

**Camp Definitions-Add to Section 4**

**R-5 – Agricultural and Residential**

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**Definition**

A commercial summer camp is defined as any of the following:

**Recreational Camp for Children** means:

1. Any day, primitive or outpost, residential, sports, travel or trip camp conducted wholly or in part for recreation or recreational instruction which:
  - a. operates for profit or philanthropic or charitable purposes, whether or not a fee is charged;
  - b. serves five or more children who are not members of the family or personal guests of the operator; and
  - c. operates for any period of time between June 1 and September 30 of any year or fewer than 15 business days during any other time of the year.
2. Provided it is not promoted or advertised as a camp, none of the following shall be deemed to be a recreational camp for children:
  - a. a child care program licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care in accordance with M.G.L. c. 15D;
  - b. single purpose classes, workshops, clinics or programs sponsored by municipal recreation departments, or neighborhood playgrounds designed to serve primary play interests and needs of children, as well as affording limited recreation opportunities for all people of a residential neighborhood, whether supervised or unsupervised, located on municipal or non-municipal property, whether registration is required or participation is on a drop-in basis as provided in M.G.L. c. 111, § 127A;
  - c. a program operated solely on a drop-in basis;
  - d. a classroom-based instructional program provided no specialized high risk activities (see 105 CMR 430.103) are conducted as part of the program;
  - e. a summer school program accredited by a recognized educational accreditation agency, where the accreditation includes standards for specialized high risk activities, if the program involves such activities (see 105 CMR 430.103), and the summer program meets those accreditation standards.

**Residential Camp** means a program which:

1. meets the definition of a recreational camp for children;

2. operates on a permanent site for three or more consecutive overnights; and
3. operates for at least four days during a 14 consecutive calendar day period in the Town of Hinsdale

**Sports Camp** means a program which:

1. meets the definition of a recreational camp for children;
2. has a primary focus on one or more sports activities;
3. operates on a site for more than two hours but less than 24 hours a day; and
4. operates for at least four days during a 14 consecutive calendar day period in a city or town.

**Travel Camp** means a program which provides care for not less than a 72-hour period, uses motorized transportation to move campers as a group from one site to another and meets the definition of a recreational camp for children.

**Trip Camp** means a program which provides care for not less than a 72-hour period, moves campers under their own power or by a transportation mode permitting individual guidance of a vessel, vehicle or animal from one site to another and meets the definition of a recreational camp for children. Trip Camp includes, for example, a program which leads campers by bicycle, canoe or horseback from one site to another.

#### **Other Events Using Camp Facilities:**

Specialty Recreational Events, Weddings, Conferences, Organization Gatherings and similar uses are permitted but shall be limited to no more than 10 events conducted within a calendar year. These events will be limited to no more than one week per event.

#### **Regulations:**

1. All camp functions shall be operated in compliance with Massachusetts Regulation 105 CMR430.000, other MGL regulations and Town of Hinsdale Bylaws as may apply to any specific type of camp operation.
2. Hours of operation must adhere to Town of Hinsdale quiet time restrictions from 10 pm to 8am.
3. Events where alcohol is to be served will require a Massachusetts State Liquor License which can be provided by:
  - a. The caterer who will be serving the alcohol presenting a copy of a valid license to the Select Board and Hinsdale Police Chief.
  - b. Or, by camp management obtaining a single event license through advance request to the Select Board.
4. Sufficient parking must be provided on camp property for any special event. Any one time on street parking requests (one side only), *if needed*, must be cleared through the Hinsdale Police Department prior to the event in order to assure proper access/travel for the public and emergency services agencies that may have to use the street involved.