

Bedminster Township Recreation



History Camp

at Bedminster's Historic
Jacobus Vanderveer House

(Ages 9 to 12)

Bedminster Township Recreation, in partnership with *The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House*, is thrilled to offer a unique summer camp experience -- *Summer History Camp* at the Jacobus Vanderveer House! This historic Bedminster landmark building is the focal point for this hands-on 18th century fun-filled, history-centered summer enrichment program. Children will be dressed in authentic 18th century clothing and experience activities reminiscent of life in the 1700s including craft projects, basket weaving, bee-keeping, music & dancing, games, open-fire cooking, and architectural exploration.

History Camp is led by experienced professionals, and takes place in the natural historic setting of the Jacobus Vanderveer House, located at River Road Park in Bedminster. The camp is open to all Somerset County residents between the ages of 9 and 12. Please register early as class size is limited to 20 students. The fee is \$175 and includes a boy's or girls' period costume to be worn daily to camp. Please use the River Road Park entrance off of Routes 202/206 for access to the Jacobus Vanderveer House. **NOTE: For campers from Camp Bedminster, transportation will be provided at 1pm to History Camp at the Jacobus Vanderveer House.**

About the Jacobus Vanderveer House For over two centuries, the Jacobus Vanderveer House has been at the center of Bedminster Township's rich and colorful history. The house, built in the 1760s, is the last surviving building associated with the Vanderveers, a family prominent in Bedminster Township history from its earliest settlement through the 19th century. The house later served as headquarters for General Henry Knox during the winter of 1778-79, when the American artillery was located in the village of Pluckemin during the Second Middlebrook Encampment of the Revolutionary War. The house is the only known building associated with the Pluckemin encampment which is considered to be the first installation in America to train officers in engineering and artillery. The house was later enlarged by two additions in the nineteenth century, remodeled in the twentieth century, and subsequently abandoned. The Township of Bedminster purchased the home and the surrounding area as part of River Road Park in the 1990s. Recently the home was restored by The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House, a dedicated group of volunteers, with plans to open the home as a museum and educational center. For more information about the Jacobus Vanderveer House visit www.jvanderveerhouse.com.

Dates	Time	Days	Ages	Fee
July 14 - 18	1 to 4 pm	Monday-Friday	9 - 12	\$175

Summer History Camp has been funded, in part, by a grant from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission and Friends of Somerset County Culture & Heritage, Inc.

Return with check payable to "Bedminster Recreation" Friday, June 6th!



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Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House

REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED



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1. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade 9/08 _____
 Complete Address _____
 Email Address _____ Telephone _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Telephone _____

2. HOLD HARMLESS (*Parent or Guardian Signature Required*)

As the parent or legal guardian of a participant in the Bedminster Township Recreation Program, I acknowledge this to be a voluntary activity. I acknowledge that there are certain risks inherent in my child's participation in this activity, and I agree to accept all of the consequences and assume the risks involved in my child's participation. I understand and acknowledge that Bedminster Township is not responsible for any loss, damages or injury to any person or property for any reason associated with my child's participation in this activity. In light of the above, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless and release Bedminster Township from any and all liability for any and all injuries my child may sustain as a result of my child's participation in this activity.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

3. ALLERGIES/MEDICATIONS/SPECIAL NEEDS/ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Allergies/Disabilities/Medical Conditions** - Does your child have asthma, allergies, or any other medical conditions we should know about in order to be able to assist your child? _____
- **Epinephrine Auto-Injectors** - _____ (✓) Check here if your child requires the use of an epinephrine auto-injector device.
- **Medications** - Is your child on medication during the program and is he/she able to self medicate? Please explain and list medications needed during program hours or in the event an emergency presents itself. _____
- **Special Needs/Accommodations** - Bedminster Recreation welcome individuals with disabilities to participate in all recreation programs and activities. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) please describe below any accommodations needed for you or your child's enjoyment of this program. A staff member will contact you for more information.

4. COLONIAL CLOTHING SIZES (*Please CIRCLE Size - Clothing Included with Registration Fee*)

- **BOYS:** Pants (Circle Size): 8/10 10/12 Work Shirt (Circle Size): 6 8 10 12 14
 Elastic Waist 24-26" 28-30"
 Inseam 14" 16"
- **GIRLS:** Drawstring Skirt - One Size Chemise (Circle Size): 5/6 8/10 12/14
 fits up to 25" waist (Drawstring @ Neck & Sleeves)

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