty!

The Great Outdoors

Campers will explore, hike, play, and create on Bement's 29-acre campus as well as nearby spots including the Deerfield River, the Pocumtuck Range, and local farms. We will also have the opportunity to explore new land acquisition, Pine Hill! Get ready to have fun in the great outdoors!



Historic Deerfield
Opening Doorways To The Past.

Hands-On History Adventures: The Science of History (Sessions 2 and 3)

Join us at Historic Deerfield for a daily Hands-On History Adventure! Campers will have a fun-filled time exploring and discovering the science behind Deerfield's history. Learn the chemistry of making ink and natural dyes, the mapping, graphing, and cataloging of archaeology, the science behind cooking, and the mathematics of weaving. Campers will have an exciting experience with a different activity each day. Themes to be included over the two-week session are:

- Fun in the One-Room Schoolhouse (make ink, write with a quill pen, recess games)
- Food and Cooking (read old recipes, measure and mix, turn cream into butter, help make a dish)

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- Weaver's Apprentice (wash and “card” wool fibers, learn how to dress a loom, and weave on a real floor loom)
- Natural Dyes (collect and identify dye plants important to early New Englanders, make dye, and do a project)
- Archaeology (work at a mock dig site; uncover artifacts; wash and catalog artifacts)

Activities are based at Historic Deerfield's Wapping Schoolhouse, History Workshop, Hall Tavern, and Channing Blake Footpath, all a short walk from Bement! This summer camp activity hour at Historic Deerfield will be led by museum educators from Historic Deerfield's Department of Museum Education and Interpretation. (*Ages 10 and up*)

Play Ball!

Competition is the name of the game in this activity. From classic camp games like kickball and Frisbee to team and individual challenges, campers will enjoy friendly competition in a wide range of activities, with a particular emphasis on fair play and good sportsmanship.

Athletic Sport Training (*Session 3*)

Looking for more speed, coordination, confidence and a quicker first step in everything you do, from the soccer field, to hopscotch, to the classroom? You've come to the right place! This activity offers games and exercises designed to get you moving in both body and mind. We will learn good movement habits and patterns that will increase overall strength, speed, and agility through active play.

Strategy and Board Games

Sharpen logic, reasoning, and critical thinking skills while having fun at the same time! Campers will play new and familiar board games with partners and small groups, learning the rules of the games and fair play while getting to know new people.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming is an important life skill, and our swim instructors are ready to help build that ability. The goal of this program is to foster the development of each child's comfort, confidence, and skill level in the pool. Lessons are designed to improve water skills and stroke development, while integrating important safety skills and fun activities. Swimming lessons are offered by age group so that our lifeguards can tailor the skill instruction to each group. Campers will receive a brief report of progress and skills worked on at the end of each session.

Tinker, Invent, Create (*Session 2*)

Join us in the Maker Space! This session allows campers to ignite their creativity and curiosity. Explore electronics, engineering, and robots; create with LEGOs, fabric, paper and much more. Endless opportunities for hands-on inquiry await in this STEAM session. Campers will also use iMovie and stop motion to create short films, learning the basics of video creation and editing. This is a chance to learn new technologies and be creative in a fun and relaxed session.