

January 25-27, 2008 Grades 4-6

Winter Sports Weekend

Perkins Campus

Students will be introduced to the sport of snowshoeing as well as other physical activities to enjoy during the cold winter months. Team-work, camaraderie, and socialization will be emphasized as participants partake in new endeavors.

February 1-3, 2008 Grades 1-3

Ready, Set, Read! Weekend

Perkins Campus

Young students will discover the joy of reading during this winter weekend. Story telling, library visits, and music & crafts related to classic children's books will motivate these young print, braille, or talking book readers.

February 20-22, 2008 Grades 2-5

Winter Vacation Museum of Science Program (Wednesday – Friday)

Perkins Campus & Museum of Science

A Camp-In at Boston's Museum of Science will be the highlight of this winter vacation program. Students will discover science through educational activities at the museum as well as science experiments on the Perkins Campus.

**First Choice to Boston Students, but all are encouraged to apply (Open to non-Boston Students as space allows)*

March 7-9, 2008 Grades 9-12

Cooking for Life

Perkins Campus

"Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish; and you have fed him for a lifetime." Older students will participate in practical cooking activities that will provide greater independence as they prepare for their future.

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March 14-16, 2008

Grades 5-7

Boy, Oh Boy, the Things I Can Do! Weekend

Perkins Campus

Side-by-side with older males who are blind or visually impaired, boys will engage in fun indoor and outdoor activities focused on adventure, team-building, and well-being.

April 11-13, 2008

Grades 1-3

Performing Arts Weekend

Perkins Campus

Acting, dancing, & singing will combine to create theatrical fun for these young performers as they learn about theater and the performing arts. They will have the opportunity to attend an audio-described live performance and will also show off their talents in a presentation for parents at the conclusion of the weekend.

April 21-25, 2008

Grades 8-12

Spring Vacation Theater Program

Perkins Campus

Please see enclosed flyer on the Theater Program.

May 9-11, 2008

Grades 10-12

Vocational Exploration Weekend

Perkins Campus

Older teens will take an introductory look into the world of work through completing a career interest inventory, exploring career opportunities, participating in simulated job interviews, and learning to budget.

***Students applying for the Outreach Summer Employment Program are expected to attend.** *Weekend open to others as space allows.*

May 30-June 1, 2008

Grades 7-10

Cape Cod Weekend

Brewster, MA

Please see enclosed flyer on the Cape Cod Weekend.

June 6-8, 2008

Grades 4-12

Space Exploration Weekend

Perkins Campus

Astronauts, planets, and space travel will be explored through activities both on the Perkins campus and at local NASA inspired museums and exhibits. ***Students**

Perkins Outreach Activities – Winter & Spring 2008

Please check which program(s) you are applying for:

- Winter Sports Weekend**, 1/25-27/08, Grades 4-6, \$275*
- Ready, Set, Read! Weekend**, 2/1-3/08, Grades 1-3, \$275*
- Winter Vacation Museum of Science Program**, 2/20-22/08, Grades 2-5, \$275*
- Cooking for Life**, 3/7-9/08, Grades 9-12, \$275*
- Boy, Oh Boy, the Things I Can Do! Weekend**, 3/14-16/08, Grades 5-7, \$275*
- Performing Arts Weekend**, 4/11-13/08, Grades 1-3, \$275*
- Spring Vacation Theater Program**, 4/21-25/08, Grades 8-12, \$525*
- Vocational Exploration Weekend**, 5/9-11/08, Grades 10-12, \$275*
- Cape Cod Weekend**, 5/30-6/1/08, Grades 7-10, \$375*
- Space Exploration Weekend**, 6/6-8/08, Grades 4-12, \$275*

Please note: A number of openings are reserved for Boston students for each weekend

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Phone # _____ Student's E-mail: _____

Sex _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School Name _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Day Phone # _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____

Vision Teacher's Name _____ Phone # _____

State Counselor's Name _____ Phone # _____

Does student use: _____ Braille _____ large print _____ tape _____ reg. print

What grade level is student functioning at for: reading _____ math _____

Please describe student's vision (diagnosis, functional ability, age onset) _____

Please describe any physical disabilities or special needs of the student (seizures, dietary restrictions, behaviors, etc.) _____

Please list the student's medications (including vitamins) _____

(We will not be able to give shots during any of these programs.)

Previous overnight camp, training programs, or theater programs attended: _____

If none, has student been away from home overnight before? _____

Please describe _____

Student referred by (name, relation to student, and phone #)

_____ - _____ - # _____

Person completing application (name & number)

_____ - # _____

*Thanks to the generosity of the Edna L. Alizio Fund, we are able to give an automatic \$75 scholarship to individuals requesting it. **Check here if requesting** _____. If additional financial assistance is required, please attach a letter of need and listing of other efforts to raise funds.

Please mail this form with a \$25.00 deposit to: Kelly Cote, Perkins Outreach Services
175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02472

Phone 617-972-7867

FAX: 617-972-7586

Frequently Asked Questions

When will I find out if my child has been accepted for a program?

For weekend and school vacation programs, acceptances are made at least a month prior to the program. For summer programs and Space Camp, acceptances are made in April. You will receive a letter in the mail notifying you of your status (accepted or on wait list).

Do I need to pack sheets, pillows, and towels?

No. Outreach supplies all sheets, pillows, and towels for your child's stay. Students are welcome to bring their own pillows or blankets if it helps them feel more comfortable.

Is there financial assistance available?

Yes. We have a limited amount of scholarship money available for those who need it. We do ask that the student and family attempt to seek funding on their own, and then submit a letter stating the funding sources that were tried and the amount that is still needed. We will do our best to make it financially possible for a student to attend our programs.

If I want to stay local while my child participates in a program, what are my options?

Perkins has 2 guest houses on campus with a minimal number of beds. They need to be booked far in advance and there is a small fee for staying in them. If you would like to pursue a Perkins guest house for short-term accommodations while your child is participating in an Outreach program, please let the Outreach Activities Coordinator know as soon as possible. There are also several hotels in the area.

Can I come with my child during the program?

One of our major goals is to encourage and support new peer relationships which is often challenging when parents are present. Additionally, we want students to experience independence and have the opportunity to participate in a program just for them. Following most programs we offer a parent meeting to discuss the events of the program. Staff are available to talk with you about your child's participation.

Can I call my child during the program?

Yes. However, we keep students very busy during our programs and they are often not available for phone calls during the day hours. Evenings are better times to reach your child by phone.