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## **Summer Camp Guide Returns with New Focus on Pre-college Academic Programs**

BOSTON – The most comprehensive summer camp resource for parents, educators and school counselors, the *Guide to Summer Camps and Summer Schools* is back with more options than ever for students seeking valuable summer academic experiences.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> biennial *Guide* provides vital data on more than 1650 residential camps and schools serving children of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Programs are included in the *Guide* at no cost, as editors collect data from program administrators and conduct extensive Web research to compile detailed listings featuring location and contact information, activities and courses offered, living arrangements, costs and financial aid, enrollment and staff information, and succinct program descriptions.

Divided into chapters by program type (academic, music and arts, special needs, travel, sports, special interest, recreational, etc.), programs are cross-referenced by state and region, gender and age range accepted, session length, and such other features as religious affiliation and special-needs conditions served.

Responding to the rising demand for enriching and affordable pre-college summer academic experiences, the 2010/11 edition doubles the selection of programs in the *Guide*'s four academic chapters: general academic courses, specialized programs, study abroad and programs for students with learning disabilities. A new chapter describes select internship opportunities for high school students, and *Guide* editors have cultivated unique lists of tuition-free camps, science research opportunities, advanced courses for middle school children and programs with the most selective admissions.

First published in 1924 by Porter Sargent Handbooks, a division of Alloy Education, the *Guide to Summer Camps and Summer Schools* is available in both paperback (\$27) and a sturdy hardbound edition (\$45) that is perfect for schools and libraries.

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