



Dates of School Break and Summer Camps 2026 For Staff & Potential Staff

Monkey Business Camp is built on consistency, care, and strong relationships — for campers, families, and staff alike. Clear scheduling and advance planning help us create calm, joyful camp days where staff can focus fully on kids and community.

This document outlines key camp dates, orientations, and expectations so you can thoughtfully assess whether a session (or combination of sessions) is a good fit for you.

General Schedule Overview (All Camps)

Camp runs 8:30 AM–4:30 PM for campers.

Staff hours are typically within 8:00 AM–5:00 PM, including:

- 15–30 minutes before or after camper hours (or both)
- One 1-hour break late morning or mid-day (15 minutes paid)

Exact schedules are shared usually a couple of weeks before camp via a staff google drive.

School Break Camps

Location: Berkwood Hedge School, Berkeley

February Break Camp 2026

Dates: Tuesday–Friday, Feb 17–20 (4 days)

Required Team Meeting:

- Monday, Feb 16
- On-site, 4-6:30 PM, Site Directors save 3-4pm for leader meeting

Optional Extra Hours (for some staff):

- Set-up: Monday, Feb 16, approx. 8:15/9:00–12:00
- Clean-up: Saturday, Feb 21, 9:00–12:00

Spring Break Camp 2026

Dates: Monday–Friday, Mar 30–Apr 3 (5 days)

Required Team Meeting:

- Saturday, Mar 28
- On-site, typically 1:00–3:45 PM
- Site Directors stay until approximately 4:15 PM
- *Occasionally shifted to Sunday to support staff availability*

Optional Extra Hours (for some staff):

- Set-up: Team meeting day, approx. 8:15/9:00–12:00
- Clean-up: Saturday, Apr 4, 9:00–12:00

Summer Camps 2026

Location: Tilden Park, Berkeley Hills (See website for [summer program details](#))

Summer Sessions

- Session 2 (S2): June 8–26 (3 weeks)
- Session 3 (S3): June 29–July 3 (1 week)
- Session 4 (S4): July 6–24 (3 weeks)
- Session 5 (S5): July 27–Aug 7 (2 weeks; includes some 1-week campers)
- Session 6 (S6): Aug 10–14 (1 week)
- Session 6 Shorter (S6-2): Aug 10–11 (2 days)

Staffing & Continuity (Summer)

- We prioritize hiring staff who can work **4+ weeks**, as consistency supports campers & staff teams.
- If you're available for **shorter commitments** (start/end of summer or the 4-day session), you're still welcome to apply; confirmation may take longer.
- Because many applicants are **former Youth Leaders**, some new staff may be offered **approximately 4–5 weeks** to allow opportunities for a broader group. **This does not affect future summers**; future opportunities are based on performance, availability, and overall staffing needs.
- Final summer staffing decisions are typically made **after February 1**.
- Due to the number of applicants (including many former Youth Leaders), some **new staff may be offered approximately 4–5 weeks** for *this summer only*.

Summer Orientations & Required Meetings

Youth Leader Orientation Dinner, Tie-Dye, Games (usually only Site Directors, occasionally others)

- Tuesday, May 19 | 4:45–8:15 PM In Tilden Park at Meadows
- Strongly encouraged for all Site Directors in town (we understand travel limitations)

Staff Pre- Camp Team Meetings

Session 2 Staff

- In-person at MBC office for about 2-3 hours
- Save all, we will do one of the following windows, will likely send survey to determine: Wed, June 3 or Thu, June 4 (between 4:00–7:30 PM), Sat, June 6 10-12:30, 1-3:30 or 3-5:30

Session 3-6 Staff:

- Attend on-site team meeting at Tilden Tues or Wed before your start date-2:30-3:30pm, or sometimes this shifts to Friday morning 9:15-10:15am before start date.
- New to MBC: goal for “new to MBC” folks to work full day of team mtg to see camp in action

Site Directors (In-person or Zoom):

- We aim to align with early summer meetings (June 3, 4, or 6)
- Zoom used when necessary, typically for returning staff

What If You're Out of Town for Team Meeting?

Occasionally, staff may join meetings virtually (FaceTime or WhatsApp), usually for returning staff.

Summer Staff Community Event- Wed, June 24 | 4:45–6:45 PM (Optional, but hope you can make it)

Tie-Dye & Dinner Gathering-we'll provide dinner and time to tie dye provided staff gear.

Thank you for helping us create calm, joyful, and meaningful camp days — we look forward to another season of play, care, and community.