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Hale 
Summer Day Camp

HALE RESERVATION is a private, non-profit educational organization that manages over 1,100 acres of woodlands, including four ponds and over twenty miles of trails in Westwood and Dover, Massachusetts. Hale is most widely recognized for its summer day camp programs which annually serve over 4,400 children from 70 communities in the Greater Boston area. Hale Reservation also offers a family program, outdoor and environmental education experiences for children and adults, and open space for casual recreational use.

The essence of Hale Reservation can be found in Robert Sever Hale's original desire for the organization he founded in 1918. The current programs and land management practices are

the legacy of his wish "to provide education which will develop intelligent, capable and responsible citizens" and to use the land "so long as it is charitable and benevolent in nature." The goal of today's programs is to develop intelligent leaders and environmentally educated citizens.

We believe that the diversity of the natural environment must be reflected in the diversity of the people who experience Hale Reservation, and we strive to provide programs and opportunities for people of any race, background, religion, or economic status.





HALE RESERVATION

Welcome to the 2011 Hale Summer Day Camp

SITUATED ON 1,100 ACRES of unspoiled woodlands, winding streams, hiking trails, and scenic ponds, Hale Day Camp offers the perfect backdrop for a summer of outdoor exploration, learning, and fun for children from four to 15 years old. Hale's "backyard" consists of two large playing fields, a private swimming beach, an outdoor activity pavilion, an arts and crafts cabin, a nature center and Powissett Lodge, camp's home base!

We offer a complete range of activities that reward each camper with challenges, a sense of accomplishment, and most of all FUN!

Hale Day Camp's Philosophy

Our staff creates a trusting and safe camp atmosphere where children:

- Develop a sense of responsibility toward themselves and their community
- Practice cooperation and fair play
- Discover and explore their environment
- Build friendships and share talents

Certification and Accreditation

Hale Day Camp is in compliance and licensed with the Dover Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Hale Day Camp is proud of its accreditation from the American Camp Association.



Camp Is Full Of Adventure

We offer a wide variety of exciting camp experiences. Our Traditional Camp is full of activities parents remember and kids love. We also offer Specialty Camps including Outdoor Adventurers and Mountain Bikers. Leaders In Training and Counselors In Training programs are available as well.

Traditional Camp Activities

Swim Lessons • Free Swim • Nature • Archery • Boating • Arts & Crafts
• Sports • Games • Adventure • Outdoor Living Skills • Choice Time

Special Events

Family picnics, theme days, overdays, overnights, and barbecues happen throughout the summer and are a chance for kids to have extra fun. Parents are invited to join their Lower and Middle Campers at their barbecues.

- LOWER CAMPERS enjoy special events each session such as the Rain Forest Reptile Show, puppeteers, inflatable moon bounce and more.
- MIDDLE CAMPERS enjoy Hale's ropes course, including the Zip Line and the Giant Swing!
- UPPER CAMPERS, OUTDOOR ADVENTURERS INTRO and MOUNTAIN BIKERS ADVANCED go to the ocean for the day to enjoy the beach, sand and sun.
- MOUNTAIN BIKERS INTRO enjoy a fun, daylong ride to Dover through trails connecting Hale Reservation and Caryl Park.
- OUTDOOR ADVENTURERS ADVANCED take a four day, three night trip to New Hampshire.
- Sessions end with a special theme day:

Session 1 *Halloween*

Session 2 *Gold Rush*

Session 3 *Alien Abduction*

Session 4 *Color*

"My daughter loved every second of camp, except for being so tired from all the fun she had. I will be sending her to more sessions next summer."

— Parent of a camper



Camp is for Everyone

Campers can choose to register for the Traditional Camp, the Specialty Camps or combine them for an exciting summer of fun!



Traditional Camp: Pre-K – 8

Our Traditional Camp is full of activities parents remember and kids love, such as arts and crafts, archery, outdoor living skills, Red Cross swim lessons, sports, field games and nature hikes. Hale Day Camp has it all. Traditional Camp includes Lower Camp, Middle Camp, and Upper Camp.

Lower Camp: entering grades Pre-K*, K, 1 (5 to 1 camper to staff ratio)

** Campers must be four years of age by January 1, 2011.*

Campers have a chance to enjoy a variety of activities with focus on learning to swim, creative free play and afternoon quiet time. Having fun while learning all about the outdoors and making friends is what Lower Camp is all about. Parents may join us once a session as Lower Camp meets at the Campfire Circle for a lunch time cookout.

Middle Camp: entering grades 2, 3, 4 (6 to 1 camper to staff ratio)

Campers partake in all the activities offered at camp while also having group choice time each day. Once each session, campers and their parents have the option to attend an “over-day” and stay until 6:00pm, enjoy a cookout, play water games, sing songs and eat “S’mores.”

Upper Camp: entering grades 5, 6, 7, 8 (7 to 1 camper to staff ratio)

Campers pick their own schedule and participate in longer activity periods allowing them more opportunities to experience camp the way they want it! Once a session there is an optional overnight camping experience, a favorite for all! Have “S’mores” around the camp fire and experience the Upper Camp Challenge! Are you up for the challenge?

Leaders in Training & Counselors in Training Programs: Grades 9 – 10

Whether your camper is looking to become a future activity leader, a camp counselor or just wants a fun, outdoor, hands-on experience unlike any other, our Leadership Training programs offer campers a unique opportunity to transition from camper to leader.

Leaders in Training (L.I.T.)**: entering Grade 9 • Sessions 1, 2, 3 & 4

The L.I.T. program is designed for campers interested in learning how to work as part of a team and what it takes to become a successful leader. L.I.T.’s will work together to help with camp projects such as trail maintenance or picnic table and bench construction. L.I.T.’s will also enjoy the ropes course, teambuilding and special trips. Campers have many opportunities to become that leader everyone looks up to!

Counselors in Training (C.I.T.)**: entering Grade 10 • Sessions 1 & 2 or Sessions 3 & 4

The C.I.T. program is for young people interested in working with children. The program provides the necessary skills to supervise and lead children in activities. While serving as role models, C.I.T.’s spend time shadowing camp staff to observe behavior, and lead camp activities. They participate in leadership workshops, program set up, and special day coordination. C.I.T.’s have a high level of responsibility and interact with campers on a regular basis. Completion of this program does not guarantee future employment.

*** Both L.I.T. & C.I.T. programs require approval of application.*

Specialty Camps: Grades 3 – 8

Specialty Camp programs create more opportunity to focus on what your camper’s interests are while still having time to participate in the more traditional camp activities. Specialty Camps have a free swim each day but no swim lessons. Specialty Camps include: Outdoor Adventurers Intro & Advanced and Mountain Bikers Intro & Advanced.

Outdoor Adventurers

Both Outdoor Adventurer programs focus on learning specific outdoor skills such as camping and backpacking, canoeing and kayaking, ropes and rock climbing, while also enjoying regular camp activities. The goal is for campers to learn and develop the skills necessary to enjoy an active, out-of-doors lifestyle.

INTRO: entering grades 5, 6, 7 • Sessions 1 & 3

Each session campers will participate in an overnight, as well as a two day backpacking overnight trip on Hale Reservation property.

ADVANCED: entering grades 6, 7, 8 • Sessions 2 & 4

In addition to the above description, campers will enjoy two “Off Campus” overnight trips. Session 2 goes on a four day, three night base camping trip in southern New Hampshire including day hikes, kayaking and swimming. Session 4 heads further north into the White Mountains for a four day, three night backpacking trip starting at and returning to the Wild River Campground.

Mountain Bikers*

Both Mountain Biker programs consist of 2-3 hours riding each day as well as other Traditional Camp activities.

** Participants supply bike and helmet.*

INTRO: entering grades 3, 4, 5 • Sessions 1 & 3

This program emphasizes the basic skills of trail riding and safety. Activities will include learning to read the trail ahead, riding the brakes down hill while standing, down shifting while peddling up hills, maintaining balance on trails.

ADVANCED: entering grades 5, 6, 7, 8 • Sessions 2 & 4

In addition to enjoying longer rides, more challenging trails and a developing “Skills Park,” riders will learn about basic bike repair and maintenance.



Rates and Dates

Operating Hours

Day Camp 8:30am — 3:45pm

Extended Day Option 3:45pm — 6:00pm

SESSION DATES		TRADITIONAL CAMP FEES
Session 1	June 27 — July 8*	\$665
Session 2	July 11 — July 22	\$695
Session 3	July 25 — August 5	\$695
Session 4	August 8 — August 19	\$695
Session 5	August 22 — August 26 (5 days)	\$365

* Camp will be closed on Monday, July 4.

SPECIALTY CAMPS	SESSION FEES	(SESSION 1)
Outdoor Adventurers — Intro	Session 1 or 3	\$725 (\$705)
Outdoor Adventurers — Advanced	Session 2 or 4	\$795
Mountain Bikers — Intro	Session 1 or 3	\$725 (\$705)
Mountain Bikers — Advanced	Session 2 or 4	\$725
Leaders in Training*	Session 1, 2, 3 or 4	\$510 (\$490)
Counselors in Training*	Sessions 1 & 2 or Sessions 3 & 4**	\$650 (\$630)

* Both the L.I.T. & C.I.T. programs require an additional application with registration packet and approval from the director after review of applications.

** Four week sessions

Session 5 Information

Session 5 is a one week program and is only available for Lower, Middle and Upper Campers. This is the last week of the summer and some age groups will be combined when necessary. Swimming lessons are not offered during Session 5. Please also note that bus transportation will not be available for this session.



Bus Transportation

Bus transportation is included in the Hale Day Camp fee, and is available to all campers during regular camp hours. Buses arrive at camp at 8:15am and are dismissed at 3:45pm.

We serve the following towns: Brookline, Dedham, Jamaica Plain, Medfield, Needham, Newton, Norwood, Walpole, Wellesley, West Roxbury and Westwood.

Bus transportation is NOT available to campers staying for extended day OR during Session 5.

Open Houses

Give your child a chance to explore camp. Open houses are held the first Saturday in March, April, May and June from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Extended Day Option

Afternoon extended day runs from 3:45pm to 6:00pm. Parents can pick up and sign out their child during this time. Campers and counselors continue their day with swimming and games. An additional fee is charged.

“Our son thoroughly enjoyed his four weeks at Hale this past summer. He had a great time participating in all the activities and loved hiking, boating, archery and spending the day with his friends. We will definitely be coming back.”

— Parent of a camper

Staff

Led by camping professionals, Hale Day Camp’s staff is chosen on the basis of enthusiasm, experience, creativity and a love for working with children in the outdoors. Staff are required to participate in over 40 hours of behavioral and group management training. We are happy to say that over 80% of our staff returns each summer.

Health and Safety

The safety of campers is our top priority at Hale Day Camp. We enlist a local doctor to serve as our consulting physician and hire a Health Care Supervisor who oversees and manages medication distribution and any health care needs. If you have any questions about your child’s safety or potential ability to participate in any Hale programs, do not hesitate to call us.

To Register

Complete and return a separate registration packet for each child. Forms can be downloaded from our website www.HaleReservation.org. Include a \$60 non-refundable deposit for each child, for each session. Space is limited, so sign up early as campers are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Financial Aid

Any family in need of financial aid can download an application from the website or request one from the main office. It is our intent to provide as many children as possible with a two week Hale Day Camp experience. We typically do not fund more than one session per camper in an effort to accommodate as many families as possible. Completed application forms should be submitted to Hale Reservation by March 31.