

2017 Northern Berkshire Summer Guide

**Activities, Programs, Events, and FUN
things for Kids and Families to do in the
Northern Berkshires this
summer!**



Northern Berkshire Community Coalition

For more information about this Summer Guide:

Northern Berkshire Community Coalition at 663-7588
61 Main Street, Suite 218, North Adams, MA 01247
www.nbccoalition.org

nbCC Neighborhood Programs

Programs and activities in the neighborhoods by residents and/or management companies with support from the nbCC. For more information, contact 663-7588.

Neighborhood Basketball - UNO, Greylock, Mohawk Forest, Brayton Hill. Contact Liz at 663-7588 to sign up. Come watch games from 6-8 pm; location & dates to be determined.

Mohawk Forest - Summer daily NAPS lunch program for all children ages 1-18 in the Mohawk Forest community room 12:00-12:30, starting July 3rd to Aug 25th; Mohawk Forest teen leadership and employment program; YMCA Camp scholarships for resident youth ages 6-12. Must be a resident of Mohawk Forest. For more information call 663-6900.

Summer Gardening - Garden clubs, as well as several nutrition programs, are located in Mohawk, Brayton, Greylock, River Street, Sperry Ave., Tunnel Brook, Adams Youth Center Inc., North Adams Public Schools & North Adams Public Library. For more info. contact Jen Munoz at 663-8131.

Music & Concerts

Concerts at Windsor Lake in North Adams Free concerts every Wednesday at 6:30pm from June 8 through August 31. These concerts combine great music with the beautiful natural backdrop of [Windsor Lake](#). Pack a picnic, bring a chair or blanket, and let the sweet sounds of music and water carry you away on a warm summer night. Concessions are available at the lake, but people are welcome to bring their own food. Parking is free, and swimming, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing are allowed at the lake. Weather cancelations announced by 3pm day of event. No rain dates.

June 7 - Misty Blues

June 14 - Gaia Roots - tribal drums & world Music

June 21 - License to Groove - funk & groove

June 28 - Satellite Shine - rock & indie cover band

July 5 - Eagles Band - big band classics

July 12 - The Spurs USA - country & western

July 19 - Lita Williams - country

July 26 The Brave Brother Duo - rock & classic covers

Aug 2 - Bang on a Can

Aug 9 - JP Murphy - traditional celtic tunes

Aug 30 - Matchstick Architects

Party in the Park Free concerts every Thursday from 6 to 8pm at Noel Field from July through August.

Tanglewood Family Fun Fest - July 21, 1:00pm - 5:00pm -FREE
For more information on this and all Tanglewood events, call 413-637-5393 or visit www.bso.org.

Art Museums & More

The Clark Art - Summer Family Day - June 18, 2017

11:00am to 4:00pm.

The Clark Art - Free Fun Friday - June 23, 2017

10:00am to 5:00pm.

North Adams Museum of History and Science - In

Western Gateway Heritage State Park, Building 5A, State Street, North Adams, MA. May through October: Thursday through Saturday 10-4, Sunday 1-4, Closed on holidays. What's There?: A model of the solar system that'll have the kids playing astronaut, A train set to make the kid in you drool, a full sized model of the Fort Massachusetts Barracks Room that'll have kids and adults playing fort together, plus...Exhibits on local history and more. 413-664-4700.

Hoosac Tunnel Exhibit at Western Gateway Heritage

State Park - 115 State Street, Building 4, North Adams, MA. 413-663-6312. Visitors Museum Summer Hours May through October, Open Thurs - Mon 10:00am - 4:00pm. Due to staff limitations, we advise calling to verify hours. A former railroad yard, this urban park uses historical artifacts and exhibits to bring to life the controversial and danger-filled construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, one of the greatest engineering feats of the 19th century.

MASS MoCA KidsSpace-North Adams

Kids space will be open for free every day Sun-Wed, 10am to 6pm and Thurs-Sat. 10am to 7pm, except closed on Tuesdays. ArtBar is open every day. For more info call 413-664-4481, ext. 8131 or email kidspace@massmoca.org.

Berkshire Dance Theatre - Summer classes run in the Adams, Williamstown & Bennington Studios. For the Adams & Williamstown studios, please call 413-743-4645. For Bennington, please call 802-447-8855. Visit www.berkshiredance.org for more info.

Williams College Museum of Art - The Williams College

Museum of Art is located on Main Street in Williamstown, Massachusetts. It is open every day except Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thurs 10:00 to 8:00pm. The museum is wheelchair accessible and open to the public. Admission is FREE. For more information, contact the museum at 413-597-2429 or visit wcma.williams.edu.

Kids Act!

Is an acclaimed musical theatre program for ages 7-14. Theatre professionals work with students on improvisational skills, theatre games, character studies, monologue and scene work and much more. Session 1 runs from June 26-July 8, Session 2 runs from July 10 - 21, Session 3 runs from July 24 to Aug 4, Session 4 runs Aug 7 to Aug 18. More info: Jane O'Leary at 43-997-6117 or www.barringtonstageco.org. Cost \$500 per 2 week session.

Minerva Arts Center Summer Programs - Williamstown, MA. For information call 413-441-6120 or www.minervaartscenter.org.

7/3 to 7/14 - Film Making - ages 7 & up - \$350

7/17 to 7/21 - The Gleekers - ages 7 & up - \$175

7/24 to 8/12 - Little to Big Presents - ages 7 & up - \$525

8/14 to 8/18 - Once Upon a Time - ages 3-6 - \$150

Rock On 2017 - July 10 - 28 - An intensive 2-week program of instrument instruction, playing in bands, songwriting, recording and performing. Held at Berkshire Community College. For more information call (413)448-8258 or visit <http://rockonworkshop.org>.

Starlight Stage Youth Theatre - June 23 - July 30, ages 7 to 18.
Held at First Congregational Church, Williamstown. For more information call (413)458-4246.

Summer Camps

Camp Abenaki-Northern Berkshire YMCA

Located at Windsor Lake in North Adams, MA Camp Abenaki is open to children in k-6th grade and offers traditional camp activities such as arts and crafts, swimming, hiking, sports, drama, team building, field trips, exploration adventures and more! Certain activities may not be available for all ages. For more information and registration, call the YMCA at (413) 663-6529 or visit http://www.berkshirefamilyymca.org/northernberkshire/blog/youth_program/camp-abenaki/. \$75/wk. Financial Assistance available.

Camp Ashmere-Hinsdale, MA

Building on the proud tradition of Christian camping, Ashmere provides a safe caring environment for children and youth to laugh, learn, play and grow. Programs are offered for children of all ages including overnight and day camp opportunities. Transportation from North Adams is provided. Day camp - July 10 to Aug 11 for grades 1 to 7. Overnight camp - begins July 9 for grades 4 to 12. For more information call (413)655-2650 or visit www.campashmere.org.

Camp Humane @ Berkshire Humane Society-Pittsfield

A summer camp for kids who love animals! An educational experience in a classroom setting at the Berkshire Humane Society Shelter on Barker Road in Pittsfield, MA. Programs include: teaching children to be kind and humane to animals and others; interacting with pets in a classroom environment, with field trips related to animals; arts & crafts projects; learning how to be a responsible pet owner. Grades 4-8, \$260 tuition (**limited scholarships available**) for weeklong sessions July-August; must provide own lunch. For more information, call(413) 447-7878 or visit <http://berkshirehumane.org/camp-humane>.

Bonnie Lea Farm in Williamstown - Summer Programs - Ages 8 + up, Horse Program; Ages 5 + up, Farm Program. For more information call (413)441-6349.

Berkshire Museum Summer Camps-Pittsfield

Half-day programs, \$150 (\$125 for members), Full-day programs, \$250 (\$225 for members) -Scholarships available!

July 24 - 28, Grades PK to K, 9am to 12pm: Lego Camp.

July 31 - Aug 4, Grades PK to K, 9am to 12pm: Music Camp.

Aug 7 - Aug 11, Grades PK to K, 9am to 12pm: Icky, Messy & Goopy.

July 10 - 14, Grades 1 to 2, 9am to 12pm: Music Camp.

July 10 - 14, Grades 1 to 2, 1pm to 4pm: Creature Camp.

Aug 7 - 11, Grades 1 to 2, 9am to 12pm: Pond Camp.

Aug 7 - 11, Grades 1 to 2, 9am to 12pm: Icky, Messy & Goopy.

Aug. 14 - 18, Grades 3-6, 1pm - 4pm: Advanced Animation Camp.

All registrations include a 50.00 non-refundable administration fee.

To register, call (413) 443-7171, ext. 10 or visit

www.berkshitemuseum.org. Scholarships available, call (413) 443-7171, ext. 360 for more information.

Lakeside Christian Camp-Pittsfield

Call (413)447-8930 or visit www.lakesideonline.org. Day and resident camps for grades 1-6, June 26-August 4.

Gymfest of the Berkshires-Pittsfield

Weekly Classes - Follow-Me, PreK, K, Girls/Boys Instructional Classes
Half Day Clinic, Full Day Program. Must be 6 years old or enrolled in Kindergarten. For more information, call (413) 445-5689 or visit www.gymfest.com.

J Star Gymnastics - 413-664-9434 or Register online at www.jstargym.net.

Camp Half Moon-Great Barrington, MA

Located in the Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts and offers a traditional sleepover camp experience for boys and girls as well as a day camp program for our little ones. Our campers ages 3-15 explore and develop their skills through sports, the arts, or other areas of personal enrichment. Camp Half Moon's beautiful lakefront campus includes a full waterfront, heated swimming pool, archery field, high and low ropes course, skate park, playing fields, pottery and craft shops, theater, dance, gymnastics and campfire areas. For more information, call (413) 528-0940 or visit www.camphalfmoon.com.

Camp Emerson – Hinsdale, MA - an overnight camp for girls & boys ages 7 to 15. For more information call 800-782-3395 or www.campemerson.com.

Camp Sarsaparilla – Pownal, VT - For information call (413)652-4055 or www.campsarsaparilla.org.

Family Vacation Bible School – Free community event for ages birth through adult. July 17 - July 21, 5:00 to 8:30pm at the First Baptist Church in North Adams. Theme: Maker Fun Factory - Join us for dinner, crafts, music, games, bible study, worship & much more! For more information, and to register, visit our website at firstbaptistnorthadams.org

Dalton CRA Summer Day Camp – Dalton, MA. For information call 413-684-0260 or www.daltoncra.org.

Northern Berkshire Youth ROPES Program - July 17-21 & August 7-11. For ages 11-13. For more info call 413-884-5563 or www.northernberkshireropes.com.

Northern Berkshire YMCA Sports Camps & Classes
For more information and registration for all camps, contact Northern Berkshire YMCA at (413) 663-6529 or visit www.berkshirefamilyymcanb.org/northernberkshire/.

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary Camps-Lenox, MA
Natural History Day Camp. For more info call (413)637-0320 or visit http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Pleasant_Valley/camp.php.

Villari's of Williamstown Summer Martial Art Camps- For info call 458-2472 or www.villarisofwilliamstown.com.

North Adams Public Schools Programs

NAPS Administrative & Superintendent's Offices: 413-776-1458
37 Main Street, Suite 200, North Adams

Brayton School Summer Camps. 662-3260

Drury High School Summer School Contact Drury High School at 662-3240 for more information.

For more, information about other Summer School programs, contact administrative offices or schools directly.

-Williamstown and Mt Greylock Regional High School District Superintendents office: call 458-9582.

-N.B. School Union (Florida, Savoy, and Clarksburg grade schools): call School District Superintendent's Office at 664-9292.

Youth Center Programs

Williamstown Youth Center

The Youth Center's Summer Camp offers a wider variety of activities at more affordable rates than any other full-day camp in the area. And the cost is only \$200 for a full week. Scholarships available. For more information and registration call (413)458-5925 or visit www.williamstownyouthcenter.org.

Youth Center Inc. in Adams

For grades 1-6. Week-long camps run from July - August, from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Lunch will be provided weeks 1-6. Before Care will be available from 7:00 - 8:30 am. Members of the Youth Center may return to the center after camp and may remain until 6pm. All camps are free for Adams residents, but must register. \$25/week for Cheshire & Savoy.

Cool Critters Camp! - Ages 4-6.

Summer Tennis Program - Tuesdays & Thursdays.

For more information or to register, call (413)743-3550 or visit www.youthcenterinc.com.

Outdoor Programs

Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation Sheep Hill

For registration forms; please call 458-2494 or visit www.wrlf.org.

Annual Hoosic River Ride Bike Tour-Saturday, August 12.

Annual Ride for the River. Visit <http://hoorwa.org> for information & to register.

College Programs

MCLA Young Hacks Camp – July 10-14, 9am to 4pm

Grades 4 to 7. Cost is \$375

MCLA Young Hacks Camp – July 17-21, 9am to 4pm

Grades 7 to 10. Cost is \$375

MCLA Robotics Camp - July 17-21, 9am to 4pm

Grades 4 to 7. Cost is \$350.

MCLA Robotics Camp - July 24-28, 9am to 4pm

Grades 7 to 10. Cost is \$350.

MCLA Story Slam Creative Writing Camp - July 17-21, 9am to 4pm

Grades 4 to 7. Cost is \$175.

For more information & registration call (413)662-5575, or go to

http://www.mcla.edu/About_MCLA/mclasummercamps.

MCLA Volleyball Clinic - July 11-14. For girls grades 7-12, cost - \$150. For more info call 413-662-5575.

Williams College Summer Youth Programs - For more info go to <http://conferences.williams.edu/camps/> or call 597-4982.

Library Programs

North Adams Public Library - Summer reading program:

Preschool story time every Wed at 10:30 am. Toddler Time Stories & Songs every Tuesday at 10:30am. For info call 662-3133.

Adams Free Library - Summer reading signups start Mid-June.

Call 743-8345 for more info about programs & story times.

Milne Public Library - Williamstown For more information call (413)458-5369.

Summer Events in North Adams

DownStreet Art- Opens June 29, & runs to September 25 all across downtown. Includes galleries & art spaces throughout city. For info, visit <http://www.downstreetart.org> or MCLA Gallery 51 on Main Street.

4th of July Fireworks - 9:30pm Following SteepleCats game.

Farmers' Market 9 am-1:00 pm, every Saturday from June 10 - Oct 21 at St. Anthony Municipal Parking Lot on State St & Center St. Get fresh, healthy produce, often at better prices than grocery stores. Visit with local community members while supporting Berkshire farms. Backyard farmers welcome. EBT cards, WIC coupons, & elder coupons will be accepted. More info call (413)664-1680.

Downtown Celebration Wed, Aug 16, 5:30-9 pm. Bring your family to downtown North Adams. Listen to live music & visit the many street vendors. Activities are free & food is avail. for purchase. 664-6180.

Eagle Street Beach Party-Friday, July 14, 2017

3:30-10 pm, come to Eagle Street! Closed to traffic and spread curb-to-curb with white sand. Music, food, & more.

National Night Out-America's Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 1 - is a crime prevention event involving citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses & neighborhood organizations. It is designed to 1) Heighten crime & drug prevention awareness; 2) Generate support for & participation in local anti-crime program; 3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit & police-community partnerships; and 4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized & fighting back. For info on neighborhood-based events, call Glenda at 663-7588.

Movie at the Airport - The Russians are Coming! The Russians are Coming! 8:00pm. \$14 per car, \$7 per adult, \$3 kids under 12. Cash or Check only.

North Adams Motorama - August 26-27, 2017 - 9am - 3pm Main Street will be open to classic & new cars, trucks & motorcycles and vintage snowmobiles & tractors. Call 413-664-6180 for more info.

Fall Foliage Parade - October 1, 1:00-3:00pm - Magic in the Berkshires

Other Summer Specials

CT Plunkett Elementary School Free Breakfast/Lunch

Free breakfast/lunch program for anyone under 18 years old in the town of Adams, Mon-Fri, July 5-August 4. Breakfast will be available from 8:30-9:30 am & lunch from 11:30-12:30 pm. More info call 743-0876.