

**Boston-Area Summer Programs for Middle School-Age Students:  
General Academic, Creative Writing, Technology, Science and Engineering Music, and  
Media Courses**

(the listing does not imply an endorsement; please check sites to verify information)

**GENERAL ACADEMIC**

**Camp Emerson (Hinsdale, MA)**

A residential summer camp for highly motivated girls and boys who are looking for a traditional camp experience with a gifted emphasis. Campers create their own schedules from over 50 activities including arts, athletics, science, adventure activities, etc. Ages 8-15.

[www.camperson.com](http://www.camperson.com)

**Exploration Summer Programs (Southborough, Wellesley)**

Residential and day programs. "Exploration Summer Programs create a dynamic environment of intellectual inquiry, responsible decision making and spirited adventure. Led by enthusiastic teachers, our students are encouraged to respect the differences that make us individuals and to find the common ground that makes us a community. At its heart, Exploration inspires students to challenge themselves, discover the world of people and ideas, and experience the joy of learning."

Junior program for those entering grades 4-7, held at St. Marks School, Southborough MA;  
information sessions Sundays in April and May

Intermediate Program for those entering grades 8-9, held at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA;  
information sessions Sundays in April

[www.explo.org](http://www.explo.org)

**College Academy (Winchester, MA)**

"Build, Create, Design, Experiment, Explore, Invent, Imagine & Investigate." For those entering grades 5-9. Classes held at Winchester (MA) High School. Commuter only, 9-2:45; extended day option available.

[www.collegegate.com](http://www.collegegate.com)

**Summer Institute for the Gifted (Amherst, MA)**

"The mission of the Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG) is to provide the highest quality educational and social opportunities for academically gifted and talented students through programs designed to meet their abilities and needs."

Grades 4-11, 3-week programs, held at Amherst College (as well as other, more distant colleges), residential only

[www.giftedstudy.com](http://www.giftedstudy.com)

**READING & CREATIVE WRITING**

**Great Books Summer Program**

Read and discuss selections from classic and contemporary literature with college professors and other top faculty at Amherst College. Co-ed, residential program for grades 6-12. Also, writing, theater, music and art.

[www.GreatBooksSummer.com](http://www.GreatBooksSummer.com)

**Writer's Express (Boston)**

"For energetic and curious middle school students (entering grades 5-9) who are looking for an adventure worth writing about." Held at Simmons College, two-week sessions, 8:30-4:30. Applications received before May 1 more likely to be accepted. Also available: "A Writers Express in the Woods," a week of outdoor adventure and writing that includes a multi-day canoe expedition, rock climbing, white water rafting, etc. from a base camp in Vermont. For those entering 7-9<sup>th</sup> grades.

[www.thewriters-express.org](http://www.thewriters-express.org)

## **TECHNOLOGY**

### **icamp (Arlington)**

Children's Technology Workshop "provides children in grades 2-8 with the chance to author their own day camp experience. Children complete applied technology adventures that are customized to their skill level. Activities occur both on and off the computer with a focus on engineering and robotics, video game creation, animation and graphic design. During the first activity at camp children select 3-6 projects that they will complete during their session from 10 theme-adventures. Our highly trained adventure guides help children to select programs that suit their age, area of interest and skill level to maximize the fun and the thrill of success."

Location: Arlington Enrichment Collaborative, 1100 Mass. Ave, Arlington Heights. Ages: 7-14.

[www.ctworkshop.com](http://www.ctworkshop.com)

### **iD tech camps (Cambridge, North Andover, Northampton)**

Computer camps held at MIT (Cambridge MA,) Smith College, (Northampton, MA,) and Merrimack College. (North Andover, MA). Classes are grouped by ages, offered to ages 7-17, beginners to advanced. Commuter and residential.

[www.internaldrive.com](http://www.internaldrive.com)

### **Emagination Computer Camps (Waltham)**

"Our programs deliver the wonder of technology balanced with traditional summer camp activities. Campers design a web page and go for a swim...build Legos® and play capture the flag. Tech Talk, LAN Parties, Carnival Night, Weekend Trips-it's all part of the fun and learning."

Ages 8-17, held at Bentley College in Waltham, MA.

[www.computercamps.com](http://www.computercamps.com)

### **CyberCamps (Waltham, Cambridge, North Andover, Wellesley)**

Ages 10-18, commuter. Students choose from courses in gaming, graphics, and computer programming.

[www.cybercamps.com](http://www.cybercamps.com)

## **SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

### **The Young Scientists Club**

Offers multiple award winning science kit subscription program. Children receive a complete science kit every month that focuses on hands-on activities. Ages 4-12.

[www.theyoungscientistsclub.com](http://www.theyoungscientistsclub.com)

### **Mount Holyoke SEARCH Program (for girls) (South Hadley)**

Grades 8-11; 4 week math-focused program.

[www.mtholyoke.edu/proj/summermath](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/proj/summermath)

### **Smith Summer Science and Engineering Program (for girls) (North Hampton)**

"The program welcomes applications from students with all levels of previous science training. Students need not have taken advanced science training, but must have a strong record of academic achievement, a high level of motivation and a willingness to explore." Grades 8-11

[www.smith.edu/summerprograms/ssep](http://www.smith.edu/summerprograms/ssep)

### **DesignCamp (Lowell, MA)**

A science and engineering camp for students grades 5-11. One week sessions (some courses are girls only) Held at Future Engineers Center, UMass Lowell.

[www.designcamp.org](http://www.designcamp.org)

## **MUSIC**

### **Center for Creative Youth at Wesleyan University (CT)**

Ages 14-18; 6 weeks, residential. Students major in either an instrument or vocal music; small ensembles with professional coaches; students also study music theory, music history, composition and ear training.

[www.crec.org/ccy](http://www.crec.org/ccy)

### **New England Music Camp (ME)**

Ages 12-18, 3,4, or 7 weeks, residential. Campers choose from classes in theory, harmony, composition, conducting, sight singing, jazz appreciation, improvisation, and piano literature. Orchestra and band seating rotated weekly.

[www.nemusiccamp.com](http://www.nemusiccamp.com)

### **DayJams (Newton, MA)**

Ages 9-15, 1-5 weeks, commuter only. Learn guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, vocals, or horns from professional musicians and teachers in a curriculum-based environment. Students play in a band, write an original song, perform in a rock concert, and record a CD.

[www.dayjams.com](http://www.dayjams.com)

### **Paul Green School of Rock (Boston area)**

Ages 7-18; 2 weeks (commuter) in the summer but the school operates year-round. Private lessons, coached band practice, culminating show. Past shows have included tributes to Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Queen, and the Beatles.

[www.schoolofrock.com](http://www.schoolofrock.com)

## **MEDIA**

### **School of Cinema and Performing Arts (MA)**

Ages 14-18; 3 weeks. Students write, direct and edit three films of their own, including creating an elaborate multi-track sound design for each film.

[www.socapa.org/filmcamps.htm](http://www.socapa.org/filmcamps.htm)