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Tabor Academy Summer Program

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NEWSLETTER

Summer by the Sea!



Happy Spring

Join us for a Summer by the Sea!

A list of our 2015 activity & enrichment course offerings will be posted online at <http://taborsummer.org/courses-activities> in the next couple of weeks. Parents of enrolled campers will then be able to make their selections online on the preference form, which will be located in their *Camp in Touch* accounts.

We will have some great NEW offerings...like *Gymnastics*, *Birds of Prey*, and *Game Theory*. In addition to our traditional program, we are also offering a Residential Marine Science Camp. Find out information in this newsletter and on our website!

If you are still trying to decide on a summer program for your child and have any questions, please feel free to give us a call in the office at 508-291-8342 or send an email to summer@taboracademy.org. We are available Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm (EST), and we are here to HELP!

Finally it's SPRING!!! It has been a very cold and snowy winter, especially for us here on the East Coast! The ice on Sippican Harbor melted JUST last week. We are eagerly counting down the days until our campers arrive!

We are busy in the office hiring energetic staff and finalizing our 2015 offerings. We are excited to offer another active and engaging program this summer!

If your child is ready to try a new sport, such as sailing on Sippican Harbor, and/or simply wants to learn more in our classrooms, like our Marine and Nautical Science center, we encourage them to join us this summer...if they haven't already registered!

Come explore a summer by the Sea with us!

Noel Pardo, TASP Director &
Heidi Nye, TASP Coordinator

Save the Dates!

Registration Day!

6/28/15

For enrolled campers starting during the first 3 weeks of the program!

6&7 register the Monday they start.

Registration Day!

7/19/15

For enrolled campers starting during the last 3 weeks of the program!

6&7 register the Monday they start.



Preparing for TASP!

Our values *JOY, CONNECTIONS, CARING, RESPECT, GROWTH, & COMMUNITY*, fly high everyday at TASP!

Getting ready to come to camp is exciting, but preparing can sometimes be a stressful time for parents and campers. While most children are excited about going to camp, some can be nervous or scared, especially if it is their first time being away from home, whether during the day or overnight. We suggest visiting our website together and review the camp schedule, meals at camp, photos and videos. This is a great visual to get a better idea of what your child can expect at TASP.

If you are ever in the area, we also recommend a family visit to TASP. This may help with the transition on your child's first day. You may visit during one of our scheduled information sessions in the spring. During these sessions, we will present the program in detail and provide a tour of the campus. Dates and times are posted at <http://taborsummer.org/visit-tasp>. If you would like to visit and cannot make one of the scheduled information sessions, please call the TASP office.

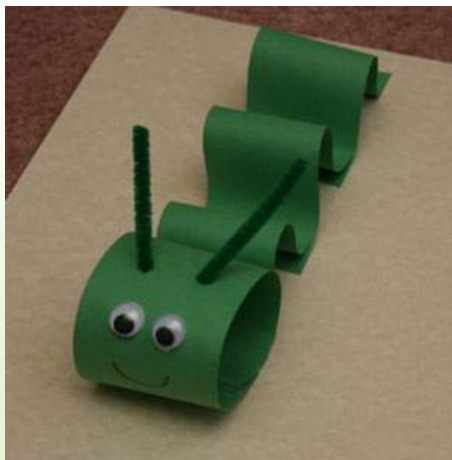
Residential Camp!

1. One of the most helpful ways to prepare your child for overnight camp is to involve them in the preparation process. Let them help with the packing process. Before camp, review the packing checklist under the "PARENTS' CORNER" on our website. Also, ask your child what they think they may need.
2. Before camp, it can be beneficial to practice short stays away from home such as spending the night with a friend or a weekend with grandparents.
3. One of the greatest gifts you can give your child as they prepare for overnight camp is to stay positive about the experience. As a parent you may feel sad or nervous, but your support can go a long way to encourage this big step towards independence.
4. Don't make promises in order to alleviate their fears before they leave for camp, such as telling them that you'll come pick them up if they don't like camp. Please tell them that you can discuss how camp is going after the first few days.

Day Camp!

1. Encourage your child to make new friends. Kids not only make some of their best friends at camp, they create life long relationships.
2. Each morning talk about what experiences the day might hold. At the end of the day **after** they have had time to unwind, encourage them to tell you what they did.
3. Focus on the fun they will have! If you're concerned about sending your child to camp, they will sense it. If you're excited, your child will be too.
4. Encourage your child to try and experience new things. They will gain confidence and feel good about themselves and their accomplishments.

TASP Paper Caterpillar

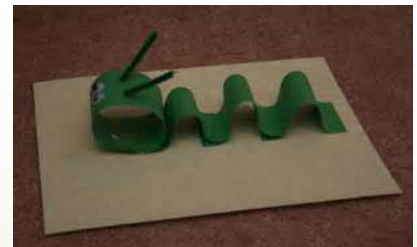


What you'll need:

White and green construction paper
Red marker or crayon
Hole punch
Green pipecleaner
2 googly eyes
Scotch tape

How to make:

1. Cut a few strips of green construction paper that are 3-4" wide and 6" long.
2. Tape the end of one of the strips to the white piece of paper. Push the front edge of the strip back to create a bump and then tape the front edge of the strip down.
3. Repeat this process two more times, each time overlapping the back edge of the new strip over the front edge of the old strip. This will create the body of the caterpillar.
4. With the last strip, tape it into a ring. Punch two holes in the top of the ring and insert half of a pipe cleaner into each hole. Glue two eyes to the front of the ring and draw a smile on the face.
5. Tape the ring so that it overlaps the final section of the body.



Look What's NEW at TASP!

Marine Science Camp

Explore a Summer by the Sea!

Are you drawn to the deep blue-green ocean?

Do you enjoy exploring watery habitats?

Do you like to observe and discover interesting life in coastal waters?

Do you want to snorkel, kayak, fish, and hike along the shoreline?

Are you interested in experimenting in an advanced laboratory?



If your answer is “YES,”
then join us at **MARINE SCIENCE CAMP!**

Jason Cassista, a Tabor faculty veteran Marine Science Camp Director, will lead the camp with other experts in the field. Activities and programs include: kayaking in the local marshes and estuaries, fishing the deep waters off the coast, snorkeling the rocky coastline, off-campus field trips, creating micro-habitats, and investigating the marine life in Tabor's state-of-the-art Marine Science Center.

This is a residential program for 7th-10th graders (*entering in the fall*). The tuition includes all instruction, meals, accommodations, and evening activities. Please visit

<http://taborsummer.org/marine-science-camp> for more information.

Dates: Monday, August 10 through Saturday, August 15

Time: Campers should arrive between 9 and 10 am on Monday, and will be dismissed at 3 pm on Saturday.

Register: Complete the online registration form by clicking on any one of the “*Summer Program Registration*” quick-links on our website.



NEW Activity and Enrichment Courses Coming!

A complete list of our 2015 offerings will be posted at <http://taborsummer.org/courses-activities> in the next couple of weeks.

Birds of Prey (5th to 10th grade, Bow session - first three weeks ONLY)

Learn about adaptations that make hawks, eagles and owls different from other birds and will learn about the different habitats that raptors make their homes. These lessons will be reinforced with outdoor activities that explore flight and body shapes of these voracious predators.

Gymnastics (In Partnership with Baystate Gymnastics Academy)

Learn strength, balance, and body control by performing acrobatic feats such as leaps, flips, turns, handstands, and more. Instruction will be taught on balance beams, regular bars, vault, and floor exercises.

More offerings to be announced, when the program is released!



Registration Days at TASP!

Meet New & Returning TASP Staff!



Sunday, June 28, 12-3 PM
Sunday, July 19, 12-3 PM

*For all registered Campers. We cannot accept campers until noon.
6&7 year olds register the Monday they are scheduled to start.*

Registration day at TASP is your child's kick off to camp! The first day of camp can be an anxious time for everyone, including new & returning campers and parents. This is when they will meet the staff and other fellow campers. Registration will occur in the Academic Center, located at 226 Front Street. Please park in the Academic oval or Fish Center parking lot, which is located on the right hand side just before the Academic oval. Directions can be found on our website.

Drive 5 MPH Please!

Day Campers:

We ask that parents and campers starting camp during the first 3 weeks of the program (*Bow*) attend the Sunday, June 28 registration day and campers starting during the last 3 weeks of the program (*Stern*) attend the Sunday, July 19 registration day.

Residential Campers:

Once you go through the registration process on the appropriate day, you will be directed to the dormitory where you may unload your camper's belongings.

6 & 7 Year Old Campers:

6&7 year olds register on the Monday morning they are scheduled to start. Please park in the Academic oval or Fish Center parking lot, which is located on the right hand side just before the Academic oval. Directions can be found on our website.

Meet Sean Lamoureux: Day Director

After this long winter, I am definitely looking forward to some sunshine and warmth! What I am looking forward to even more are the exciting breakthroughs by all of the budding artists, performers, and scientists! Be sure to pack your ideas, because summer at TASP is the season to create! I'm excited to be back! *Sean*



Meet Kristen Reimold: Academic Director

I am so looking forward to my 3rd summer as the Academic Director! We have some fantastic new courses to offer you this summer, and I am excited to help you craft the perfect schedule. As the snow continues to fall in New Hampshire, I dream about my summers by the sea and seeing your smiling faces! *Kristen*



Meet Mark Mirasol: Activities Director

This summer will be my 6th at TASP, and I'M SO EXCITED to be back as the Activities Director! There is so much to look forward to and I have a feeling that this summer's going to be the best one yet! I can't wait to laugh, play, and dance with everyone! I hope y'all are ready to do the Waka Waka! *Mark*



Meet Jennifer MacDonald: 6 & 7 Program Director

Greetings from the Lakes Region of New Hampshire! After this long New England winter, summer at TASP sounds so exciting! Everyone I chat with tells me about the wonderful counselors and campers that make TASP so special. I can't wait to meet everyone and embark on an amazing summer of discovery and fun together. *Jennifer*



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