Bronx Summer Camp Guide

PAL Webster-Giannone Center's

The Police Athletic League offers a summer day camp for children ages from 8am-6pm. PAL Summer Day Camp programs are designed to stimulate learning, foster creativity, and facilitate an appreciation of cultural diversity. Summer Day Camp offers young people opportunities to explore cultural institutions, parks and sports venues. Children receive two free shirts and a free backpack. All trips are free. Breakfast and lunch are provided. The program is for children ages 6-13 for grades 1-8. The program is 7 weeks and runs from July 8th to August 23rd. The program costs \$700 and \$50 registration fee. 100 OST to current participants than open to the public, HRA and 1199 slots available. For more information, call 718-733-6748 or stop in to the PAL to enroll starting April 22nd.

Sports And Arts In Schools Foundation, Inc.

These programs are **free.** There are three programs available: ½ day city council for teens, academic program for middle school students and OST full day program for ages 6-12. I was told that more programs open up online as soon as they get funding and there is a guarantee for more programs to open up till the end of June. For an application on the internet go to: http://www.sasfny.org and keep checking back for more sites to open up.

Bronx Baptist Church Day Camp

Located at 331 East 187th Street Bronx Baptist Church is a Christian organization providing summer services for children ages 5-10, beginning July 9th – August 17th, Monday – Fridays 8:00am-6:00pm. Children do not have to stay the entire day. Registration is \$50 and the program costs \$75 a week. Payment plans are available. For more information call 718-933-4095.

Tolentine Zeiser Day Camp

Located at 2545 University Avenue offers a summer day camp for children ages 2.10 mths-7. The regular program costs \$600 and operates daily from 8am-4pm. Extended care from 7am – 6pm is available and costs \$750. There is a \$25 registration fee, registration is ongoing. For more information call 718-933-6935.

St. James Recreation Center

Located at 2530 Jerome Avenue offers a summer camp for children ages 6-13 for 7 weeks from July 8th through August 23rd and costs \$500 for 9-5pm and \$575 for 8-6pm. For more information, call 718-430-1847. Online registration at www.parksnycgov.org. Registration is based on a lottery system. You will be called if you make the lottery. Currently registration is closed, but you can register to be on the waitlist.

Fordham Bedford/ Our Lady Of Refuge

Fordham Bedford Children's Services offer a 1-9 week day camp (Monday through Friday from 8:30-4:30 pm) for children ages 7-12 starting Monday, June 25th to August 24th and costs between \$150-\$700. If you require early care (7:30-8:30am) it costs \$3

per day. If you require after hour care (4:30-6pm), it costs \$3 per day. Fordham Bedford also plans to offer it PAL Playstreet free summer program for children ages 3 and up. For more information on both programs, call Juan Carlos Salazar at 718-733-2557, ext. 1421 or request brochure.

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center

Located at 3450 DeKalb Avenue offers a variety of summer camps for children entering kindergarten through 10th grade, including programs for campers with special needs. The camps run from June 27 through August 16th and costs range from \$2,550 to 3,150 per child for full session. For more information call Mike Halpern, Camp Director at 718-882-4000 and ask for a brochure with full details or visit website at http://www.mmcc.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=DayCamps&category=cf_summer_camps Early Bird Discounts good until March 15th. Register now! \$600 deposit required.

YMCA Camps

The YMCA offers day and sleep away camps in the summer. The Bronx YMCA Day Camp will be held in two locations for children ages 4-12. The outdoor traditional camp with swimming and outdoor activities scheduled at the Bronx YMCA, 2 Castle Hill Avenue. The second summer camp location is at Hostos Community College Campus. Camp is a tremendous opportunity for your child to widen horizons, form new friendships, take risks and discover new strengths. Take comfort in knowing that enrolling in the Bronx Y means your child is entering a safe place, with adults who are skilled in child development. Our activities include instructional swim, arts, literacy, sports, science, dance, theatre, fitness, team-building activities and a field trip every session. For more information see website at http://www.ymcanyc.org/bronx/pages/day-camp-at-bronx-ymca, contact Dorothy Kardash at 917.685.8761 or dkardash@ymcanyc.org. Attend an open house on Saturday, March 2 - 10am-4pm; Saturday, April 27 (Healthy Kids Day) - 10am-4pm; Saturday, May 18 - 10am-4pm.

For information on sleep away camps for children ages 6 to 15, call 845-858-220 or visit their website at http://www.newyorkymcacamp.org/sleepaway/index.php. The sleepaway camp costs range from \$649 - \$1899. Realizing that families have different abilities to pay, YMCA of Greater New York uses a three-tier rate structure for our camp programs based on financial income.