

## PARENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

The following recommendations are submitted by the Bosque community of parents, staff, and alumni. This list is not intended as an endorsement by the school. Since this site is not secure, if you wish to contact the referral source after visiting the program website, please locate his or her phone number using the Bosque directory.

The posting of recommendations is an ongoing process. We encourage you to submit referrals to [abcara1@msn.com](mailto:abcara1@msn.com). Please include the program name, website, brief description, age and sex eligibility, parent contact information (optional), and any other relevant information you wish to share.

### ALL AGES

#### **Albuquerque Academy Summer Camp**

[www.aa.edu](http://www.aa.edu)

Six-week block of day camps, classes and aftercare for pre-school through high school.

*Comments:* "We have enrolled our two children at this camp both because of the quality of the programs/classes and because it solves a daycare problem for us for a full six weeks."

"All kinds of fun things, from academic classes, to performing arts classes, to sports, and a lot of things in between."

"There are classes for kids from pre-first grade through pre-12th grade, though the best selection is for elementary school age children."

"Albuquerque Academy also has an all-day day camp for elementary school age children. Our daughter has taken various classes there since she was a pre-first grader. We have been extremely happy with everything. This is a very popular program. Signup is the first Saturday morning in March and the line begins forming VERY early in the morning (before 5:00 AM)!"

"We have participated in the Summer Camp and taken fun summer classes from Academy. Both boys enjoyed the program the first couple of years, but felt it was repetitive after that. They also have taken just-for-fun summer classes and have really enjoyed those."

Referral: Betsy Gunter (parent of Justin Gunter)  
Linda Morton (parent of Amy Morton)  
Rachelle Luna (parent of Leigh Luna)  
Kim Valley (parent of Kyle and Nikolas Valley)

#### *Specific program recommendations:*

##### Ceramics, diving, math

Referral: Pam Sayer (parent of Amanda Sayer)

### Summer Jazz Intensive

Welcomes students of all abilities. Placed according to age and experience.

*Comments:* "An awesome opportunity for young musicians. A comprehensive and challenging introduction to jazz in a supportive and stimulating setting. Students enjoy working with many of the regions most respected jazz musicians in ensemble settings and in weekly master classes." For eligibility questions, please contact the New Mexico Jazz Workshop, 255-9798 or nmjwoffice@flash.net.

Referral: Mary Schaller (parent of Scott Schaller)

### **Piano**

This is a program my children went through, and I think their lives are enriched because of it! I am a concert pianist and have taught piano privately and at the University Of Southern California School Of Music. While on faculty there, we developed a system of learning that enabled a student to learn to play the piano in ONE semester. We could take them from ground zero (no knowledge of music or the piano at all) and teach them to play by the end of the semester. When finished, they could read notes, knew approximately 200 chords, could play fairly sophisticated (on the level of nightclub dinner music) music with both hands, they could do a certain amount of arranging using chord symbol reading, and they had good command of the scale system and basic music theory!

I am currently using this system with kids AND adults in a one-on-one lesson situation with great success. It is an extremely rapid way to learn to play the piano and, with daily diligence at practicing, the course can easily be completed during the summer months!

If you have any questions or if I can or should provide the school with a flyer or business cards, please contact me via this email address or by phone at: 299-8753!

Craig Brown (parent of Patrice Brown)

### **Sandia Prep Summer Camp**

[www.sandiaprep.org](http://www.sandiaprep.org)

For younger kids up to 12. Rachel went to this camp from 6 years to 12 years. This six week camp offers a variety of academic, athletic, art and music courses in a fun, summer-camp like setting.

For older children, 13 years and beyond, there are limited week-long athletic programs at Sandia Prep.

*Comments:* "My son attended the basketball fundamentals camp and shooting camp. The fundamentals camp was very basic. He really liked the coaching and practice at the shooting camp."

Referrals: Lynn Trojahn (parent of Rachel Trojahn)  
Cara Gordon Potter (parent of Michael Potter)

### **Speed reading and Comprehension**

University of New Mexico, Continuing Education

Students are divided according to grade level. The class met once a week for approximately 5 weeks, and followed a standardized curriculum that this program uses on many college campuses.

*Comments:* "It required commitment and discipline to do the homework completely and accurately, but the results were well worth it."

Referral: Cara Gordon Potter (parent of Michael Potter)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### **Albuquerque Biopark Camps**

[www.cabq.gov/biopark](http://www.cabq.gov/biopark)

Preschool-middle school. Day camps at the zoo, botanical gardens, and aquarium; usually Tues-Fri; educational.

*Comments:* "We have enrolled our two children at this camp for a few summers; they enjoyed the zoo camps the most; camps for younger kids include a lot of arts and crafts...older kids, more hands on and educational. Have not yet tried the middle school program but hear good things."

"We've done some summer activities through the Zoo/Aquarium/Botanical Gardens. They are two week courses and the kids really loved them. They had a large variety of activities from elementary through mid-high. I think the boys enjoyed these more than any of the other things they've participated in over the summer months."

Referral: Betsy Gunter (parent of Justin Gunter)  
Kim Valley (parent of Kyle and Nikolas Valley)

### **Hummingbird Music Camp**

[www.fullcircleproductions.org](http://www.fullcircleproductions.org)

Ages 8-13.

One week overnight camp, also 2-week sessions; from the website: "Our goal at Full Circle Summer Camp is to provide a safe and supportive environment where young people can explore new ideas, skills, and relationships. We encourage children to develop their whole selves through our rich and varied programs. The Full Circle experience cultivates creativity, health, and community."

With an emphasis on living peacefully within diversity and accepting responsibility for one's self, campers pursued interests such as writing, herbology, yoga, drumming, hiking, drawing, drama, African dance and others I can't remember. Run by Sean Eddington. We affectionately call it "hippie camp".

*Comments:* "We have enrolled our two children at this camp for the past four summers. It was a fully positive experience for both - lots of diversity in both physical and creative activities and the overnight aspect provided a good growth opportunity. The day you pick them up there is a "show" for parents. Highly recommended."

"Only one week did wonders for my son's self-esteem when he was in the 6th-going-to-7th grade group. He grew noticeable more mature and self-confident in the after-7th-grade group, as well. He plans to be a CIT this summer."

Referrals: Betsy Gunter (parent of Justin Gunter)  
Carolyn R. Ward (parent of Jens Dienst)  
Sara Brothers (parent of Cooper Bennett and MacKenzie King)

### **Hummingbird Chess Camp**

Grade school and middle school.

Lovely week in the Jemez playing chess and horsing around outdoors. Designed for kids who love chess, but don't have to be expert level to enjoy it. The year my kids went a woman chess master ran the program, and started out by playing all 25 kids simultaneously to sort them into groups by ability.

Referral: Miriam Komaromy (parent of Gabriel and Hunter Ewing)

### **Jewish Community Center**

[www.jccabq.org](http://www.jccabq.org)

Drama program. Part of many summer programs at the JCC. This varies each year, depending on who they get to teach, but it is great fun for the kids. They produce short play. I particularly like the facility because it is CLEAN!

Referral: Katie Snapp (parent of Andie Snapp)  
Email: KatieSnapp@aol.com

### **City of Rio Rancho – Summer Sports Camp**

We have also done the Summer Sports Camp with the City of Rio Rancho. The program was for elementary age children, but they do have programs for middle school kids also. The boys enjoyed Sports Camp -- it seemed a little chaotic to me when I picked them up at the end of the day, but the boys loved it and didn't feel it was chaotic at all. They kept the kids very busy all day long. Unfortunately, I think the program is pretty much limited to Rio Rancho residents (it fills up pretty fast and Rio Rancho residents have the first opportunity to sign up). The City of Rio Rancho has all sorts of classes and activities for kids (some for mid-high, but mostly for elementary age children). You can call the City of Rio Rancho to get a brochure of available classes.

Referral: Kim Valley (parent of Kyle and Nikolas Valley)

## *HIGH SCHOOL*

### **Cambridge College Programme**

[www.cambridgeUK.org](http://www.cambridgeUK.org)

Program contact: Ms. Taryn Edwards, Director  
The Cambridge College Programme LLC  
The John Hancock Building  
175 East Delaware Place, Suite 5518  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Phone: 312-787-7477 or 800-922-3552

The program is approximately a month long. Kids stay in a dorm at one of the colleges (beautiful architecture), and sign up for 2 courses of their choice. There are Saturday trips to London and Stratford, other activities like punting, lacrosse, choir or orchestra, theater.

*Comments:* "The brochure is detailed, informative and accurate. This is a terrific program."

Referral: Peggy Findlay (Alumi parent of BJ Dorsey)

### **ISLS Teen Summer Spanish and Surf Camp**

[www.teenspanish.com](http://www.teenspanish.com)

Ages 14-17.

Location: Playas Tamarindo & Dominical, Costa Rica. Puerto Escondido, Mexico  
Two week programs that combine afternoon Spanish lessons with morning surf lessons and weekend adventure activities. Completely supervised camp with students from all over the world. Activities include; white water rafting, horseback riding, snorkeling, zip lining, city tours and hiking.

Referral: Marjo Garrison (parent of Sequoia Kaul-Garrison),  
[marjo@ISLS.com](mailto:marjo@ISLS.com)

### **ITRP-Institute for Television, Radio and Film Production**

[www.bu.edu/com/itrp/](http://www.bu.edu/com/itrp/)

Location: Boston University, Boston MA

Ages 14-17, but primarily juniors and seniors

In this five-week program at the College of Communication, students from all over the country live in a college dorm and create their own 16mm film, direct a live, multi-camera TV program or write news and documentary scripts. They also make site visits to film, television and radio studios. Students choose their top three subjects from television studio, radio, television field, film and nonlinear editing. There are also seminars on writing, directing or producing as well as guest lectures by industry professionals.

*Comments:* "Our daughter had no prior experience and no idea of a potential college major, but she thought Communications might be a possibility. She loved the program and left with a strong sense of direction. I highly recommend the program for upper level students. It's important to apply early!"

Referral: Cara Gordon Potter (parent of Michael Potter)