

ADVENTURE CAMP ACTIVITIES 2014

Baking and Candy-Making (*Sessions 1, 2, and 4*)

Enjoy two weeks of candy-making and baking with Bement's own baker right in The Bement School kitchen! Your child will learn many safety tips for cooking in the kitchen and will have hands-on experience working with several candy and baking ingredients and materials. We will create many different types of candy and baked goods to bring home each day. *This is a two-block activity, so campers need to choose Baking and Candy-Making for both Activity Block 1 and 2. This class is limited to six campers.*

Clowning Around

Learn basic juggling and clowning techniques while focusing on developing the stage presence and social skills you need to be a great performer. You'll learn to be comfortable in your own skin while being on stage performing!

Cooking (*Session 3*)

Enjoy two weeks of cooking in The Bement School kitchen! Your child will learn many safety tips for cooking in the kitchen, and s/he will have hands-on experience working with different recipes, tools, techniques, and foods. This is an experience that your child will be able to use in years to come! *This class is limited to six campers.*

Computer Science Sampler (*Sessions 1 and 2*)

Interested in computers and coding? This session will use both online and unplugged activities to introduce basic computer science. Learn Scratch and other drag and drop programs and experiment with a number of coding apps such as Kodable. No experience necessary!

Cooperative Games

Cooperative games emphasize participation, challenge, and fun over competition. Get ready to work together with new friends to succeed at these fun, exciting, and sometimes silly games!

Digging Into Nature (*Session 4*)

This camp offering, limited to six children, is all about experiencing nature first-hand. We spend our days in a variety of ways--exploring trails, dipping into ponds, playing and swimming at a safe bend in the Sawmill River in Montague. Children fill buckets, collect stones, dig clay out of a river bank, and catch and release minnows, frogs and red-spotted newts. When we hike on trails, we stop to play in the shallow brooks, floating sticks downstream and creating miniature dams and little pools. These are the classic things children discover when they're given time to play in a natural setting. Projects, such as making small boats out of scraps of wood and making clay pots and "ancient" shards of pottery, change from year to year and grow out of the children's time in nature. I believe that through developmentally appropriate, direct experiences in nature, children learn to love spending time in the out-of-doors, gain knowledge of the natural world in an integrated way, and become invested in taking good care of the earth. I also feel strongly that

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digging into nature gives children the time and space they need to explore who they are. In the process, they have a lot of fun! *This full-day program, led by Louise Smith, is offered during Session 4. The cost is \$475.*

Down to a Science

Try an experiment a day in this activity. Campers will participate in hands-on science activities, ask questions, make hypotheses, observe results, and have fun doing it!

Finders Keepers

If you love solving puzzles, codes, and clues, then this activity is for you! Each day, campers will tackle a new challenge, from scavenger and treasure hunts to logic puzzles and brain teasers.

Get Crafty!

From clay and paint to duct tape and beads and everything in between, campers will have a great time being creative at camp this summer! New projects, materials, and methods will be introduced, but old favorites like tie-dyeing won't be forgotten. Get ready to get crafty!

The Great Outdoors

Campers will explore, hike, play, and create on Bement's 18-acre campus as well as nearby spots including the Deerfield River, the Pocumtuck Range, and local farms. Get ready to have fun in the great outdoors!



Historic Deerfield
Opening Doorways To The Past™

Hands-On History Adventures

Join us at Historic Deerfield for a daily Hands-On History Adventure! Campers will have a fun-filled time exploring Deerfield's history through Colonial-era skills and crafts that are taught using an interactive approach. Campers will have an exciting experience with a different activity each day. Activities are based at Historic Deerfield's Wapping Schoolhouse, Hall Tavern, and Channing Blake Footpath, all a short walk from Bement! This activity will be led by museum educators from Historic Deerfield's Department of Museum Education and Interpretation.

Movie Magic! (Sessions 1 and 2)

Be a star! Write, star in and produce your own movies. Campers will use iMovie and stop motion to create short films, learning the basics of video creation and editing. This is a chance to learn new technologies and be creative in a fun and relaxed session.

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Play Ball!

Competition is the name of the game in this activity. From classic camp games like kickball and Frisbee to team and individual challenges, campers will enjoy friendly competition in a wide range of activities, with a particular emphasis on fair play and good sportsmanship.

Poetry & Pictures (*Sessions 1 and 2*)

We'll get creative in many ways, using an assortment of images (including photos we take ourselves) to inspire us to write poems. We will also play with a series of fun and unusual revision techniques that will surely lead you to some great results!

Puzzled (*Session 1*)

Come create puzzles from all dimensions with Ms. Spicer-Lindquist, aka "The Puzzler." We will begin with regular 1-D puzzles, add 2-D puzzles that appear to have pictures that come off the paper, and add 3-D puzzles that are buildings, monuments made from paper, wood, and other materials. New this summer, we will add Legos! You heard correctly: Lego puzzles!

Quicker Than the Eye

You will astound your family and friends with your quick hand movements and attention to detail after learning sleight-of-hand magic and illusion in this activity. Get ready to be the life of the party as you show your friends all your new magic tricks!

Rocketry

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's just your model rocket flying high through the sky! Each student will get a chance to build, paint, and launch two different rockets. They will become junior rocket scientists and learn all about the ins and outs of rocket flight. Let's reach for the stars! *This class is limited to 12 rocket scientists. There is a \$10 materials fee.*

Strategy and Board Games

Sharpen logic, reasoning, and critical thinking skills while having fun at the same time! Campers will play new and familiar board games with partners and small groups, learning the rules of the games and fair play while getting to know new people.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming is an important life skill, and our swim instructors are ready to help build that ability. The goal of this program is to foster the development of each child's comfort, confidence, and skill level in the pool. Lessons are designed to improve water skills and stroke development, while integrating important safety skills and fun activities. Swimming lessons are offered by age group so that our lifeguards can tailor the skill instruction to each group. Campers will receive a brief report of progress and skills worked on at the end of each session.

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Tinker, Invent, Create (*Sessions 1 and 2*)

Join us in the Maker Space! This session allows campers to ignite their creativity and curiosity. Explore electronics, engineering, and robots; create with LEGOs, fabric, paper and much more. Endless opportunities for hands-on inquiry await in this STEAM session.

Up in the Air

Keep lots of ball in the air -- literally -- in this activity! Campers will focus on the hand-eye coordination, rhythm, and multi-tasking skills you need as a beginning juggler. (*Ages 8 and up*)

Yoga & Hooping for Focus & Fun (*Sessions 1 and 2*)

Come learn new and old hula hooping tricks, and then stretch and relax through a guided yoga routine. No previous experience hooping or doing yoga is necessary. Hula hoops will be provided.