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SPRING 2023

UPCOMING SUMMER 2023 PROGRAMS



The summer season is quickly approaching! Camper registrations continue to arrive daily. We hope you will join us. This summer we plan on having a wonderful time and learning along the way, while also expanding on some of the exciting events and activities

we started last summer. We are thrilled to welcome back returning campers and equally as enthused for newcomers to join us and make new longtime friends during their stay at camp.

We will be holding Camp Joslin at Clara Barton Camp this year due to some exciting renovations happening at Camp Joslin. The new septic system is almost complete, the site plan has been approved, and construction of the new cabins should begin midsummer. Even though construction will be taking place in the cabin area, we are still going to spend time at Camp Joslin this summer while steering clear of the construction! Campers will be able to use Camp Joslin's special activity sites, such as the climbing wall, larger pond for boating, wiffle ball fields and the fully finished mini golf course! Also, while at Camp Joslin, campers will be able to do the "Hike to Heck," a fun, song-filled hike through our very own mud pit. Of course, we will still be using the high ropes course at Clara Barton Camp, as well as the pond, pool, and all the various fields for different games, programs, and, as always, the Tuesday night dances!



This summer we have many returning staff members as well as some new faces who are all eager to meet the campers and say hello to old friends. Campers will be living in cabins with other campers around their age along with counselors. Throughout the day, campers will have opportunities to do activities with their cabin groups as well as activities that they choose. There will also be a mix of less active, such as arts and crafts and diabetes education games and sessions.

We are very happy to have our Adventure program active again this summer! This year, partnering with Blue Rise Adventures, campers coming to this 10-day program will travel through different areas of Massachusetts and New York and participate in special activities such as rafting, rock climbing, and backpacking. They will also learn more about caring for their diabetes individually as well as during higher intensity activities.

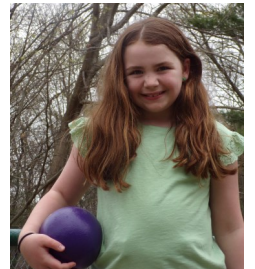
Overall, we are extremely excited about this summer and look forward to seeing all our campers. We are sure that the summer of 2023 is going to be a blast! Don't miss the fun, register today!

FUN AT RECENT COLOR WARS PROGRAM

Our recent Color Wars program was an exciting and unforgettable experience for all involved. Camp was buzzing with excitement and energy. Our campers were divided into three teams: red, green, and blue. Each team had a mix of campers with different ages and abilities, which made for a diverse and dynamic competition. Activities were designed to challenge campers' physical and mental abilities and to encourage teamwork. The teams competed in a variety of activities, such as gaga, dodgeball, and an arts & crafts challenge.

Some of the highlights of Color Wars were the banner-making task and the origin stories that the campers had to create. These tasks proved an opportunity to showcase their individual talents and skills implemented into a group product. We were blown away by the creativity and passion displayed by our campers, who sang, danced, told jokes, and performed skits to bring life to the origin stories of their color teams. It was clear that each camper had worked hard to prepare for the crafts challenges, and the support and encouragement shown by their teammates was heartwarming.

A new addition to the list of Color War events this year was the egg-drop challenge which is a STEM activity that challenges participants to design and build a contraption that can protect an egg from breaking when dropped from a height. We witnessed teams constructing devices using materials such as paper, straws, tape, and miscellaneous items such as pool noodles. We could not be happier to report that every single egg that was dropped survived the fall!



Throughout the program, the importance of sportsmanship was emphasized. We encouraged our campers to show respect and kindness towards their opponents, and to always give their best effort. It was heartening to see how the campers supported each other even when things did not go as planned. We were impressed by the way in which our campers showed grace and humility in both victory and defeat.

One of the things that made Color Wars so special was the way it brought our camp community together. The campers bonded with each other through shared experiences and challenges. We were also pleased to see how the program brought out the best in our staff members, who worked tirelessly to ensure that each camper had a positive and meaningful experience. As the program came to a close, we held a final event where the points were tallied, and the winning team was announced. In the end, the Blue Team emerged as the winners, but the real victory was the way in which each camper had grown and developed through their participation in Color Wars.



Summer Calendar 2023



Special Events

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE!

www.bartoncenter.org

PLEASE NOTE: Per our COVID-19 protocols, all campers are highly recommended to be vaccinated. Staff are required to be vaccinated and boosted prior to the start of camp.

CLARA BARTON CAMP & CAMP JOSLIN COED CAMP*

(Boys & Girls, Ages 6-16 — held at Clara Barton Camp)

Session 1 July 25–July 1

CLARA BARTON CAMP (Girls only, Ages 6-16)**

CAMP JOSLIN (Boys only, Ages 6-16)**

****BOTH CAMPS WILL BE HELD AT THE NORTH OXFORD FACILITY. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Two-Week Sessions

Session 2 July 2–July 15
Session 3 July 16–July 29
Session 4 * July 30–August 12

One-Week Sessions

Session 2a July 2–July 8
Session 2b July 9–July 15
Session 3a July 16–July 22
Session 3b July 23–July 29
Session 4a * July 30–August 5
Session 4b * August 6–August 12

BARTON DAY CAMPS* (Coed, Ages 5-15)

The Rainbow Club—Greenwich, CT July 3–July 7
Worcester —Clara Barton Camp July 17–July 21
Long Island—Old Westbury, NY July 31–August 4

ADVENTURE PROGRAM (Coed, Ages 13-17)

New England & New York Adventure July 15–July 24

VERMONT OVERNIGHT CAMP* (Coed, Ages 6-16)

South Hero, VT August 13–August 18

***WACKY Session—Campers can bring a sibling or friend who does not have diabetes with them to camp during this session.**

CLARA BARTON BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM



The museum is open beginning with the last weekend in May through the last weekend in August on Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In September, the museum is open Saturdays only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. From October through May, the museum is open weekdays by appointment only.

For more information about the museum, please visit our website at www.clarabartonbirthplace.org.

BARTON OPEN HOUSE

June 4, 2023

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Please note that in 2023, Camp Joslin will be held at Clara Barton Camp due to ongoing construction. You may still tour Camp Joslin if you wish as well as Clara Barton Camp.

Join us at Clara Barton Camp (also the Day Camp location for Worcester program) in North Oxford and Camp Joslin in Charlton for a tour of the facilities and see firsthand what camp is all about. You will have the opportunity to meet with year-round staff, summer counselors, and members of our medical teams. See where your child will be sleeping, eating, and tour the facilities. **Please register to attend** at www.bartoncenter.org/registration. Questions, please email events@bartoncenter.org or call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2000.

HOT HEADS ANNUAL CAR SHOW

June 11, 2023

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Hot Heads Car Club of Oxford, MA, is hosting its 8th Annual Benefit Car Show at Singletary Rod & Gun Club, 300 Sutton Avenue, Oxford, MA (off Rt. 395). All proceeds from the event will be donated to The Barton Center! Spectators are FREE. Bring the kids! There is a \$15 donation per car. This fun event includes music, 50/50 raffle, food, trophies, and prizes.

27th ANNUAL CLARA BARTON OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 16, 2023

Shotgun Start 8:30 a.m.

Hosted by the Oxford Lions, this annual event is always a lot of fun complete with contests, raffles, prizes, and buffet dinner! The event will be held at Pine Ridge Golf Club in North Oxford, MA. For more information or PDF registration and sponsor forms, please go to www.bartoncenter.org/news-events/upcoming-events, email events@bartoncenter.org, or call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011.

ANNUAL AUCTION

September 30, 2023

SAVE THE DATE to join us at the Penta Dining Hall at Camp Joslin in Charlton for our annual auction. The evening features silent & live auctions, appetizers, dinner and desserts. For more information, please go to www.bartoncenter.org/news-events/upcoming-events, email events@bartoncenter.org, or call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011.

5K & WALK FOR BARTON

Fall Festival & Craft Fair

October 14, 2023

Check in 9:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE—Join this fun family event and help support The Barton Center. NEW THIS YEAR—we have added a 5K option for all our runners. Walkers will take a 2-mile walk through Clara Barton Camp and beyond. Enjoy some great food, music, family-friendly activities including our pumpkin patch, yard games, face painting, petting zoo, and visit our craft fair vendors. Closing ceremonies will take place at noon, and the celebration continues until 2 p.m. For more information and to register, visit <https://give.classy.org/2023-Walk-for-Barton>, email events@bartoncenter.org, or call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011.



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