

May 2007



The Urban Advocate

Urban PRIDE Presents

Resources, Routines, and Activities to Support Learning and Retention Throughout the Summer

The last workshop in a series of trainings for families living in Boston who have children in Special Education

Participants will engage in hands on activities in the areas of literacy, arts, and math to support youth to advance and retain learning throughout the summer months, learn ways to create and maintain routines to build on school-year learning, and learn about free community resources and activities.

When: Saturday, June 9, 10:00am-1:00pm

Where: The Dudley Library,
65 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA

Registration: Call 617-338-4453

Food and childcare will be provided, but you must register!

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www.urbanpride.org

Outdoor Explorations

Outdoor Explorations works to change the lives of people with and without disabilities through shared activities in the outdoors. Full-day clinics and overnight trips include kayaking, whitewater rafting, sailing, and snowshoeing. Fees are reasonable and scholarships are available so no one need be turned away. 781/395-4999
www.outdoorexplorations.org

SPRING ACCESSIBLE RECREATION FAIR

Hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

When: Sat. June 2, 2007 from 9AM-3PM

Where: Artisani Park in Brighton

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Universal Access Program (UAP) will offer a free fun-filled day of celebrating Accessible Outdoor Recreation available for individuals, families and friends of people with disabilities. Activities will include a cycling fair with an assortment of accessible cycles available for use, recreation activity demonstrations, interpretive programs, a D.J., snacks and more! Join us rain or shine and enjoy the spray pool, playground and accessible recreation fair. Enjoy the camaraderie while learning about DCR's inclusive, accessible programs and resources available to people of all abilities around the state.

This is THE PLACE to come FIND OUT AND SIGN UP for summer accessible recreation programs offered by multiple organizations in the Boston area and beyond.

Directions:

FROM POINTS WEST (Massachusetts Turnpike, US 90)

Take exit 18 Allston/Brighton. Remain on the right hand side of the off-ramp split until you come to a traffic intersection (Doubletree Suites on the right). Take a left turn onto the access road for Storrow Drive/Soldier's Field Road Westbound (Do NOT cross the river). Once on Soldier's Field Road remain in the middle lane as the road curves around Harvard Athletic Fields. The parking lot entrance will be 500 yards on the right after the athletic fields.

FROM BOSTON (CENTRAL ARTERY). Take Storrow Drive Westbound. Storrow Drive becomes Soldier's Field Road. Follow remainder of above directions.

FROM CAMBRIDGE (US Route 2). Follow signs toward Boston, Soldier's Field Road and Storrow Drive until you cross the Elliot Bridge over the Charles River. Follow signs for Newton and Points west. The entrance to the park will be 500 yards on your right.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Take the #86 out of Harvard Square (towards Cleveland Circle) which runs along Western Avenue in Brighton. Get off at the Everett street stop and walk one block towards the river and Soldiers Field Road. Carefully cross at the light or over the pedestrian overpass. The park is located at the far right hand side of the parking lot just past the Herter Community Gardens.

RSVP to: Gigi Ranno

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Universal Access Program

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City Year Boston is Recruiting

Do you know idealistic 17-24 year olds who have a passion for community service and the desire to work with children and youth? City Year is currently recruiting dedicated young leaders to join the upcoming 07-08 corps (serving late August 2007 to June 2008). The City Year Boston corps embodies the ideals and the power of young people. Corps members represent their generation with pride as they work to affect positive, lasting social change for children living in the communities they serve. Every day, corps members work with the spirit of idealism, the discipline of hard work, the purpose of shared goals.

City Year is currently accepting applications for the May 31st, 2007 application deadline. All applications received after May 31st are considered based on availability and through a rolling admissions process.

The ten months will be filled with meeting and working on teams with other young people from diverse economic, racial, and geographical backgrounds for a year of full-time leadership development and delivering powerful service to their communities. City Year corps members engage in a variety of activities to meet critical needs in their communities. They are primarily focused on the education and development of youth, serving as teachers and mentors for children in partnership with public schools, organizing and running after-school programs and curricula on issues including domestic violence prevention, environment, and diversity.

Whether you are referring a high school freshman, a college senior, or a pre-med or pre-law candidate, this experience will provide the opportunity for applying knowledge, enhance skills, and helping to develop the maturity for a better understanding of differences and valuing the diversity in people.

For more info, visit the website: www.cityyear.org/getinvolved/joincorps

If you have any questions, please contact:

Jana Rosenbaum

City Year Boston

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Summer Academic Program for Entering 8th Grade Boys

Do you love to play baseball?

Do you want to improve your math and science skills?

How cool would it be to do both at the same time?

Who: Current 7th grade boys who will be entering 8th grade next fall

What: MIT Science of Baseball Program (MSBP)

Why: Openings are available for students from the Boston and Cambridge Public Schools to spend 4 weeks at MIT learning science and mathematics through baseball.

How Much: FREE !! This program is offered free of charge to students in the Boston Metropolitan Area. Spaces are limited.

When: July 2 - July 27 (no class on July 4) 9AM - 4PM. Orientation June 29th 6PM. Final Presentation July 28.

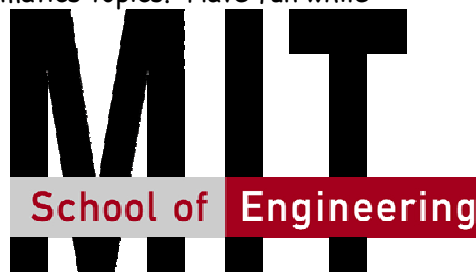
Deadline: Application Deadline May 25, 2007. Notification on or near June 1, 2007.

MSBP will be a four-week summer enrichment program held on the MIT campus for boys entering the eight grade in Cambridge and Boston Public Schools. This program will integrate academics and athletics in an exciting new educational model for middle school boys. Our goal is to provide an opportunity to draw on the passion and motivation for

baseball to encourage mastery of science and mathematics topics. Have fun while learning.

For more information, contact:

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology
dedric@mit.edu
or Sandy at 617.324.4340



Advantage Riding Academy



Advantage Riding Academy has limited space available in both the special needs/therapeutic riding and the typically developing rider sections. They offer camp, individualized programming and lessons for riders for riders of all ages and abilities. For further information, call Sara Hoomis at 508-843-2291 or check out the website www.advantageridingacademy.com.

Asperger's Syndrome & ADHD: THE EDUCATION CHALLENGE



JUNE 29-30 2007

Attend this Special 2-Day Event Featuring Internationally-known Author and Educator **RICK LAVOIE**, Sponsored by GORDON COLLEGE and SUMMIT ACADEMY SCHOOLS

This special education event is designed to offer valuable information to teachers, school administrators, parents, counselors and other professionals who work with special-needs students. Our 2-day event - The Education Challenge: Asperger's Syndrome & ADHD, will focus on offering the tools, techniques and inspiration that will enable you to

help these children find success in the classroom and at home as well. The conference will offer unique insights into related special education issues, as well as a number of information and product exhibits. Gordon College is a leading higher educational institution in programming that offers on-going professional support and development to teachers of children with disabilities.

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Janet S. Arndt, Ed.D, assistant professor of Education at Gordon and Joseph J. Bove, director of Therapeutic Martial Arts and Outdoor Experiential Education at Summit Academy Schools.

LOCATION:

GORDON COLLEGE CAMPUS
255 Grapevine Road, Wenham, MA 01984

TUITION:

FULL(RESIDENTIAL) FRIDAY & SATURDAY RATE: \$300 for full conference package; including on-campus accommodations Friday and Saturday night, lunch & dinner on Friday, breakfast/lunch/dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

COMMUTER RATE:

\$90 for FRIDAY \$140 for SATURDAY \$230 for BOTH DAYS

Includes conference attendance plus lunch and dinner.

REGISTER BY PHONE:(978) 867-4575

M-F 9AM - 3PM EST. Please have credit card information available

REGISTER BY FAX: 1-330-670-8280 with credit card payment

For CEU - PDP Credit information:

Call Dr. Gerald Horak (330) 670-8470 x 6509

MORE CONFERENCE INFORMATION and online registration:

<http://www.summitacademies.com/conference/>

QUESTIONS?

Contact conference coordinator, Karla Pingeton at (978) 867-4575 or via e-mail at:

karla.pingeton@gordon.edu

The Learning Center for Deaf Children

The Learning Center for Deaf Children - Summer Youth Enrichment Program (TLC SYEP) has opened its summer registration to Deaf children for the July 30th to August 3rd, 2007 summer program. The week-long program offering includes:

Drama for Preschoolers - 2nd Graders; 9am to 1 pm, \$175; Instructor: Iosif Schneiderman, a Deaf actor with over 28 years of theatre/mime experience.

Creative Writing & Drama for 3rd Graders - 8th Graders; 9 am to 4 pm, \$225; Instructor: Janis Cole, a Deaf actress with over 25 years of theatre experience. She has a long standing and on-going working relationship with Deaf Children at The Learning Center in Framingham involving Creative Language Arts and Literacy.

The summer program will be at The Learning Center in Framingham, MA.

Deadline to register for the summer program is Friday, June 1, 2007, with a \$25 non-refundable deposit. Full payment must be received by Monday, July 2, 2007.

Contact us at TLCSYEP@yahoo.com for more information and to receive a registration packet.

Access to Amherst

Access to Amherst, **June 14-16**, 2007, is a two day intense summer college prep program for students entering their junior year of high school which is designed to provide a glimpse of the college classroom and insight into the college process.

Thirty students will be selected for this program that will provide college counseling, academic classes by Amherst College professors, inside look at the admission process, and evening workshops on course selection and high school involvement. Students will live in residence halls for the duration of their stay, eat in our dining facilities and work closely with the Amherst faculty and Admission Office.

The application form is short and straightforward; a completed application should include a copy of the student's high school transcript or grade reports through the end of this year,

any standardized test results and a short essay response. The selection committee will prioritize students with limited family financial resources. The Admission Office will fund 100% of airline, bus, or train transportation costs for students attending Access to Amherst.

Application deadline is June 1. Students will receive notification of acceptance by email and all travel arrangements will be made at that time. To download an application, go to www.urbanpride.org and look for the link to the document on the **Access to Amherst** article.

For more information contact:

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A message from the West End House Boys & Girls Club in Allston-Brighton



Dear Friends,

The Brian J. Honan Fellowship is recruiting for the 2008 class! The program, run by the West End House Boys & Girls Club in Allston-Brighton, promotes public service among young people through leadership development, exposure to government and politics, and paid summer internships in government and community-based organizations. Applicants must be residents of Boston entering 10th or 11th grades in September 2007, and should demonstrate an interest in service and improving their communities.

More information & application are attached and can be found at www.brianhonan.org. Please share this with your network and with young people in your organization and community. Any questions should be directed to Ann Walsh at 617-787-4044 x32 or awalsh@westendhouse.org.

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A NEW TAKE ON PARENT INVOLVEMENT

In honor of International Day of Families, May 15th, PARENTS FORUM has published online their program handbook *Where the Heart Listens*. It is available for free download with a Creative Commons license. The book explains the eight key questions that make up the PARENTS FORUM curriculum, a light-hearted yet powerful approach to dealing with the everyday stresses and frustrations of raising children, useful to parents of kids of all ages, toddlers through teens and young adults, and of interest to PTA/PTOs and parent liaison staff eager for a new way to engage and serve parents. The Cambridge-based program, now 15 years old, offers peer support workshops in English and Spanish suitable for a variety of settings and populations.

<http://www.parentsforum.org>