

# Q & A w/Sasha Feb School Vacation Overnight Camps

Tuesday,  
January 16  
8:30 pm EST

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*February 18-24*  
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# Agenda

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- Sample Schedule for Pre-College Boot Camp
- Common Questions & Answers
- Your Questions





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- **When:** February 18-24 (7 days/6 nights) - February School Vacation Week
- **Check in:** Sunday, Feb 18 at 4:30 pm EST
- **Check out:** Saturday, Feb. 24 at 12:00 pm EST
- **Where:** Prindle Pond Conference Center, 19 Harrington Road, Charlton, MA 01507, Hilltop Campus
- **Transportation:** not provided (might be arranged separately)



# Accommodations



- Rooms for 2-4 campers
- Each room has it's private bathroom
- Twin bunk beds with mattresses
- Heat, electricity, drawer chests
- 2 living campuses
- 4 large classrooms
- Large common spaces
- Dining Hall
- Gym
- 750 acres outdoor exploration



## Meals:

3 meals a day, including hot and cold options, vegetables, healthy choice food. Snacks and refreshments available all day long. We will try to accommodate all allergies and special diets.





# Pricing:



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- Child Grade 4 and up staying at the camp without a parent: \$860, with a parent - \$800
- Child K-3 must be accompanied by an adult – price for the child - \$800
- Adult - \$550
- Child 3-5 y.o. - \$550
- Children under 3 – FREE
- Any child who is a commuter and doesn't stay at the camp, just come for the activities and lunch - \$600 (9 am - 6 pm)
- Sibling discount - \$50 per sibling



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- This program assumes that you stay overnight, and without a parent
- The price is \$1350 for everything
- For those who traveled with our Pilot STEM Program to Maryland last year, or have enrolled to our UMES program this year, a 10% discount.

# Suggested Packing List

- Medical and Dental Insurance Card Copies, medicine if needed
- 2 Epi-Pens, if needed (for allergies), 2 unused Covid Tests
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Towel, shampoo, and other personal belongings.
- Clothes, as if you go for the 1.5 week instead of just one week (just in case).
- PJ, sleepers, or not slippery socks.
- Water Bottle
- Snow pants, winter boots, hats, gloves, scarves, sunglasses.
- Two pairs of sneakers (one for outside, one for inside-gym)
- All bedding and liners (or sleeping bags), blankets and pillows
- A Computer device, mouse, and headphones.
- A Book to read in your spare time
- Board games, musical instruments (that you don't really afraid of being lost or accidentally damaged).





# Highlights of the Children's Camp

Ready for an out-of-this-world adventure at our camp? 🚀 Buckle up for a galaxy of fun and benefits! Here's why our Camp's overnight STEM experience is the coolest thing since sliced bread:

- **Hands-on Havoc:** Forget boring textbooks! Young scientists dive into wild experiments at our camp, getting hands-on and dirty (sometimes literally). Learning science and tech has never been this hands-on and exciting. 👩👧
- **Team Titans:** It's not just about needing out alone. At our camp, we're all about teamwork bonanzas! Kids join forces, tackle challenges, and become the Avengers of problem-solving. Teamwork makes the dream work, right? 🤝💡
- **STEM Buffet:** Have you ever heard of a buffet with science, technology, engineering, and math? At our camp, kids get a taste of everything. It's a feast for the brain, from robot showdowns to coding escapades. 🤖💻
- **Brain Gymnastics:** Forget Sudoku; our camp is the Olympics of brain gymnastics! Critical thinking and problem-solving are the name of the game. Watch those mental muscles flex and grow. 🧠🏆
- **Innovation Vacation:** Picasso meets Einstein! Our camp unleashes creativity. Kids cook up crazy ideas, explore uncharted territories, and invent the next big thing. Who said science can't be an art? 🎨🔬
- **Confidence Boosters:** Achieving the impossible? Check. Overcoming challenges? Double-check. Our camp's STEM victories aren't just fun but confidence boosters. Watch those kids strut their stuff! 🏆💪
- **STEM Rockstars:** Move over, pop stars! Our camp introduces kids to the world of cool STEM careers. They might leave camp dreaming of becoming the next tech guru, bio wizard, or coding rockstar. 🌟🚀
- **Fantastic Fiesta:** Learning at our camp is no snoozefest. It's a carnival of fun! With crazy experiments, mind-blowing projects, and games that defy gravity, it's a rollercoaster ride of excitement. 🎢🎪Our camp is no snoozefest. It's a carnival of fun! With crazy experiments, mind-blowing projects, and games that defy gravity, it's a rollercoaster ride of excitement. 🎢🎪
- **Outdoor Odyssey:** Who said STEM is confined to labs? Our camp often sprinkles in outdoor adventures. Picture this: learning about nature, physics, and bugs—all in one wild ride! 🌲🔍
- **Friendship Fireworks:** Our camp buddies unite! Overnight camps are friendship incubators. Kids bond over shared geekiness, create alliances, and form friendships that can last a lifetime. 👯🚀
- So, are you ready for the ultimate STEM escapade at our camp? It's not just a camp; it's a journey into the universe of awesome! 🌌✨





# Sample Schedule of the Children's Camp

8:00 am - Breakfast, all

9:00 am - 10:30 am - 1st STEM Class - Winter Wildlife Tracking

10:30 am - snack

11:00 am - 12:30 pm - 2nd STEM Class - Snowflake Science

12:30 pm - Lunch, All

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - 3rd STEM Class - Hot Cocoa Conduction

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm - Karaoke Dance Party

4:30 pm - snack

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - DIY Arts and Crafts

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Dinner, All

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Board Games

8:30 pm - Shower, Bed Time





# Highlights of the Parent Stay

Parents at the camp have the freedom to explore the outdoors independently during the day. They can engage in activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing on their own, bringing their equipment with them. Additionally, parents have the option to work remotely at the camp or leave temporarily for work, providing a flexible and self-directed daytime experience that aligns with their preferences and schedules.



In the evenings, parents at the camp can enjoy a diverse range of workshops and entertainment options. Each day brings a different activity, ensuring variety and engagement. The offerings include art classes, providing a creative outlet; yoga and meditation sessions for relaxation; lively dance parties for a fun and energetic atmosphere; and board games, fostering a sense of camaraderie. This curated selection of workshops and entertainment aims to cater to different interests and preferences, enhancing the overall experience for parents after dinner hours.

# Sample Parent Schedule

- Sunday - Sauna Time, Board Games
- Monday - Art Master Class
- Tuesday - Dance Master Class
- Wednesday - Needle Felting Master Class
- Thursday - Karaoke Party
- Friday - Mafia & Crocodile Games





# Highlights of the Pre-college Program

The Pre-college Boot Camp offers a comprehensive program aimed at preparing students for the college application process. Here are the highlights:

- **College Visits:** Participants have the opportunity to visit various colleges to get a firsthand experience of campus life and facilities.
- **Meetings with College Advisors:** Personalized sessions with college advisors provide guidance on choosing the right college, major selection, and understanding admission requirements.
- **SAT/ACT Practice:** The boot camp includes dedicated time for SAT/ACT preparation, ensuring students are well-equipped for these standardized tests.
- **Resume Writing:** Students learn the art of crafting effective resumes, highlighting their achievements, extracurricular activities, and skills.
- **College Admission Process:** A detailed overview of the college admission process helps students navigate applications, deadlines, and submission requirements.
- **Scholarship and 0% Loan Search:** Guidance on searching for scholarships and interest-free loans to alleviate financial burdens associated with higher education.
- **College Essay Writing:** Workshops focus on honing students' essay-writing skills, helping them create compelling and authentic college application essays.
- **STEM, Arts, Music:** Tailored sessions cater to students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM), as well as those pursuing interests in Arts and Music.
- **Group and Individual Consultations:** Both group sessions and one-on-one consultations provide a balanced approach to addressing students' specific needs and concerns.
- **Teambuilding and Leadership Skills:** Activities and workshops promote teamwork, leadership development, and effective communication skills.
- **Earning 40 Community Hours:** Participation in the boot camp allows students to earn 40 community service hours, fostering a sense of civic responsibility and engagement.

The Pre-college Boot Camp is designed to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to successfully navigate the transition from high school to college.



# Additional Points

In addition to the comprehensive program mentioned earlier, the Pre-college Boot Camp also includes components focused on cultural awareness and combating discrimination, including:

- **Learning about Jewish Organizations on Campus:** Participants gain insights into the various Jewish organizations and resources available on college campuses. This knowledge helps them connect with supportive communities and engage in cultural and religious activities.
- **Combatting Antisemitism:** Workshops and discussions address the issue of antisemitism, educating students on recognizing and responding to discriminatory behavior. To create a safe and welcoming environment, strategies for fostering inclusivity and tolerance are emphasized.

These components aim to promote a deeper understanding of diverse cultural perspectives and empower students to contribute to creating an inclusive and respectful college community.





# Sample Schedule for Pre-College Program



8:00 am - 8:25 am - Breakfast

8:30 am - 12:30 pm - College Visit

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - Research College Scholarships

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm - Resume Prep Workshop

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm - STEM Workshop

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Dinner, All

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Meditation and Stress Relief Workshop

8:30 pm - till the Bed Time - Free time

# COMMON Q & A

**What is the main language at this camp?**

All classes and most activities for children are in English. Most activities for Parents are in Russian, unless we have mixed families. In this case, we'll be using both, Russian and English languages.

**Is this a Jewish Camp?**

This camp does have many Jewish Components, but it's open for everyone. We're very inclusive.



# COMMON Q & A

## **Do you serve Kosher Food?**

No, we normally do not serve kosher, but if this is an issue, we at least can do Parve option, to maintain Kosher Travel Style. Otherwise, the food is just delicious, but not kosher

## **Do you make special meal arrangements for campers with food allergies?**

Yes, we will be able to provide special meals for campers with allergies and medical diets, if these allergies/diets are mentioned in the application form.

# COMMON Q & A

**Will someone stay at night with the kids who are staying without a Parent?**

Yes, our trained personnel will stay overnight on the floor to ensure, all students are ok, during the night hours. for each 10 student, there will be an adult personnel to take care of.

**What if my child gets sick during his/her stay**

We will promptly inform you and take the necessary steps. Your child will be kept separate from the other children, and we will request you to pick them up. If your child's condition improves and a doctor confirms they are not contagious, you can bring them back later in the week. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a refund for the missed days.



# COMMON Q & A

## **What if my child feel homesick?**

If a child experiences homesickness, our dedicated staff is trained to provide the necessary support and comfort. We understand that homesickness is a common and natural feeling, especially in new environments. However, in rare occasions, we might need to invite you to comfort your child and if this doesn't work, bring them home. we will not be able to refund money for the camp.

## **What if my child becomes sick right before the camp?**

If your child becomes sick before the camp, please do not bring your child to the camp. We will be able to get you a full or partial refund.

# COMMON Q & A

**How many children are in each age group?**

Each group will be between 8 and 15 students only.

**Will you collect camper's phones so they do not play during the day?**

We will not collect cell phones. However, the Wi-Fi signal is only available in some areas, and children won't have so much free time to play.

**Can we come just for a few days, not for the whole week?**

At this camp, you are expected to be on the programs all days. The exception is if you want to come on Monday, before the main programs start or leave on Friday, after the main programs end. This will not affect the camp price, however.



# COMMON Q & A

## **My child is very shy. Will he be OK at the camp?**

Rest assured, we have experience with shy children, and our camp environment is designed to be inclusive and supportive. Our staff is trained to understand and cater to the needs of children with varying personalities. We encourage positive social interactions, provide engaging activities, and create a welcoming atmosphere to help shy children feel comfortable and gradually open up. Additionally, our counselors are attentive and will work to build a rapport with each child, fostering a sense of belonging and friendship. We prioritize creating a supportive community where every child can thrive, regardless of their initial shyness. If you have specific concerns or requests, feel free to communicate with our staff, and we will do our best to ensure your child has a positive and enriching camp experience.

Enrolling your child in the winter camp for a week serves as a valuable opportunity to gauge their happiness and comfort in the overnight summer camp setting. This shorter experience allows both you and your child to assess their compatibility with the camp environment, helping ensure a positive and enjoyable experience during a potential multi-week stay in the summer camp. It provides an initial insight into their adaptability, interactions with peers, and overall satisfaction with the camp activities, making it an informative trial period before committing to a longer summer camp stay.

# COMMON Q & A

**My Child tends to loose things very often. How can we deal with it?**

We recommend you to label your child's items, so if we find them, we can return them promptly.

**If my child doesn't want to attend a class, can he just play on his own or with friends?**

We aim to have all children present and in class according to the schedule. In exceptional circumstances, we may permit a child to skip a class; however, in general, their full attendance in the program is expected.



# Do you have a question?

## Now is the best time to ask

