



# Sharon Community Education

Summer Camp Guide, 2024



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Welcome to our Summer Camp 2024 guide! Even though Winter has just begun, we are planning our Summer Programs! Both STAR and CREATE Camps will be held at Sharon High School again this year. Having both camps in one school went smoothly and now that construction is complete we will have the ability to open up an additional drop off and pick up location to ease traffic during those busy times!

STAR camp was able to enjoy easy access to the beach for lake days, the field and track for games, as well as temperature controlled indoor areas for crafts and specials! CREATE took full advantage of the brand new performance space. Families were able to see our campers perform in a brand new auditorium. Coordination and communication between camp staff and office staff was seamless being in one location! We are so excited to have another great summer in the new high school!

Finally, we are so happy to announce that the STAR Assistants program has returned! STAR Assistants are students that completed either 7th or 8th grades in the 2023/2024 school year. STAR Assistants work closely with our counselors to run activities with the younger campers but are also provided fun age appropriate activities to enjoy! Our STAR Assistants attend at a reduced tuition and gain valuable experience through mentorship with our camp staff.

Sincerely,

Sara, Erin, Barbara, and Bridget.

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### STAR Camp

STAR Camp is a recreational camp serving children entering Kindergarten through current 6th graders. The STAR Camp Program is inspected and licensed by the Sharon Board of Health, and is in regulatory compliance with the State of Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

### STAR Assistants

STAR Assistants are our 7th and 8th grade students (2023/2024 school year) who will assist our specialists throughout the day. STAR Assistants will meet with the Camp Director to select which specialist they would like to assist. In addition to assisting staff, the STAR Assistants will have their own activities specially designed with their age and interest in mind. ***Due to the role STAR Assistants have in STAR Camp, they will not be able to also enroll in CREATE Camp.***

### Field Trips

Beginning in week 2, campers and staff will take weekly field trips off-site to explore some of the many natural, historical, and recreational places in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Field trips are included as part of your tuition and there is no extra cost associated with attending a trip.

A CPR and First Aid Certified staff member will accompany each group on their trips. In some cases the camp nurse will also be in attendance. All necessary medical equipment, aids, and medications will be brought on the trip to ensure your child has access to them in case of an emergency.

We will always bring snacks and water on every trip. For trips that last the entire day, please pack a paper bagged lunch that can be disposed of while we are away. This cuts down on the potential of lost items.

Field Trips typically last the entire day and buses leave between 9:30 and 9:45 am. Children arriving late cannot stay at camp as all staff attend the field trips. Parents are not allowed to drop children off at field trip locations. Children cannot be dismissed from field trip locations. This is to limit confusion and ensure safety. If your child needs to be dropped off late or picked up early from camp on a field trip day, we suggest you plan to keep your child home that day.

### Lake Days

Three days a week we will visit Lake Massapoag for recreational and instructional swim. Campers will change at our camp location and then walk to the lake. Once there, students may choose to swim, play on the beach, create arts & crafts in the shade or play sports on the field. In accordance with Christian's Law, our Swim Instructors will assess each child's swimming ability on the first day of camp to determine if Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) or Life Vests will need to be worn during swim time. We provide Life Vests, however, PFD's can be provided from home as long as it is a **Coast Guard approved device**. We are at the lake for approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes, after which, we will return back to our camp location for afternoon snack. Students may not be dismissed from the lake. If your child needs to be dismissed early on a lake day, they must be dismissed before 12:15 PM or after 3:30 PM from camp. Water is available

the entire time we are at the lake. We do not allow campers to purchase from the lake snack bar. In the event that weather keeps us from going outside, we will make every effort to reschedule the lake days. Children are required to wear water shoes in the lake during recreational swim time.

### Swimming Lessons

For those parents who desire swimming lessons for their children, we employ Red Cross Certified Water Safety Instructors (WSI) to teach swim lessons at an additional fee. Swimming lessons are held on lake days with the exception of Monday, June 24th as the instructors will be conducting swim assessments for each camper in accordance with Christian's Law. **There will be no retakes of assessments for campers who do not pass.** If a camper is not in attendance on June 24th, they will be assessed on the next lake day. The assessment requirements are posted on our website. Red Cross Swimming certificates, *if earned*, are available only to campers who successfully complete and pass the various testing procedures that are part of the full six-week program. PFD's and water shoes are not worn during swim lessons only for recreational swim (should the child require PFD's).

### Early Drop Off and Late Pick Up

As a convenience for our working families, we offer Early Drop-off and Lake Pick-up service. You may drop your child off any time between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM and/or pick up your child as late as 5:00 PM. Children cannot be dropped off before 8:00 am and cannot be left unattended outside of the school.

Children will be dropped off and picked up at the Community Education entrance of the high school, door A21 (unless otherwise communicated). Campers must be brought in and handed off by a parent/guardian or individual listed on the child's Community Pass account. Children will not be released to anyone who is not listed as a person authorized for pick up in Community Pass without parent approval. If your child needs to be picked up early, or will be picked up by another person, you need to communicate this to the Community Education Office and update your online transport release in your Community Pass account. **Children cannot be dismissed at the lake or at field trip locations.**

The safety of children is our number one priority and we want to ensure that it is a safe and fun summer for everyone. For your child/children's protection we will be requesting identification from anyone picking up a child whom our staff is unfamiliar with. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### Lunch and Snack

Lunch should be sent with your child daily. Students should bring a lunch that is clearly labeled. It is also a good idea to label any reusable containers that your child brings.

We are using the school facility for storage so we do not have the ability to refrigerate individual lunches. Please pack an ice pack to keep food cool. We are not able to reheat any food items.

We will supply a morning and afternoon snack each day. We work hard to provide a variety of healthy and kid friendly snacks. Campers are never forced to eat, and certainly may bring a snack

from home that they prefer.

One afternoon on the last week of camp, we will provide a BBQ lunch for all campers and staff to celebrate the end of STAR. The BBQ features 100% Angus beef burgers, 100% all-beef hot dogs, veggie burgers, and baked chips. We understand there are a variety of dietary restrictions and needs, and for those who need accommodations, we are happy to grill items brought from home (ex: kosher hot dogs, vegetarian or vegan burgers). We ask that those items be wrapped in foil, and labeled with the child's name. In addition, please make sure your camper delivers their food to their counselor first thing that morning so that we may properly store the food in preparation of the cookout. Parents will be notified of the date of the BBQ lunch. It is not necessary to pack lunch on this day, unless your child would prefer to eat food from home. We ask families with children who have food allergies or dietary restrictions to identify these when completing the online registration form so that we may properly care for the campers during meal times.

### **What to Bring**

All campers should have a change of clothes that can be left at camp. Spare clothes should be in a plastic bag and clearly labeled. **Be sure to label all items!** Our staff will make every effort to help your child keep track of their belongings. Each day, lost items are gathered together and placed in a central location. Please call the program to inquire about any lost items. All campers will need:

- Sunscreen, SPF 25 or higher. Sunscreen should be applied before coming to camp. Campers will reapply their own sunscreen throughout the day.
- Water-shoes are required and should have solid traction and be made for water.
- Towel (Clearly labeled with child's name)
- Bathing suit
- Goggles (optional)
- Reusable water bottle (dishwasher safe if possible). Water bottles will stay at camp for the week and will be sent home on weekends to be washed. We will sanitize and refill them daily.
- Hat (optional but recommended)
- Lunch (except for the BBQ lunch day)

The following items should be left at home:

- Any electronic device
- Cell phone
- Gizmos/smart watches
- Heelys
- Stuffed animals
- Toys from home
- Money

The camp assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to campers personal property.

### **Tuition and Fees**

Registration Fee: Waived if registration is received before May 1, 2024	\$50.00
STAR Camp: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	\$1,650.00
STAR Assistants: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	\$1,250.00
Early Drop Off: 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	\$200.00
Late Pick Up: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	\$200.00
Both Early Drop Off and Late Pick Up	\$350.00
Swimming Instruction (Space is limited)	\$150.00

### **Payment Schedule**

STAR Camp tuition may be paid in one full payment of \$1,650.00 or families have the option of paying in four installments of \$412.50. STAR Assistants may also be paid in one full payment of \$1,250.00 or four installments of \$312.50. If the installment plan is selected the first installment is due at the time of registration. The second installment due on March 22nd, the third installment due on April 26th, and the final installment due on May 24th. **All tuition payments must be received prior to June 1st. Children will not be admitted to camp until any outstanding balances are paid.**

### **Registration**

Registration must be completed online by logging into your Community Pass Account or by visiting our website: [www.sharoncommunityeducation.com](http://www.sharoncommunityeducation.com) and visiting the Summer Camp page. Registration for all of our programs are first come first serve and payment either in full or the first installment must be made for registration to be accepted. Registration will remain open until June 1, 2024 or as space allows. Any registrations received after May 1, 2024 must pay the \$50.00 registration fee. **Children are grouped in age/grade appropriate groups. We will not accept group or friend pairing requests.**

**\*Please note: Children must be registered for STAR Camp or STAR Assistants respectively to ensure a spot in camp. Only registering for Early Drop-Off, Late Pick-Up or Swimming Lessons WILL NOT secure a spot in camp. Any children who are registered for these additional services but have not been registered for STAR Camp or STAR Assistants, will be automatically withdrawn.**

### **STAR Camp Calendar**

Monday, June 24- STAR Camp begins (dependent upon last day of school)

Thursday, July 4 - No camp in honor of Independence Day

Friday, August 2 - Last day of STAR Camp.





### CREATE Camp

CREATE performing arts program offers two, 2-week sessions for children currently in 3rd grade through current 9th grade (for the 2023/2024 school year). Each session features a different musical and material. CREATE will be held at Sharon High School and all shows are performed in the temperature controlled theatre.

Students may register for one 2-week session or both sessions for a total of four weeks. This format will give parents/guardians the maximum flexibility to arrange for their busy summer activities without having to commit to a program for an extended period of time. Each session features a fully realized Junior version of a Musical Theatre production featuring a Broadway Script. Session One: *Disney's Finding Nemo Jr.* from July 8, 2024 to July 19, 2024 and Session Two: *Disney's High School Musical Jr.* from July 22, 2023 to August 2, 2023. Each closing Friday, the campers will put on a performance that is free and open for family members to attend.

There are two “tracks” students can select: Performance and Production. For those interested in performance there are opportunities for exercises in acting, singing, and dance as well as performing in the show. Those interested in production will get hands-on experience in set design, lighting, and sound design. Because theatre is a collaborative discipline, participants will all take classes in prop making, and dance.

### Daily Activities

One of the main principles of CREATE is that of improvisation, the willingness and ability to continuously assess the situation of the present moment, and to spontaneously create and implement the best response. The program is based around the ensemble as it's framework, and creation and preparation of the Friday performance as it's goal. Over the course of each day, students will branch off into different topic areas with our talented staff to learn skills and to create, to meet the arising needs of the show as it develops towards the Friday afternoon performance. In addition to building the Friday performance, there are showcases throughout the week, where participants will feature work from the various classes, and allow all participants to perform and exhibit in a supportive environment. Subjects covered in classes include:

- **Acting:** Students will learn basic foundations of theatre (voice, movement, improvisation, and rehearsal techniques).
- **Dance:** This will include choreographed dance that will be featured and performed in the weekly showcase. Student ideas will be incorporated in the final production.
- **Theatre Tech:** Students will design and operate lights and sound for use in the final performance.
- **Set Design:** Students will design and build the scenery for the final production.
- **Props:** Students will design and create the props to be used in the final performance.
- **Singing:** Students will work on solo and choral singing. While the music assigned is part of the show, students will be able to work on vocal technique and training that is applicable to all singing situations.

All activities are planned with student ages in mind, and highly qualified and experienced instructors teach the electives, which may be mixed in age.



**A typical camp day follows this schedule:**

9:00-9:15	Drop Off and Check In
9:15-10:00	Warm-ups and Games
10:00-10:45	Acting
10:45-11:00	Snack
11:00-11:45	Rehearsal
11:45-12:15	Dance
12:15-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:30	Recess/Games
1:30-2:15	Film
2:15-3:00	Rehearsal
3:00-3:45	Showcase
3:45-4:00	Wrap-up and Dismissal

**Casting**

Every child who wishes to perform will have an opportunity to participate in the performance. Casting decisions are not made lightly, and many factors are taken into account when making decisions. There is the experience of the child, which must be accounted for, while at the same time the need to create an aesthetically appealing show for an audience.

Casting is done following an audition (we ask every child to try their hand at an audition). In addition to learning lines, blocking, and choreography, every child will also spend time in the technical and design shops. This helps the children learn to respect all roles in the theatre.

**Tuition and Fees**

Session One	\$550.00
Session Two	\$550.00
Both Sessions	\$1000.00
Early Drop Off: 8:00-9:00 AM	\$75.00 per session
Late Pick Up: 4:00-5:00 PM	\$75.00 per session
Registration Fee: Waived if registration is received before May 1, 2024	\$50.00



Registration will remain open until June 1, 2024 or as space allows.

**\*Please note: Children must be registered for CREATE Camp to ensure a spot in camp. Only registering for Early Drop-Off or Late Pick-Up WILL NOT secure a spot in camp. Any children who are registered for these additional services but have not been registered for either one or both sessions of CREATE, will be automatically withdrawn.**

Community Education is dedicated to serving the community.

Be sure to check our website for the most up to date information. [www.sharoncommunityeducation.com](http://www.sharoncommunityeducation.com)

For questions regarding STAR and CREATE camp do not hesitate to contact us: Sharon Community Education  
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## **Program Policies**

All portions of Community Education Programs must be self-supporting. Programs will be scheduled according to the number of students registered. We keep our classes to a low teacher-pupil ratio, and therefore some classes reach their maximum capacity very quickly. Do not delay in registering your child to avoid disappointment.

### **Pick Up**

It is important that children be picked up promptly. If children are not picked up by dismissal, our staff will stay with them until you arrive. An additional charge of \$5 will be levied for EACH five-minute interval and fraction thereof, after the first five minutes grace period for the summer. Dismissal of campers is only allowed at the camp location. Campers will not be dismissed from the lake or a field trip location. For further details regarding early dismissal on lake days or field trip days, please see page 4.

### **Health Care**

Though we share facilities with the Sharon Public Schools, we do not have access to any camper's school medical file. Please list any pertinent health information for your child when completing the online registration and provide a copy of your child's up to date immunization record to the Community Education office.

Our camp is staffed by either a Registered Nurse or a Nurse Practitioner, and is supervised by an on-call primary care physician. Medications should be in their original container with dosage instructions. No medicine will be administered without a completed Medical Authorization Form. Medications will be stored in a locked cabinet.

Children seek out the nurse for a variety of reasons, some small and some large. The camp will always communicate with the parents/guardian whenever a camper receives any medical treatment. In the event of an emergency situation, the nurse will call 911 and then the parents/guardian.

### **Behavior and Discipline**

A safe and friendly environment is a necessity at camp. It is the goal of all our staff to model appropriate behavior and communication at all times. All disciplinary issues will be brought to the attention of the head counselors who will work with your child to resolve the issue. Parents will be informed in writing what occurred and what action was taken to resolve the issue. In the case that a camper poses a safety risk to themselves or others, the camper may be asked to leave camp.

### **Visitors**

Visitors to the program are welcome only after receiving permission from the Community Education office and securing a pass to come to the program. Unidentified or unauthorized visitors will be asked to leave the premises, if they refuse or are found on the premises again, Sharon Police will be notified.

### **Staff**

The staff is composed of certified teachers and experienced assistants. Each has had a positive background check, including a criminal offender registry inquiry (CORI) and a sexual offender registry inquiry (SORI), along with other inquiries as mandated by the MA Dept. of Public Health.

### **Refund Policy**

Tuition Fees are non-refundable. Our programs incur staffing and other expenses based upon the total number of individual child enrollments and operating costs associated with them projected for the full year. Neither financial reimbursement, nor credit, will be given for a child's absence due to: emergency days; family trips; illness; religious events; snow days; vacations; or failure to make full use of the program. In the event a child becomes totally unable to participate in the STAR camp or CREATE program due to illness, disability, or otherwise, upon written request, the program director may refund or abate tuition fees. Tuition fees will not be refunded in the case of a child's absence, delayed attendance, early departure or withdrawal from the program. Any refunds processed are subject to a processing fee.

### **Contact Information**

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# Community Education Announcements

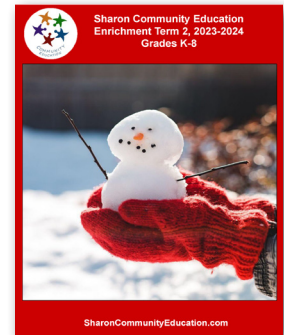
## Before Care, After Care, and Middle School Lounge for the 2024/2025 School Year

Mark your calendars and set your alarms because registration for Before Care, After Care, and Middle School Lounge programs for next year open up on Friday, February 9th at 9:00 AM! We provide a safe nurturing environment for Sharon Public School Elementary students both before and after school to support working families. Our Middle School Lounge Program provides a place for students in grades 6 - 8 to do activities, homework, and socialize under the guidance and supervision of our staff. All registrations must be completed online and the first month's payment (for September 2024) is due at the time of registration. Visit our website at [www.sharoncommunityeducation.com](http://www.sharoncommunityeducation.com) under Programs to learn more and complete registration.



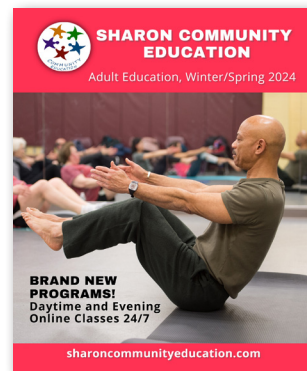
## After School Enrichment, Grades K-8

Term Two Enrichment begins in January but there's more fun coming up this Spring for Term Three. Watch for the Term Three program announcement to come through in February 2024 PowerSchool or keep up to date by visiting: [www.sharoncommunityeducation.com/programs/enrichment-programs](http://www.sharoncommunityeducation.com/programs/enrichment-programs).



## Winter and Spring Adult Education

Adult Education offers a great variety of programs to suit all needs and interests! There are sports and fitness programs, outdoor nature classes, as well as various daytime and evening classes both in-person and virtually. Adult Education is also able to offer online fundamental skills and career training courses through our partnership with online education provider, Ed2Go. There are hundreds of classes to choose from that you can access anytime day or night! Visit us at: [www.sharoncommunityeducation.com/programs/adult-education](http://www.sharoncommunityeducation.com/programs/adult-education) to view current programs and see what's coming up!



**Registration for STAR Camp and CREATE  
Camp for Summer 2024 opens on Friday,  
January 26th at 9:00 am!**

**Registration also opens for 2024/2025  
Before Care, After Care, and Middle  
School Lounge on Friday, February 9th at  
9:00 AM!**



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