# **2019 SUMMER PROGRAMS GUIDE**







**LONG ISLAND SUMMER CAMPS** AND CAMPUS COURSES

Make time off time well spent with summer learning in 2019. With programs available from preschool to pre-college levels, kids can have fun while learning, explore their interests, master new skills, perfect their pitches (be it in sports or music), and/or improve their GPAs with accredited college courses. In this special feature, we'll look at how to make the best use of summer recess with programs across Long Island - along with tips and strategies from our partners so you can start planning today!





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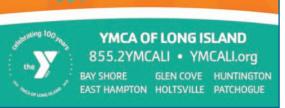




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# Choosing the Best Summer Program for Your Child



With winter weather in full force, summer recess may seem far away. But now is actually the best time to research summer camps and learning programs, and secure your space. Selecting the best options may be challenging, given the many exciting and diverse choices available for kids of all ages and interests offered in Nassau and Suffolk counties in **Summer 2019.** 

The suggestions below offer insights and information to help make the summer camp process easier - and ensure that your child will truly be a "happy camper!"



- Talk With Your Child Ask about his/her interests and expectations for summer vacation, and share your expectations, too. The answers may surprise you and may create options you hadn't considered before. Narrow your search to camps and programs that are best matched to your child's interests.
- Sleepaway Camp vs. Day Camp – Both offer a variety of programs with interest-specific
- activities and opportunities for socializing and learning. Your budget will likely be a deciding factor in this decision, but so too should be your child's temperament and maturity level. Would your child acclimate better at a sleepaway camp
- Do Your Homework Look on the camp's website to get a better idea of what they offer, their overall mission, and to

or a day camp that is closer to

home?

determine if it would be a good match for your child. Be sure to check online reviews and testimonials, talk with friends and family, and if necessary, speak with the camp staff about any questions or concerns you may have.

**Attend Open Houses** – Once you determine who the top camps on your list are, make plans to attend their open house events - many of which will be taking place over the next few weeks. Bring your child along and ask questions such as: How is the staff screened and trained? What is the camper-to-counselor ratio? What is a typical day like? How do you handle homesickness? And, what type of child succeeds at the camp?

For more information about camps on Long Island, visit newsday.com/campfinder



# Prepare for the Future with Pre-College Summer Learning

High school students can give themselves an academic advantage by enrolling in precollege level courses during the summer months, available at colleges and universities throughout Long Island. Aside from acquiring college-level credits, there are a number of benefits a summer class affords, including:

#### **TIME IS ON YOUR SIDE**

Since summer classes tend to be shorter in duration, high schoolers can better their academic records and still have plenty of time to enjoy the season.

#### **EXPERIENCE COLLEGE**

to explore the campus when it's less crowded – including the book shop, student center, library, fitness center, and dormitories.

#### MORE ATTENTION

Summer classes are usually smaller in size than courses held during the Fall and Spring semesters, which means that professors can provide more individualized attention to each student.

#### **EASES THE COLLEGE**

**SELECTION PROCESS** Summer students can use the time on campus to determine if the school (or type of school) is

one that they can see themselves High schoolers will have a chance attending in the future. Campus size, areas of specialty, campus life, clubs and activities, etc. can all be explored.

#### **MEET NEW FRIENDS**

Taking pre-college courses also creates opportunities to meet new friends – many that share the same interests. These new friendships can help make studying easier and summer classes more fun.

To learn more about summer pre-college classes on Long Island, visit college websites or speak with your high school's guidance counselors.

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#### LONG ISLAND SUMMER CAMPS. **EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.**

When it comes to summer camps, Long Island has an abundance of riches: traditional day camps, sports camps, drama camps, aquatic camps, horseback-riding camps, travel camps, STEM camps, sleepaway camps, special needs camps ... the list goes on and on.

**Newsday's Camp Finder (newsday.com/campfinder)** compiles information and photos for more than 120 options to make it easy for parents to narrow their search for the perfect summer experience for their children. Navigate camps by county or search by special interests.



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