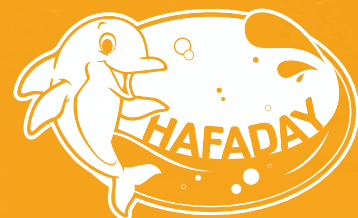




ANOTHER UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER

WESTPORT WESTON FAMILY YMCA
2025 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE



HAPPY MEMORIES, LASTING FRIENDSHIPS, OUTDOOR SUMMER FUN.



We have loads of fun at Camp Mahackeno, our traditional outdoor summer day camp, whether we're in morning circle, bouldering, canoeing, swimming, or Mahackeno Olympics.

We splash around and learn to swim at Camp Hafaday. We cartwheel, tumble, and twirl in our state-of-the-art Gymnastics Center. We boogie, bop, and move to music in our Dance Studios. You're going to like it here!

Our enthusiastic, caring camp staff are positive role models who work hard to make it the best camp experience ever. Staff go through rigorous training to ensure the safety and well-being of every camper.

At the Westport Weston Family YMCA (WWFY) we're proud that our summer campers create lasting friendships, learn important social skills, develop confidence and resilience, become independent, learn teamwork and sportsmanship, and make wonderful childhood memories. Won't you join us?

2025 CAMP WEEKS

WEEK A*: 6/9-6/13	WEEK 5: 7/21-7/25
WEEK B*: 6/16-6/20	WEEK 6: 7/28-8/1
WEEK 1: 6/23-6/27	WEEK 7: 8/4-8/8
WEEK 2**: 6/30-7/3	WEEK 8: 8/11-8/15
WEEK 3: 7/7-7/11	WEEK 9: 8/18-8/22
WEEK 4: 7/14-7/18	

* Weeks A and B are Mini Camp Mahackeno only.
** No camp on 7/4

REGISTRATION DATES

	WWFY FAMILY MEMBERS* FRI, JAN 3 8:00 AM
	WWFY YOUTH MEMBERS* FRI, JAN 10 8:00 AM
	COMMUNITY REGISTRATION FRI, JAN 17 8:00 AM

* Must maintain an active Family or Youth Membership from time of registration through entire duration of registered sessions.

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2025 CAMP REGISTRATION

FEES DUE DAY OF REGISTRATION (NON-REFUNDABLE)

\$60 Registration Fee – Per Child
\$50 Deposit – Per Child/Per Week

PAYMENT CALENDAR

FRI, FEB 28, 5:00 PM – Final Day to Cancel Registration

SAT, MAR 1 – First Payment Due

TUE, APR 1 – Second Payment Due

THU, MAY 1 – Final Payment Due



HOW TO REGISTER

Families can register online in our CampBrain system [HERE](#). Create or login to existing account. Step-by-step registration instructions can be found [HERE](#).

Registration will begin at 8AM on the following dates:

- FRI, JAN 3, 2025 for WWFY Family Members*
- FRI, JAN 10, 2025 for Youth Members*
- FRI, JAN 17, 2025 for Community Members



*Must maintain an active Family or Youth Membership from time of registration through entire duration of registered sessions.

A WWFY membership barcode number is required to register early. Incorrect or incomplete membership number will result in cancellation of any camp registration. Your membership barcode number is located on the back of your WWFY membership card or via your online account.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We are an inclusive 501(c)(3) organization and welcome all who want to belong or participate in programs at our Y. The WWFY provides financial assistance to individuals and families in need. The WWFY does not turn away anyone due to their inability to pay. Not all of our costs are covered by membership and program fees, so we are grateful for the generosity of our members, donors and supporters to help us to fulfill our charitable mission in the community.

Learn more at westporty.org/FA.

Families registering for camp with the help of Human Services or those receiving WWFY financial assistance must contact our camp office directly at: mahackeno@westporty.org.

CAMP REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT FEE

- A one-time, non-refundable \$60 registration fee per camper for Camp Mahackeno and Camp Hafaday is due at registration.
- A non-refundable \$50 deposit per week reserved is required for each camper.

PAYMENTS & REFUNDS

Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your camp registrations. Refund (minus registration fee and deposits) may be requested prior to February 28th. **After February 28th, no refunds will be given**, including registrations submitted after March 1. View payment and refund policies online at westporty.org/summercamp

FORMS REQUIRED FOR CAMP

Available online at westporty.org/summercamp

To be cleared to attend the first day of camp, these forms must be completed and uploaded to the camp registration portal by June 2.

- Copy of a physical less than 2 years old that includes dates of last physical, results and vaccination history, uploaded to Camp Brain.
- Medication Authorization and Care Plan forms (for any medications that will need to be administered at camp).





SUMMER LONG FUN AT CAMP MAHACKENO



CAMP MAHACKENO

Camp Mahackeno is a traditional summer day camp that allows campers to experience a wide range of summer fun throughout the Mahackeno Outdoor Center campus. Our program creates an environment where campers build lasting friendships. Campers are encouraged to grow and learn about themselves and others while under the care of our wonderful, caring and highly trained counselors and staff.

AGES 5* - 15

**MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS 1, 3-9
M: \$495 | CM: \$580**

**WEEK 2: 6/30-7/3 (No camp on 7/4)
M: \$395 | CM: \$485**

*Or Entering Kindergarten in Fall 2025

THEME WEEKS



SPACE JAM | WEEK 1: 6/23-6/27

Combines the thrill of sports with the excitement of outer space, creating a dynamic and imaginative camp week filled with games, challenges, and cosmic fun! Campers will feel like they've stepped into a world where aliens, athletes, and out-of-this-world adventures collide.



HOLIDAY MASH UP | WEEK 2: 6/30-7/3

Let's have the most festive week of the season! Get out your green for St. Patrick's Day, dress up in your best costume for our Trunk-or-Treat, and get patriotic in red, white & blue.



COLOR WARS | WEEK 3: 7/7-7/11

One of the most popular weeks at camp! Color groups come together to show their spirit, sportsmanship, and teambuilding skills to earn points culminating with a Friday finale, our annual Color Run.



SUPERHERO & SIDEKICKS | WEEK 4: 7/14-7/18

Calling all superheroes! Join us for a week of epic adventures. Grab your capes and tiaras and come dressed as your favorite superhero, princess, villain or cartoon character.



MAHACKENO OLYMPICS | WEEK 5: 7/21-7/25

Bring your A-game. Take part a week of camp-etitions between cabins that represent different countries. Who will bring home the gold?



BATTLE OF THE ATHLETES | WEEK 6: 7/28-8/1

Show your heart & hustle! Sportsmanship takes center stage as we enter the world of sports. Bring your team spirit and wear your favorite team's jersey.



SAFARI ADVENTURE | WEEK 7: 8/4-8/8

Get ready for a safari adventure like never before. Campers may uncover hidden treasures in a safari scavenger hunt, create jungle beats or craft wild animal projects. Every day at camp is a wild ride of fun and adventure.



WATER WARRIOR WEEK | WEEK 8: 8/11-8/15

Bring on the water games! This week campers turn into fearless adventurers, battling it out in water-based games, challenges, water balloon toss, inflatable water slides and more!



CAMP REWIND | WEEK 9: 8/19-8/23

Have an end-of-summer celebration all week with favorite camp activities and games. Join us for jungle day and the fantastical Camp Mahackeno Carnival!



WHAT TO PACK FOR MAHACKENO

- Towels
- One piece-bathing suit. (Tankini - top and bottom must touch)
- Sun Block
- Bug Spray
- Weather appropriate clothing & closed toe shoes
- Water bottle
- Nut-free lunch & nut-free snack

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LET'S GET READY FOR THE BEST SUMMER EVER!



CAMP STORE

A Camp store allowance is included in the cost of camp. Each day during snack time, campers will have an opportunity to order small snacks.



SAMPLE SNACK ITEMS:
Annie's Graham or Cheddar Bunnies, GoGurts, Nutrigrain Bars, plus popsicles on Fridays.

ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN COST OF CAMP

PARENT HANDBOOK

To ensure you and your camper are best prepared for camp, please read our Camp Parent Handbook, where you'll find information on How to Register, Policies & Procedures, Makeups & Refunds, and more. Together we can make this the best summer ever!



CAMP MAHACKENO EXTENDED CARE FOR MAHACKENO CAMPERS ONLY | AGES: 5-15

PRE CAMP CARE

MON - FRI | 7:30 - 8:30 AM
COST: \$95/Week (\$75 for Week 2)



Pre Camp Care is available for families who need to drop off their camper before the 8:30 - 9:00 AM drop off window. Campers enjoy table games and activities including cards, board games, coloring and drawing to name a few. Pre Care takes place in the tent adjacent to the main YMCA drop off loop.

POST CAMP CARE

MON - FRI | 4:00 - 6:00 PM
COST: \$185/Week (\$145 for Week 2)

Extra camp is extra fun! Post Camp Care runs from the end of camp until 6:00 PM. Campers have the option to enjoy extra splash pad, slides, sports, arts, crafts and more. Pickup for Post Camp Care is available from when camp is dismissed until 5:45 PM each day, after which children can be picked up at the tent adjacent to the main YMCA pickup loop until 6:00 PM.

PRE & POST CAMP CARE COMBO

MON - FRI | 7:30-8:30 AM & 4:00-6:00 PM
COST: \$245/Week (\$200 for Week 2)



For Mahackeno families who need pre & post care on camp days.





NEW ADVENTURES & FRIENDS AT MINI CAMP MAHACKENO



A taste of Mahackeno for our preschooler campers! Offered in 2, 1-week sessions, this mini camp gives our smallest campers the full run of our Mahackeno Outdoor Center. Experience summer camp activities from canoeing, arts & crafts, and s'mores, to developing team building skills and friendships. An amazing way to kick off the summer!

AGES 3-5*
*Must be potty trained

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

WEEK A | 6/9 - 6/13
WEEK B | 6/16 - 6/20

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS 1, 3-8
M: \$355 | CM: \$415

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WHAT TO PACK FOR MINI CAMP MAHACKENO

- Bathing suit – should be worn under clothes when they arrive at camp
- 1 towel
- Nut-free snack
- Underwear & change of clothes (placed in a Ziploc bag) labeled with child's name
- Goggles
- Water bottle



JUMP INTO A GREAT SUMMER AT CAMP HAFADAY



CAMP HAFADAY

At Camp Hafaday, our campers improve their swimming ability and learn about water safety. Swim time is held in the indoor pool at the YMCA Bedford Family Center. Other camp activities, including playground time, arts and crafts, and water play, take place outdoors under tents.

THEME WEEKS

- WEEK 1: SPACE JAM**
- WEEK 2: HOLIDAY MASH-UP**
- WEEK 3: COLOR WARS**
- WEEK 4: NEIGHBORHOOD HEROES**
- WEEK 5: OCEAN EXPLORERS**
- WEEK 6: MYSTICAL MAGIC**
- WEEK 7: SAFARI ADVENTURE**
- WEEK 8: CARNIVAL FUN**

SPECIAL CARES + HAFADAY

Camp Hafaday is an inclusive camp, where every child is given the opportunity to participate in a fun-filled environment. Campers with neuro-diverse abilities are fully immersed in the program with a 1:1 aide provided by the YMCA. They are supported and motivated by their staff-buddy to actively engage in activities, as well as build self-acceptance, independence, and connections with other campers and staff. *No extended day available.

MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS 1, 3–8
M: \$380 | CM: \$440

WEEK 2: 6/30–7/3 (No camp on 7/4)
M: \$305 | CM: \$355

AGES 3–6*

*Must be potty trained

MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS 1, 3–8
M: \$355 | CM: \$415

WEEK 2: 6/30–7/3 (No camp on 7/4)
M: \$285 | CM: \$335

HAFADAY EXTENDED DAY CARE

Hafaday Extended Day offers camp families the option to extend camp into a full day. Hafaday afternoons run from 12:30–3:00 PM. Each afternoon campers eat lunch and enjoy several camp activities, including Fort Mack, science, and music. Pickup takes place between 3:00–3:30 PM in the Bedford Center Pickup loop. Space is limited. Please pack a nut-free lunch.

MONDAY – FRIDAY
12:00 – 3:00 PM

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS 1, 3–8
M: \$165 | CM: \$190

WEEK 2: 6/30–7/3 (No camp on 7/4)
M: \$135 | CM: \$155

WHAT TO PACK FOR HAFADAY

- Bathing suit – should be worn under clothes when they arrive at camp
- 1 towel
- Nut-free snack
- Underwear & change of clothes (placed in a Ziploc bag) labeled with child's name
- Goggles
- Water bottle



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CONFIDENCE & BELONGING AT CAMP MAHACKENO

LEADERS IN TRAINING (LIT)

Leaders in Training (LIT) is a unique program for teens, to develop leadership skills, learn how to work with children of all ages, build confidence and have some fun. LIT's work as a team, receive weekly leadership lectures, complete skills training and performance evaluations, and learn counselor best practices. Post lunch, LIT's use the skills they have observed in morning activities to help lead games and other camp events for younger campers. Additionally, LIT's gain the skills to become future camp and community leaders. Application approval required after registration.

AGES 13-15*

**MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS 1, 3-8
M: \$430 | CM: \$505**

**WEEK 2: 6/30-7/3 (No camp on 7/4)
M: \$345 | CM: \$405**

*Entering 9th or 10th Grade in Fall 2025



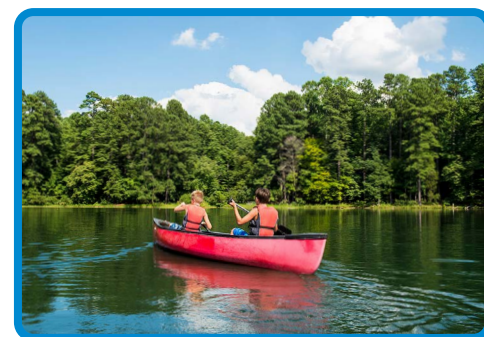
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SPECIAL CARES CAMP

Camp Mahackeno is an inclusive camp, where every child is given the opportunity to participate in a fun-filled camp day. Special Cares campers are fully immersed in the camp program with 1:1 aide. Support staff will motivate campers to be actively engaged in their group activities and provide modifications when needed. Our mission is to build self-acceptance, independence, and connections with other campers and staff.

TO REGISTER

- A copy of child's IEP must be submitted to complete registration.
- All registrations are reviewed with Camp Leadership to ensure your camper's needs can be met in the best way possible.
- A meeting with Camp Leadership may be requested to ensure your camper has the best summer possible. If it is determined camp is not a good fit, a full refund will be issued.
- We work to pair the best fit aides with your child.
- Camp provided aides are usually staff who have experience with or are studying special education.
- To serve as many special needs campers as possible, registration is limited to 4 weeks of camp per camper.
- Extended day care is not currently available for Special Cares Campers.
- There is no Special Cares Camp available for Week 9.



AGES 5-13

**MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS 1, 3-8
M: \$535 | CM: \$635**

**WEEK 2: 6/30-7/3 (No camp on 7/4)
M: \$430 | CM: \$530**



**CHECK OUT SPECIAL CARES
+ HAFADAY CAMP FOR AGES**

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TRIATHLON



RACE 4 CHASE TRIATHLON

RACE 4 CHASE TRIATHLON PROGRAM

The Race 4 Chase Youth Triathlon Program honors the life of Chase Michael Anthony Kowalski. It focuses on providing kids with a safe, healthy, non-competitive environment to discover the sport. Participants strengthen their skills in swimming, biking, and running and also enjoy games for team building, learning about nutrition, and building a healthy lifestyle. Training takes place in our Indoor Pool and Camp Mahackeno. All participants are required to attend the R4C Finale Triathlon at YMCA Camp Sloper in Southington.

Applications for the program are made available in late March 2025. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required with athlete contract and formal paperwork to follow prior to the start of the program.

AGES 6-12*

*Application required after registration

JUNE 23 - AUGUST 1

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

COST

Free, with encouraged fundraising goal of \$150 per child. A \$10 membership fee is required for USA Triathlon Membership (Paid to USAT).

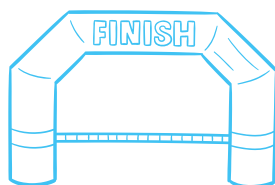


IN HONOR OF CHASE

Chase Michael Anthony Kowalski was a first-grader who lost his life at the Sandy Hook tragedy of 2012. He loved the sport of triathlon, winning the first youth triathlon he ever attempted.



[LEARN MORE >](#)



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Help us keep Race 4 Chase an ongoing program in our community! If you or your company is interested in supporting this amazing program that positively develops youth in mind and body, please contact, info@cmakfoundation.org



DANCE AWAY THE SUMMER AT DANCE CAMP



DANCE CAMP

Twirl and dance this summer! Fill your days with fun and activities at our Dance Center. Our themed dance camps will keep kids active and engaged. Each camp will include a craft and snack time.

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AGES 3-4

MON - FRI | 9:30AM - 12:00PM

AGES 4-7

MON - FRI | 1:00 - 3:30PM

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP

WEEKS 1, 3-8

M: \$250 | CM: \$325

WEEK 2: 6/30-7/3 (No camp on 7/4)

M: \$200 | CM: \$260

PRINCE & PRINCESS PARTY

WEEK 1: 6/23-6/27

Calling all royalty. Dress in your fanciest attire for a fantastical fairytale week!

CANDYLAND

WEEK 2: 6/30-7/3

Let's celebrate with a colorful week full of all things that make life sweet!

COLOR ME HAPPY

WEEK 3: 7/7-7/11

A week of movin', groovin' and craftin' to color inspired music and art! Add color to the week and dress to match Magenta Monday in pink, Tangy Tuesday in orange & yellow, Wild Cherry Wednesday in red, Thrilling Thursday in purple and Frosty Friday in blue.

FROZEN FANTASY

WEEK 4: 7/14-7/18

Gather your Frozen garb from your travel dress to your coronation gown. It's five festive days of Elsa, Ana, Kristoff and Olaf!

ALOHA

WEEK 5: 7/21-7/25

Let's take a trip to the Hawaiian islands with a week full of hula (hooping), grass skirts, and limbo fun!

DANCE WITH ME

UNDER THE SEA

WEEK 6: 7/28-8/1

From magical mermaids to sunken pirate treasure, dancers will explore all of the magical underwater wonders!

HOLIDAY HOOPLA

WEEK 7: 8/4-8/8

Celebrate a festive week with a different holiday every day! Get ready for Christmas on Mistletoe Monday, Easter on Tulip Tuesday, Halloween on Wicked Wednesday, Valentine's Day on Tenderhearted Thursday, and 4th of July on Firework Friday.

AGES 3 - 4

ME & MY BABY DOLL

WEEK 8: 8/11-8/15

Dancers will twirl and swing away the week with their favorite doll or stuffed animal as their dance partner.

AGES 4 - 7

POP STAR

WEEK 8: 8/11-8/15

Bring the sass and learn the music and moves to your favorite tunes. Finish the week by creating a music video wearing shirts & hats that we decorate during the week!

LUNCH BUNCH

MON-FRI | 12:00-1:00 PM

Enjoy a packed lunch from home, outside with your camp friends.

WEEKS 1,3-8: \$50

WEEK 2: \$40

Register for Dance Camp at westporty.org/dance



FLIPS & FUN ALL SUMMER AT GYMNASTICS CAMP



Spend your summer days in our gymnastics center! Every day is filled with gymnastics, games, and crafts! With Morning, Afternoon and Full Day options, you can pick what is best for your little ones!

FULL DAY GYMNASTICS CAMP

Spend your summer days in our gymnastics center! Every day is filled with gymnastics, games, crafts, and free swim! Bring a swim suit, towel, drink, nut-free snack, and lunch.

AGES 5+

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:45 AM-3:45 PM

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS: 5-8
M: \$490 | CM: \$590

HALF DAY GYMNASTICS CAMP

Join us for a morning or afternoon of gymnastics, games, and crafts. Bring a drink and nut-free snack.

AGES 5+

MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:00 AM-12:00 PM or 12:30-3:30 PM

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS: 1, 3-5
M: \$275 | CM: \$325

WEEK 2: 6/30-7/3 (No camp 7/4)
M: \$225 | CM: \$275

PRESCHOOL GYMNASTICS CAMP

Spend your summer having fun with gymnastics, games, and a daily art project. Bring a drink and a nut-free snack.

AGES 3-5*

*Must be potty trained.

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 AM-12:00 PM or 12:30-3:30 PM

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS: 1, 3-5
M: \$275 | CM: \$325

WEEK 2: 6/30-7/3 (No camp 7/4)
M: \$225 | CM: \$275

Register for Gymnastics Camp at westporty.org/gymnastics

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HISTORY IN THE MAKING

“Camp Mahackeno has been part of Westport’s history for over 90 years.”

Started in 1938, Camp Mahackeno and Mahackeno Outdoor Center are named after the Native American Sachem Mahackemo (spelled with an ‘m’) who used the property as a summer lodge for his tribe in the early 1600’s.

Camp Mahackeno has been part of Westport’s history for over 90 years. At its inception it was a ‘stay home camp’ option for younger boys held at Doubleday Field, a town athletic space. There were 58 boys enrolled that first summer with activities including sports, crafts, nature study, songs, story hours and swimming, which took place at Compo Beach.

In March of 1945, with the help of Mr. Frederick T. Bedford, the Westport YMCA gained the Mahackeno Outdoor Center. With \$5,000 donation from the Bedford Fund, work began to get water and sewage disposal to the site. By 1969, Camp Mahackeno welcomed both boys and girls.

Our Mahackeno Camp Directors and staff have always worked to create an environment that is inclusive, safe and fun. They take on the challenge of staying relevant in an increasingly digital society, offering kids a place where they can unplug, build confidence, reinforce their imagination and develop friendships.

With almost 3,000 children now attending our camps annually, we are excited to continue offering and expanding diverse, stimulating and fun summer programming and activities to all.



SUPPORTING A SAFE PLACE TO GROW

For almost a century, our Y has been strengthening the community and bringing about meaningful change.

Now more than ever, children need to be social, safe, outdoors and having fun. There are some in our community who are struggling financially and Camp Mahackeno provides the opportunity for all children to build wonderful childhood memories. Additionally, they make friends, discover their skills, learn new things, and so much more.

With your financial support for summer camp, kids can be kids. Make a donation today at westporty.org/giving.

“If I didn’t have camp for the summer, I honestly don’t know what it would mean. It was just a true blessing to be able to be able to be here to drop the kids off, to pick them up, and know that they’re having the best summer.”

– Tara, Mom of 2 Mahackeno Campers

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP & ENJOY ALL THE Y HAS TO OFFER!

As a Family Member of the Westport Weston Family YMCA, your membership includes access to our Bedford Family Center and Mahackeno Outdoor Center throughout the year. Enjoy fun family programs and events, outdoor picnics, hikes, swimming, archery, bouldering, canoeing, and so much more!

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