

Winter Camp for Kids

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Every tweenager should know how to make mozzarella from scratch



The lobby of The Charles Hotel in Cambridge is wired and wonderful with its mammoth murals and bookcases. Two budding chefs pose by in front of Joel Babb's mixed media piece titled "Mass Ave Study."

The Charles Hotel in Cambridge caters to kids and their companions

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Executive Sous Chef Jared Desroches has a way with tweens. Here he gets them deeply into making mozzarella.



Henrietta herself welcomes guests to her "Tables".



You can just imagine Marina's excitement when she discovered her bathroom mirror was a TV screen.



Part of the Kid's Camp package induces skating on The Charles own rink.

If you are a wracked with "Cape Cod Cabin Fever" as we were last week, you'll jump at this chance to send your kids - in our case, grand kids - away to camp in February.

It can be for one day or the weekend, and you can tag along since the redoubtable Charles Hotel in Harvard Square has conceived a Winter Kid's Camp which includes learning to cook from a grand master. A description of this package is below, but first let us tell you about this property.

It's a block off Harvard Square next to some of the greatest shopping and dining in Great Boston. The property is elegant to the max and a stay includes; wireless internet in the lobby, restaurants and public areas, free local phone calls, 24-hour concierge and in-room dining, library in lobby with The Harvard Coop's autographed bestsellers, books on call- a personal delivery of novels to hotel guests, "Kid's Kits" presented to children upon arrival, Complimentary cribs outfitted with bumpers, fitted sheets and blankets and it's Pet-friendly.

Here's the package offered by The Charles

24-Hour Winter camp for Kids

Saturday

11 a.m. early check-in

12:30 - 2 p.m. / Lunch at [Henrietta's Table](#), recently named one of America's Best Farm-to-Table restaurants in America by Gourmet.

Kids will get a demo on cooking different meals from the chef, learn about a New England farm and will help prepare lunch for themselves.

3 - 5 p.m. / Located just outside the hotel, kids (and adults if they choose) will enjoy the hotel's Ice Skating Rink, along with lessons and hot Chocolate.

Dinnertime / Guests will be on their own and are encouraged to enjoy the tastes of Harvard Square and [Downtown Boston](#) only ten minutes distant.

After dinner / Watch unlimited movies in your room and snack on popcorn.

Sunday

7 - 10 a.m. / [Breakfast](#) at Henrietta's Table

10 a.m. - Noon / Swimming at Wellbridge, including lessons, swim toys, floaties, etc. -OR- Tour of Harvard Square in the Charles' own London Cab.

1 p.m. Late check-out.

Package includes room, ice skating, swimming, breakfast, lunch, parking, and unlimited free movies with popcorn in the room. There is a limit of 2 kids per room.

Package Prices: Package starts at \$379 + tax

Package Date: Saturdays through February 28, 2009 (includes 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, & 2/28)

Extend Your Stay: Room rates start at \$199

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