

### Accommodations & Meals

Men's and women's dorms are located on the second-floor of the main building. Parent and child will stay together in dorm rooms; there will be separate housing for "Dad & child" and "Mom & child". Each dorm has a modern, dormitory-style bathroom. Most rooms are double-occupancy and nutritious meals are served family style in the Academy's dining room.

### Health & Safety

Overnight staff ensures the safety and comfort of visitors. The building features state-of-the-art security, smoke and fire alarms, and sprinkler system. A unique feature is a special fire alarm, designed to meet the needs of individuals with sensitive ears. Numerous staff members are Red Cross certified for first aid, CPR, and medication administration. A nurse will be on call during the program.

### Eligibility

This program is intended for children, ages 7-11, with learning and developmental disabilities who have a high interest in exploring music. In addition to an interest in music, applicants to the summer program must have basic self-care skills, display consistently positive social behavior, and exhibit manageable group behavior skills.



### Location

Berkshire Hills Music Academy is located in South Hadley, MA, near the intersection of Interstate 90 (Massachusetts Turnpike) and Interstate 91, and approximately 30 miles from Bradley Airport, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Escorted transportation with Berkshire Hills Music Academy staff is available to and from the airport for a reasonable fee by pre-arrangement.

### Camp Schedule

Registration for the program will be on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from noon until 4:00 pm. Dinner and orientation will follow. Sessions will start on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a final performance on Sunday morning, August 16<sup>th</sup> following breakfast. Departure for families will be at noon on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Note: Although the information and descriptions provided above are accurate as of the time of this publication, details of the summer program are subject to change.

Berkshire Hills Music Academy admits students of any race, color, sex, religion, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, and national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and other school-administered programs.

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# The Summer Music Therapy Program

at

**Berkshire Hills Music Academy**



**For children with special learning needs, ages 7-11  
August 13-16, 2009**

### Where families can:

- Explore musical instruments
- Develop attention & movement skills
- Make friends
- Network with other families

## Philosophy

The Summer Music Therapy Program offers a chance for children who enjoy making music to experience a wide variety of instruments and styles. Board-certified music therapists will work with children in both group and individual settings focused on encouraging musical growth, social skills, attentiveness, and movement skills in a fun and motivating environment. This success-based program will inspire children by providing the experience of achievement in music, both individually and with peers.



## Program

The Summer Music Therapy Program is musical, growth oriented, and recreational. Each child will participate in a 30-minute individual music exploration session per full day, facilitated by a board-certified music therapist. Children will also participate in three small groups focused on group singing and voice exploration, instrumental experiences, and music and movement each day. The program will culminate in an opportunity to showcase what students have been working on in their groups.

Parents will be able to network with each other during off campus outings and free time. During the afternoons, parents will be on campus in order to experience various activities with their children and to participate in a variety of panel discussions geared towards helping parents encourage the musical growth of their child.

**Fitness and recreational activities may include dance class, swimming, outdoor games, arts and crafts and live performances.**



**Join us for the  
2009 Summer  
Music Therapy Program!**

## Staff

Our experienced staff of music therapists, teachers, recreation leaders, and residential support staff are drawn largely from the regular full-time staff of the Berkshire Hills Music Academy. Many staff members have graduate or professional degrees. Our music instructors are all seasoned performers with a special skill for fostering the musical talents of children with learning or developmental disabilities. All music therapists and music instructors have a great deal of experience in providing music instruction.

## Facilities

Berkshire Hills Music Academy is situated on a 40-acre estate in the rolling countryside of the Connecticut River Valley. The estate consists of a large renovated mansion, professionally landscaped grounds with many specimen trees, and a large lawn with beautiful views of the Holyoke Range. Pianos, digital keyboards, and drum sets are available for supervised student use.

## Cultural Resources

BHMA is located in the middle of the "Five Colleges" area. Mount Holyoke College is within walking distance. Also nearby are Smith College in Northampton, as well as Hampshire College, Amherst College, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, are all a short distance away by public transportation, and ensure a rich, diverse, and prolific menu of cultural opportunities. Swimming facilities are also available.

