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New York Family's annual Ultimate Guide to Summer Camp, as well as our long-running Camp Fairs, which we produce in partnership with the American Camp Association, New York & New Jersey (ACA, NY-NJ), exist with the singular goal of helping families find the perfect camp for their child.

This Guide will help you kick off your search with articles about what to look for when shopping for a camp, the camp experience itself, and listings from top camps of all kinds.

However, the camp experience is so much about the people who run the camp—and all the important decisions they make, from hiring to programming to facilities—so I would also recommend attending one of our Camp Fairs. Our Fairs are free and family-friendly, and they'll give you the option to meet with camp directors (from day camp in and out of the city, as well as sleepaway camp throughout the Northeast), ask them questions, and further guide you to a camp that will be the perfect fit for your child.

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Happy camping!

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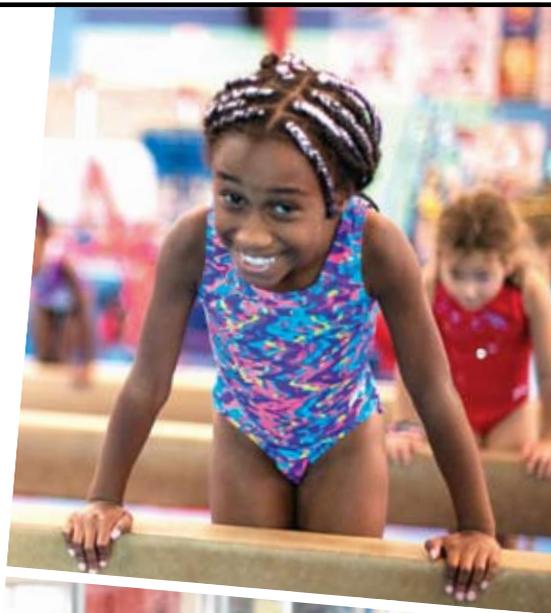
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The top 6 factors you should focus on when choosing a camp

By Jess Michaels

Finding the right camp for your child is a big decision, after all, you are deciding on your child's summer home for years to come. We spoke with a number of camp professionals about what they feel parents should be focusing on when looking for a camp. Here's what they had to say:

Philosophy over facilities

"Facilities are certainly a factor in choosing a camp but more important is the philosophy of the camp and if it aligns with your values. Does the camp's philosophy create a caring community that allows your child to be themselves, form genuine relationships and thrive in a supportive atmosphere? Is the camp intentional about creating this kind of community and helping your child learn life skills, step outside of their comfort zone and grow into their best self? How does the camp promote positive values and inspire this kind of growth? A nice soccer field and a cool ropes course are great, but the camp's philosophy is the most important thing to consider for your child's success and happiness at camp." —Owen Langbart, Owner & Director, Greenwood Trails Summer Camp

Consider your child

"If your child is asking for an art camp but you're imagining reliving Color War

vicariously through your child, stop for a minute and consider your child's interests and what they want from the camp experience. It's hard not to consider your own interests, but your child is the camper—that fact must always be top of mind. Make sure you choose a program that features their specific interests and passions whether it's soccer, science, arts and crafts or something else." —Lauren Wexler, Director, 92Y Camps

Director qualifications

"The camp director is the top person in a camp's leadership team who will be caring for your child at camp and it's important for you to respect, trust and understand who the director is. Find out what the director's past camp or relatable experience is. You also want to ask yourself what the director will do to enable your child's success and how tuned in the director will be over the summer. Positive answers to these questions will help guide your camp decision." —Scott Rothschild, Director, Kenmont & Kenwood Camps

Staff quality

"It's important to inquire about who the staff is. When researching camps, ask how long the staff training is, what the average age of the staff is, how many staff are returning and how the director evaluates and provides feedback to their staff during the summer months." —Amanda Ward, Director, Camp Chinqueka

Must haves & wish list

"Come up with a list of 'must haves' and a 'wish list' when beginning your camp search. Your 'must have' list includes the items you feel are essential for your child to have at camp. Your 'wish list' are things you would like the camp to have but are not deal breakers. In a perfect world, the must haves and the wish list will all come together at a camp but often you can't get every detail or activity you were hoping for. If your child is intent on learning to water ski, then having a great lake is going to be a necessity. If your child has severe food allergies, then finding a camp able to handle that food allergy will be paramount to your decision. Think about your specific needs prior to looking into camp choices so that you won't be overwhelmed by the many camp options." —Renee Flax, Camper Placement Specialist, American Camp Association, NY & NJ

Focus on the feel

"After your initial camp research is done, you will probably find that all the camps you looked at had nice facilities, fun activities and focus on the safety of children. What matters most is which camp made you and your child feel most comfortable and at home. All camps create a slightly different environment so you want to pick the one that feels right and fits best for your family." —Matt Krouner, Owner & Director, Camp Schodack

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A CHANGE in the Air?

How to tell if it's the right time to consider a different camp for your child this summer

By Jess Michaels

Overnight camp gives children the opportunity to gain independence, build self-confidence and become part of an intentional, supportive community. Going to overnight camp is a big milestone in a child's life but when is the right time to send a child to sleepaway camp?

"There isn't a specific age that is right for a child to go to sleepaway camp. Each child will be ready at different times whether that is age seven, nine or ten, said Scott Leonard, Director of Pocono Springs Camp, a five week coed overnight camp in Pennsylvania. "When a child is ready, parents will begin to see signs that their child is mature enough for the experience such as having successful overnights at friends' houses and being excited about the idea of going away to camp for an extended period of time."

Even a child who might be ready for the experience may feel some nervousness and hesitation. "If a parent feels their child is ready for overnight camp but their child is nervous, that's no reason to not send a child to camp," says Jill Kleinman, Owner and Director of Camp Taconic, a seven-week co-ed overnight camp in the Berkshires. "One of the best ways to prepare a child for camp is to answer all their questions and to paint the picture of what camp will be like. Involving your child in the packing process and speaking with the director about finding another camper close by to make an initial friendship with who may become a best friend or just a familiar face for the

bus ride to camp and for the first 24 hours can be helpful for getting your child ready." Kleinman also addresses common concerns on camp tours and at the new camper get-together. "We talk about the fact that kids

will get sad and that no one is 100% happy all of the time at camp or anywhere, but there are counselors and staff to talk to at camp just like you would talk to mom and dad," she says.

What happens if, after all the camp research to find a sleepaway camp for your child, the camp just didn't work out after the first, second or even third summer? Renee Flax, Camper Placement Specialist for the American Camp Association, NY & NJ says it's a good idea to switch camps if your child's camp isn't the right fit. "Sometimes there are





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minor issues that are making a child feel he or she doesn't want to go back to their camp and if you speak with the camp director, you can often resolve the issues," she says. "However, there are times that it becomes clear this was not the right camp for your child. Maybe their interests have changed or they simply didn't gel with the other children or the camp program. Whatever the reasons are, use that information to pick another camp that will more closely align with what is best for your child. You want their camp experience to have a positive impact on their life so if making a change to a more appropriate camp is better for your child then by all means consider that option." Kleinman adds: "Parents shouldn't keep a child in a situation where they aren't being as successful as they can be. The purpose of camp is for a child to thrive, not to have an average experience."

It's important to be honest with camp directors when researching new camps for your child to switch to. "Let the director

know what worked and didn't work for your child at his former camp," Leonard comments. "You also want to be honest with how your child got along with friends and if switching camps is because of relationships or the program. Both parents and directors want to make sure the transition is as seamless as possible so the more information you

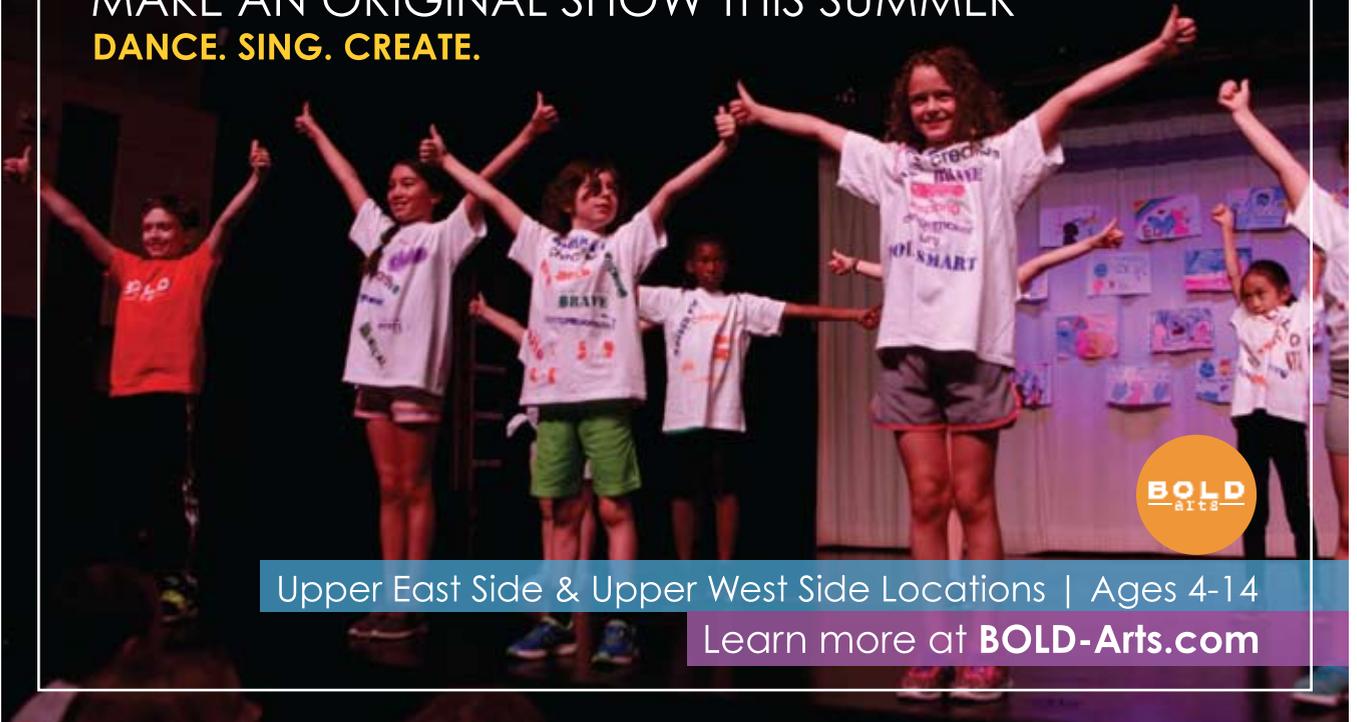
can provide, the better." Flax suggests that parents tell the directors about their child, warts and all. "Don't try to paint a glossy picture if that is not the reality. If at the end of the process, the camp director shares with you that they don't think this is the right camp for your child, be grateful that you were forewarned. Continue your search until you find the right camp and the right camp directors to make this a good transition," she says.

Kleinman notes that while it's easier to begin camp when everyone is starting camp at the same time, campers at her camp have had success starting at age 11, 12, or 13, especially if the child is outgoing. "Switching camps at an older age can be more difficult but it's not impossible," she says. "The camp director should always meet the child and get a feel of his or her personality and which returning campers might be a good fit for that child based on interests, personality and home proximity. This pre-camp planning will help make a camp change easier."

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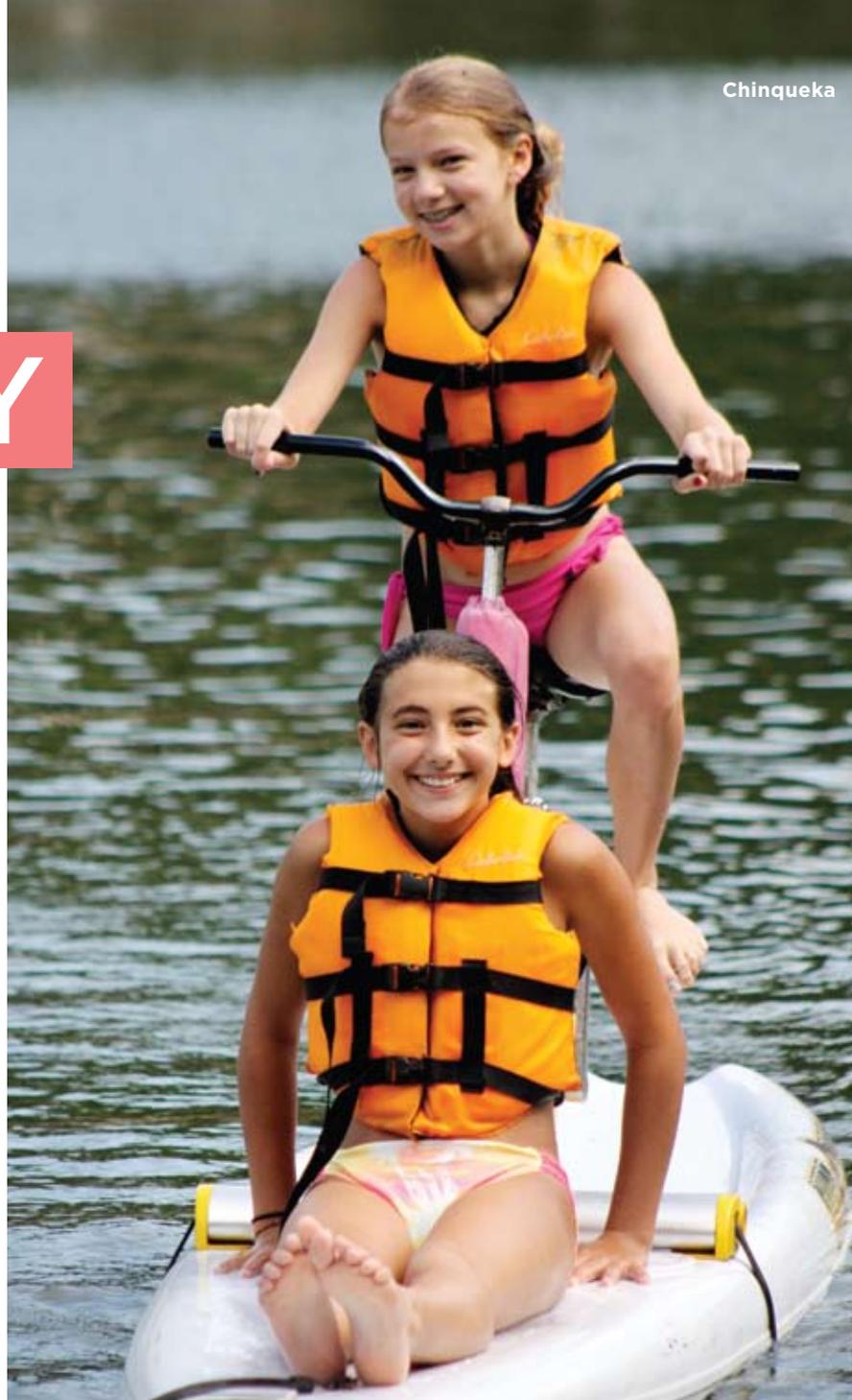
Should your child go off to camp with someone they know?

By Jess Michaels

Often times, when parents consider sending their child to camp, the first thing they think of is that they need to send their child with someone he knows. While having a friend or cousin at camp has its positives, camp professionals also feel going to camp alone has many benefits.

“If a parent signs their child up for a dance or Taekwondo class, they are fine if their child doesn’t know anyone, but when it comes to camp, parents often want the reassurance that their child knows someone. It adds a comfort level for parents and for the first few days of camp, it can help to have a familiar face,” says Todd Rothman, Owner and Director of Deerkill Day Camp in Suffern, NY. “However, when a child goes into a new experience alone, they take the first step to becoming independent and being a more adaptable and self-confident person. When you have a friend from home as a safety blanket, it takes a little bit away from that opportunity.”

Sometimes going to camp with a friend can hold a camper back. If your child is having a great time at camp, but her friend isn’t, your child might feel responsible for her friend. Consider putting your child in a different bunk if she goes to overnight camp with a friend, which can help put some separation between the two. Rothman also points out why going to camp with a friend can be challenging. “Sometimes an extroverted friend feels held back by her

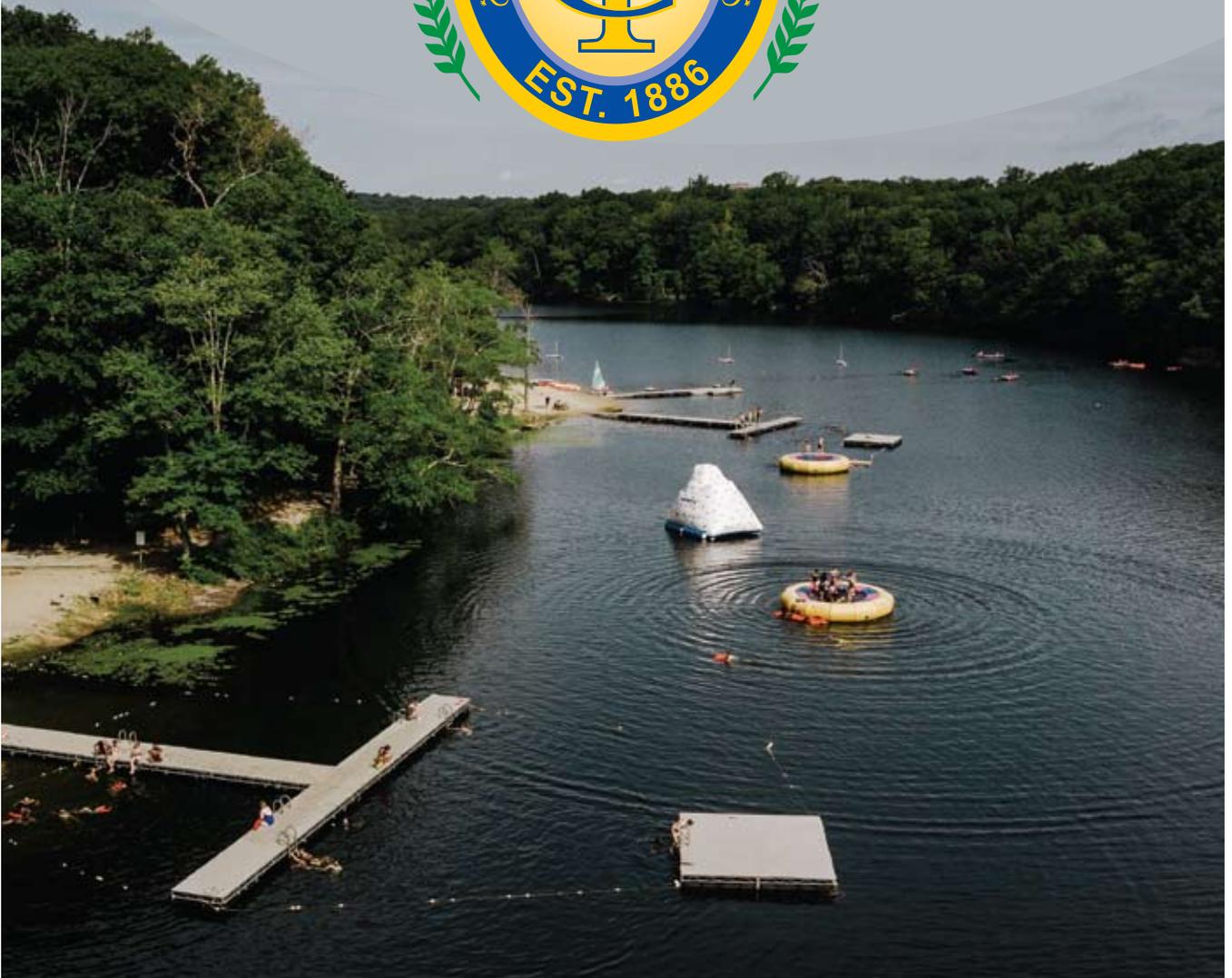


introverted friend or the more reserved friend becomes too reliant on her personable friend and never gets to spread her own wings. More often than not, someone feels left behind,” Rothman explains. Camp also gives children the opportunity to reinvent themselves. Rothman adds: “Coming to camp alone, you can be different than you are at home. You can shed your long standing school reputation as the shy kid and become the athletic child at camp. When you come to camp with friends from home, it’s hard to take on a different role.”

For families who don’t send their child to camp with a friend or relative, they should

ask what the camp does to make sure new campers feel comfortable. “Every Monday morning, whenever new campers arrive, we devote time to icebreakers and name games to ensure that every child is matched up with one buddy so they go home knowing at least one child’s name. Mostly friendships happen organically but in the beginning, when everyone’s a bit new, it can be helpful to have a little assistance. All good camps will have a program in place to help that new child feel like a veteran by the middle of their first week,” Rothman says. Many camps also host new camper get-togethers before camp begins which are great events

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Many families decide to send their child to camp with a friend, for their own piece of mind, because their child won’t go to camp without someone they know or because that is just what the family feels is best. Rothman notes that there are positives to going to camp with a friend or relative. “Having a cousin, friend, or sibling at the same camp expands a child’s network. If you know someone else who knows someone else, your friend circle grows,” Rothman says. “Friends from home who go to camp together also have the same camp experience which allows them to share things about camp easily in the off-season. When it comes to going to the camp reunion, watching the camp video or wearing the same shirt on Camp



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T-Shirt Day, having the same camp experience helps build community and camp loyalty.”

Chadwin and his co-director wife Rachel meet with each new child coming to camp and get to understand who they are. “If a child is coming with a friend, and may be a bit nervous about camp, they will tend to talk a lot about what he and his friend are going to be doing at camp together,” he explains. “We try and get him into the mode of looking beyond that and while maybe his friend will be in his cabin or group, there are other nine-year-olds that he’ll encounter and get to know. We help them visualize what will happen throughout

the day and where he will be with his friend and where they might have different interests and be apart, since we are an elective camp.”

Rothman says that while it might be hard in the beginning to go to camp alone, you send your child to camp to grow as a person. “The best way to help a child adapt to new experiences is without a crutch,” he says. “The greatest gift you can give your child is teaching them they can succeed in any type of environment and not just succeed, but thrive. If you keep that in mind, it will become easier for the lead up of a child not knowing anyone before camp begins.”



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THE POWER OF UNPLUGGING

Camp offers a perfect opportunity for kids to put the screens away

By Jess Michaels

According to Common Sense Media, tweens spend nearly six hours per day and teens nine hours a day engaged in technology. Summer camp has truly become one of the last unplugged environments where young people leave their smart phones and ipads behind and unplug for the summer. Although children take a break from personal electronics, technology does play a large part of the camp experience.

Michael Baer, Owner and Director of

overnight camps Chipinaw and Silver Lake in the Catskills has a no electronics policy, besides MP3 players for music, and believes camp is the only environment where children can get away from technology. “Camp staff has always helped campers get through homesickness that some campers experience the first week of camp, but now we are also getting them through technology detox. We have rules and policies in place at our camps regarding personal technology and we enforce them,” he says. “If a camper brings a phone to camp, they will be sent home for three

days which sends a clear message to others.” Chipinaw and Silverlake don’t just have technology rules for their campers, but for staff as well. “We have eliminated cell phones for staff other than our administration staff and department heads that use them for work purposes only. All staff keep their phones in lock boxes in the office and are only able to use them on periods off, evenings and days off in and only in designated places at camp such as the office and staff lodge,” Baer explains. “Having the whole environment unplugged promotes everything that camp is about—making life-long friendships, communicating face to face and building community. During the summer, campers and staff thank me for the fact that they don’t have their electronics. As much as they love



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them, they are so happy they weren't tethered to their phones."

As children put smart phones aside during their time at camp, parents of campers often go into technology overdrive. Each day, camps are posting hundreds of photos of campers participating in various camp activities on password protected websites, giving parents a glimpse into camp life. "CampMinder provides tools to allow camps to upload an unlimited number of photos each day, organized by album," explains Dan Konigsberg, Founder and CEO of CampMinder, a camp management software company. Parents can save photos and they can also share images to social media, download them, or purchase prints." While photos allow parents a window into camp, they can sometimes cause parents to unnecessarily worry if their child isn't smiling or if he isn't in a lot of pictures. "My advice for parents is always 'no news is good news.' If you don't hear constantly from camp, that doesn't mean your child isn't have a great experience. In fact, it's probably the opposite and your camper is doing very well. When you aren't seeing pictures of your child, it means your child may not have been where the camera was. If you are concerned, talk to the group leader or director but don't read into camp photos," says Sam Borek, Owner and Director of Woodmont Day Camp in Rockland County, NY.

For years, Baer has fielded calls from parents about online photos so he now incorporates the topic into his new parent orientation. "I tell parents that you can't base your child's experience on a few photos. Even a homesick child smiles for the camera! Instead of sorting through online photos and calling camp, learn how to speak with your spouse again or get a hobby," he says. "If you always wanted to learn a foreign language or how to play guitar, now is a great opportunity." New technology has made it that much easier for parents to see which photos their children are in. More and more camps are subscribing to facial recognition platforms that deliver photos of campers right into their parents' online account. "We take 100,000 pictures a summer. When you upload that many pictures, parents get weary of sorting through all those pictures just to see their own child so for two years, we have used facial recognition technology, making it easier for parents to see pictures of their children," Baer adds. Lauren Adler, whose daughter attended Camp Canadensis in Pennsylvania for the first time this past



summer enjoyed seeing pictures from camp and loved that Canadensis uses facial recognition, "It was great getting an alert for a new picture of my daughter and it would just come up in my account," she says.

Technology has also made it easy for parents and campers to keep in touch. While snail mail is still popular, many parents prefer electronic mail. "From within their accounts, parents can access messaging features to write campers notes. These messages are printed out daily by camp staff and delivered just like regular mail. Unlike the old days, these messages can be sent and delivered on the same day," Konigsberg describes. "Campers can even write home on special stationery that the camp can scan and upload. CampMinder processes these pages and delivers handwritten notes from campers to parents as a PDF file. No more long delays waiting for letters to travel hundreds of miles." Baer feels there are pluses and minuses to this type of communication. "Parents get instant information and want to micromanage any situation which can be challenging," he says. "I'd like for parents to give the professionals at camp or the camper themselves the opportunity to work through

any situation. In any given day at camp, a child can be best friends with a bunkmate, have a disagreement at lunch and be best friends again by dinner! Any disagreement can become a bigger thing when parents get involved and don't let campers figure it out on their own. The whole idea of camp is to give campers the opportunity to build social skills and to spread their wings. Allow them to do that."

Borek explains that Woodmont Day Camp relies heavily on technology during the camp off-season but during the summer, they firmly believe in a technology break and a focus on personal communication. "From September to May, we use email, newsletters, videos and facebook live to present new projects and activities at camp, allowing campers and their families to get excited about what's happening at camp and to feel a continuing connection to camp," he notes. "But during the summer, we firmly believe in a technology break and focus on personal communication. While we send emails with updates and changes over the summer, we want both parents and campers to take a break from technology and enjoy the camp experience."

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How camp prepares campers for adulthood in meaningful ways

By Jess Michaels

Looking for a way to give your child an edge in life to succeed in the future? Would you believe it's as easy as signing your child up for camp? Summer camp offers children the opportunity to gain the important skills they need to become successful adults in the 21st Century.

"The world has changed since we were kids. Our children are growing up in a world that is rapidly changing with the increased use of automation and artificial intelligence which raises questions about what the jobs of the future will be," says Scott Brody, Owner and Director of Camps Kenwood for Boys and Camp Evergreen for girls, brother/sister camps in New Hampshire. "It's our job to robot proof our kids so that whatever the jobs of the future look like, we have given them a set of skills that enable them to adapt."

In life, being able to talk to people who have different interests than your own is an important skill to have when children go off to college or in any career. Genna Singer, Director of Camps for the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan says social dynamics are a

huge part of what camp is about and that camp allows for children of different ages and backgrounds to interact where there might not have been another opportunity to do so. "Our camp buses run by neighborhood location, not age or camp group so you have five year olds riding the bus with 12-year-olds," she explains. "The first week, campers are wondering how to talk to the younger or older kids and wondering what they think is cool, but by the second or third week, there are magical relationships that develop. One camp parent told me her 6-year-old invited a 10 year old girl to her birthday party and said she had to invite the older girl because she was her bus buddy."

Today's schools aren't focused on social emotional learning which is becoming increasingly more important. "In tomorrow's world, skill sets such as collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity—often called the four Cs—are the skills children are going to need to succeed. According to the World Economic Forum Future Jobs Report, the aptitudes that were needed in the workplace in 2015 and what will be needed in 2020 are exactly these

skills," Brody says. "This is why opportunities for our kids to learn these skills become so critical. Camp has been teaching these skills for over 150 years and we do it in a way that kids find fun, compelling and exciting. Sure, camp teaches soccer and adventure but all these programs are also opportunities for kids to deepen creativity, believe in themselves, gain a sense of belonging, learn to be adaptable, and to build resilience."

Camp is also a place where children are able to learn how to lose. "Collectively as a society, children feel a lot of pressure to be great at things. In the camp environment, a camper can be good, great or not so great at things but it's ok because he or she tried and was successful at their own rate," Singer says. "This is a skill young people will need when they don't get into their first choice college or don't get a job they were hoping for. We teach children it's ok to not always win."

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Giving Camp BACK to the Campers

To help kids foster independence, it's key for parents to let go and trust camp leaders

By Jess Michaels

Years ago, when you went to overnight camp, your parents put you on the bus and maybe received a letter or two before driving to camp on Visiting Day, where they found out all about how camp was going. Those days are long gone. Now, parents are more involved with their child's camp experience than ever before. From online photos to group texts among bunk parents to numerous calls to the office, parents are staying connected with their campers throughout the summer. But does being so involved help or hinder a child from thriving?

Corey Dockswell, Director of Camp Wicosuta, an all-girls four week overnight camp in Hebron, NH, says that parents should ask themselves what their goals are for their child's camp experience. "If you want your child to develop independence, you have to give them the space to be independent. In order to do this, one of the critical pieces is to trust the adults that are acting in your place. You have to figure out what it is that you as a parent need to feel that trust and work on that relationship



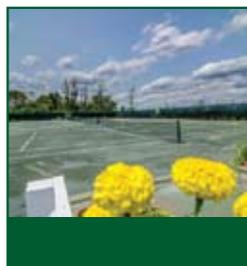
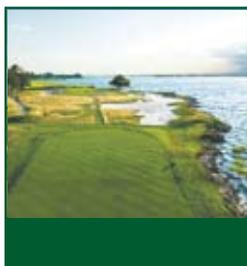


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Trusting the leadership team will allow parents to take a step back over the summer. Justin Mayer, Director of Timber Lake West, a co-ed four week overnight camp in Roscoe, NY, says: “I let parents know that we pride ourselves on our customer service and if something is wrong, we will certainly call to let you know.” He reminds parents of this as they search through online camp photos. “Online photos have made parents more aware of every aspect of camp but some parents look into the photos more than they should. They will wonder ‘why is my child not standing right next to her friends? Oh no, she must not be included or she doesn’t have any friends’, when in reality, it just means that is where your child was standing when the photo was taken. When parents worry, I assure them that photos are just moments in time and that they don’t accurately reflect how a child is feeling or what a situation really is.”

Sometimes parents of children in a bunk together will have a bunk group text over the summer, where parents will discuss things from what they have heard from their child to what they think of the bunk counselors. “We will sometimes get a call from a parent saying she is calling on behalf of a certain bunk. I always tell the parent that we are happy to talk to you about your own child and if anyone else wants to speak, I’m happy to talk to anyone,” Mayer says. However, he does encourage parents to get to know each



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other because it helps to nurture camper friendships in the off-season and helps children see each other after camp. While parents might not always be happy with a decision that was made at camp, Dockswell says: “If you have questions about specific decisions, go to the source and speak with the director. Don’t go to group texts which don’t help.”

When it comes to camp polices, it is important to respect them. “Whether that is a no package, bunk gift or electronics rule, children need to know that their parents respect the rules so that they then respect them,” Dockswell comments. “Many camps don’t allow bunk gifts from parents because they end up working against the creation of a larger community and increases competition. Camps are good about building bunk and overall camp community, and they are intentional about the way they do it. One of special things about camp is teaching campers that what they need is really right in front of them. So many children have access to so much ‘stuff’ and at camp, we try and dispense with the stuff and help them get back to the magic of personal relationships so children can develop empathy and care about each other regardless of who has what. When we bring in bunk gifts, it takes away from a camps ability to do that.”

If you are worried about your child or just have a thought, do your best to limit your calls to the camp office. “As camp directors, we understand that it feels foreign for some parents to not know what their child is doing while at camp,” Dockswell says. “It’s why it’s important to partner and build a trusting relationship with the director. This allows parents to take a step back and give their child independence, knowing that we will reach out if there are any concerns.”



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Special Needs FAQs

What to ask when choosing a camp for your special needs child

By Jess Michaels

When considering camp for your child, there are a number of things to think about. For parents of children with special needs, there are additional considerations that need to go into making a camp decision. We spoke with two directors at special needs programs, Daniel Selmer, Director of Endeavor at Crestwood Country Day Camp on Long Island and Shep Baum, Director of Summit Camp & Travel in Pennsylvania to ask about some of the best ways for parents of special needs children to start thinking about camp for their child.

What would you say to a parent hesitant about sending their child with special needs to camp?

SB: Don't hold your child back because you are nervous. As hard as it is for a parent,

camp will allow your child to blossom and start to self-advocate which is what your child needs. Special needs children need to feel self-worth and self-esteem and to work on social skills like independence, friendship building and executive skills. Unfortunately, when family members are around, they enable their child by not allowing them to do things on their own, but at some point, you won't be there and you have to prepare your child for life outside of the comforts of mom and dad. Camp does that in safe environment.

DS: All children can benefit from a change of environment and from being exposed to new experiences. Camp offers activities that children would never normally get to experience. A child who had not necessarily been successful in school, may thrive in camp. Camp has to have a complete and honest understanding of who your child is and the level of support he/she requires.

In addition to fully understanding your child, camp must be prepared and have the appropriate tools to meet the child's specific needs.

What's the first thing a parent with a special need child should do when thinking about camp?

SB: Parents should keep in mind that just because a camp serves a special needs population, it doesn't mean the camp is right for your child. Even if the population is the same, such as the camp serves children with autism, not all children are the same and not all programs are the same.

DS: It's important to remember that special needs is a large umbrella statement to which there are many subsets. When thinking about camp, parents should think about the child they have at that moment in time. Parents

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should consider what they would like their child to take away from the camp experience, as well as what is achievable for their child at that time in his/her life. It is also important to remember that camp is different from school and the skill sets, while overlapping, are different.

What should parents of a special needs child be looking for in a camp?

DS: It's important to remember that camp for the special needs population is not "one size fits all." Parents should look for appropriate staff to child ratios, as well as experienced, professional adult staff that can provide the necessary and appropriate leadership for their child. You want to find out if the camp offers programs that target the child's interests and has other like-minded campers enrolled. An appropriate camp should also be flexible and provide social and emotional training in real time, as well as opportunities to resolve conflicts as they arise. Parents should consider the track record and reputation of the camp in working with children similar



to their own. The ability to successfully work with any given special needs population goes beyond the willingness to do so. Specialized programs must be run by experienced professionals who understand the depth and scope of each child's needs and who are able to structure activities to help each child go outside of their comfort zone and be successful.

What's the best way to look for a camp?

SB: Searching online is a great start. Also, going to your tribe around you, such as other special needs parents, neurologist, speech therapist or occupational therapist, are all good people to ask for recommendations. Once you find a camp that looks like it could be a good fit, don't be afraid to ask the camp director a lot of questions and if the director is getting frustrated or upset, take that as a red flag. You also want to make sure the camp director wants to meet your child and asks a lot of questions about him or her. If the director doesn't, that is another red flag. Asking the camp for a reference allows parents to find out about a camp's reputation. Speaking with a parent who already has a child at the camp will allow you to understand certain things from a parent's point of view.

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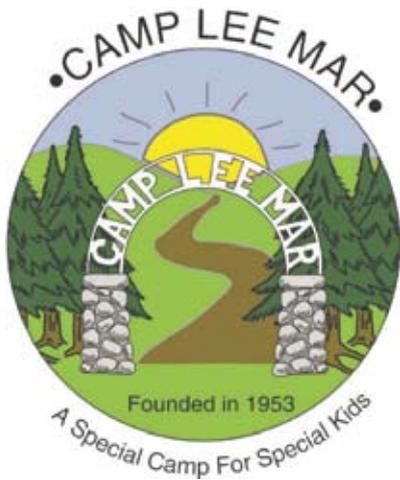
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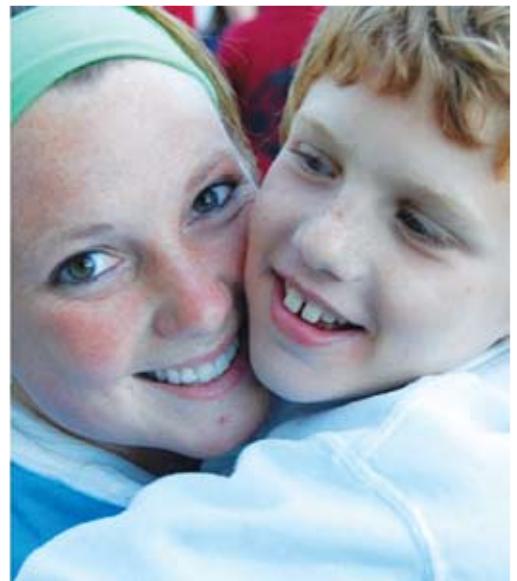
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Camp traditions & rituals bring a sense of history to the summer camp experience

By Jess Michaels

One of the features that makes the camp experience so special are the traditions and rituals that take place each summer. Camp traditions deepen the connection to the camp community and they become ingrained in the camp culture. They help to tie together the generations of campers and staff that came before and will come after.

Each camp has its own unique rituals and traditions that become woven into the fabric of the camp. “Camp traditions are important because they create identity as a community,” explains Will Pierce, a fourth-generation Owner and Director of Pierce Country Day Camp in Roslyn, NY. “Traditions send the message to campers that you are part of the same intentionally

structured experience where we are inclusive and do things together.”

Traditions give campers events to look forward to summer after summer. For 40 years, the boys camp at Scatico has done a rope burn during color war and it’s something that graduating campers aspire to take part in years in advance. “The entire camp collects wood during the day for the evening rope burn and graduating campers strategize on what type of fire to build, how much kindling to use and what kind of wood would work best to burn the rope hanging between the poles. For graduating campers, building a fire in front of the whole camp is very memorable,” explains David Fleischner, a third-generation Owner and Director of Camp Scatico, a brother-sister overnight camp in Elizaville, NY.

At Pierce Country Day Camp, two of the

oldest traditions are the director jumping through a hoop of fire and making magic rock candy. “Every child hopes they get chosen to make magic rock candy and that they are one day old enough to stay at camp late to see us jump through a hoop of fire into the pool,” Pierce says.

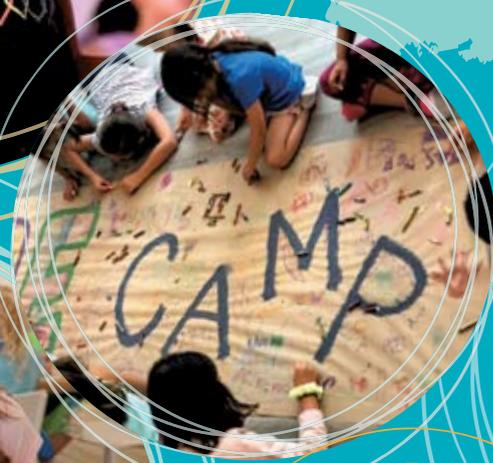
“All camps have different kinds of traditions that evolve over time. Some are things we plan and have been doing for 70-80 years but others are new and happen organically from the bottom up,” Fleischner says. “For years, we’ve had a July 4th BBQ, talent show, and fireworks. About 10-15 years ago, campers started wearing crazy red, white, and blue outfits for the evening, even though we’re a uniform camp. Campers will say it’s their favorite day of the year.”

Rituals at camp like reveillee blowing in the morning, taps playing at night, and the raising and lowering of the flag become part of a camper’s daily routine and help campers to know what to expect each day and year after year.

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are experiencing at camp in 2019 are the same rituals from decades before and will likely occur for many years to come. “There are big traditions at camp but also smaller life traditions in how you live your day to day at camp,” Fleischner says. “At each meal, the boys’ camp comes into the dining hall and stands behind their chair for a moment of silence. We then sit as a camp and after announcements, we leave the dining hall as a camp.” Fleischner says the girls’ camp comes

together three or four nights a week for an activity. “At the end of every evening activity, the whole camp sings the camp alma mater, an old camp tradition which new campers learn the words to quickly. These events bring together girls from across age groups, creating a sense of the entire community participating in something together.”

Alumni appreciate the continuing traditions that occur each year and helps them feel connected to the camp, even long

after they have attended themselves. Pierce says: “I love having parents and alumni tell me that my grandfather cracked an egg on their head to make magic rock candy. They can’t believe it’s still happening at Pierce so many years later.”

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By Jess Michaels

It may be cold outside and camp may be far from your mind, but if you are considering camp for this summer—or even 2019—there are ways to research and plan for camp throughout the year. The American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey, suggests the following month-by-month camp planner with ways to plan for your child's summer camp experience.

For Summer 2019

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Home Visits and Camp Fairs: These are both good ways to get to know a camp director and about a camp program. Ask about the camp's mission statement and what type of child is successful at camp. Camp Fairs are free events that bring dozens of camps straight to parents, allowing parents to have one-on-one

conversations with many camp directors to find out about their camp program. They can be a great way to find out about a few camps all within a short period of time. Check out the New York Family Camp Fairs to meet with camps you may be interested in. Also consider a home visit from the camp director. He or she will come to your home for a visit which allows you to get to know the director and for the director to get to know your family.

APRIL/MAY

Spring Festivals/Open Houses: Many camps host spring festivals and open houses at camp

which is another great opportunity to visit the camp and talk to the camp leadership if you haven't made a camp decision yet. If you've decided on a camp already, attending the spring festival is a good way for your child to see the camp again and get acquainted with it before camp begins.

Share Positive Messages: As camp approaches, talk to your child about the camp program and the activities he or she will be participating in. Parents should let their child know that they are confident in the child's ability in having a successful camp



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Touring: If you are considering camp for 2019, this is a good time to schedule a tour for July or August. Touring during the summer gives families a chance to see camp in action with campers enjoying all the fun activities. A tour also gives you a chance to ask the camp leadership questions while you are in the camp environment.

JUNE

Pack Together: If your child is going to overnight camp, pack together. Your child will feel more secure if they know what they are bringing to camp and you can use the time packing together to talk with your child about how much fun camp is going to be.

Mail a Letter to Camp: Send a letter to sleepaway camp so your child has a letter the first day they are at camp. Let them know how much fun they are going to have at camp.

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Fall Festivals/Open Houses: Many camps have open houses and fall festivals that offer families a chance to see the camp facilities and get a feel for the camp. It is also a good opportunity for families to get to know the camp director and

ask questions about the camp philosophy and program while in the camp setting.

Search For A Camp With Your Child:

Parents and campers should take time to look over a camp's website, social media profiles, and videos. They will give families a sense of what a particular camp is like. Most camp websites have camp photos, videos, virtual tours, and maps which will give parents and children a glimpse of the camp and the camp program. The more involved a child feels in the decision of choosing a camp, the more successful the camp experience will be.

Look For Camp Early For Savings: Families who have already decided on a camp for their child shouldn't wait to register. Many camps offer early bird specials. Registering early can be a real savings for parents and also ensures that your child won't be shut out of the camp program he or she wants. Ask the camp if they offer payment plans which can make it easier for parents to pay for camp over the year. Some camps also allow you to prepay the camp season and will give you a significant discount. Need Assistance? Renee Flax at the American Camp Association, NY and NJ, is available year round to offer free, one-on-one advice in helping you find the right camp for your child. Renee will talk to you about your child, what you are looking for in a camp, and offer you a couple of suggestions on camps that would be a good fit for your family.

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Talk to Friends and Neighbors: It's great to

ask friends where their children go to camp but keep in mind each child is different and while one camp may be good for that child, it might not be the best fit for others. Getting recommendations from friends is a great starting point, but remember to do your own camp research.

Talk to Camp Directors: Parents want to make sure they click with the camp director. Speaking with the camp director and asking some key questions is a good way for families to find out about a camp's philosophy and if it matches your own. Get to know the camp director through phone calls, correspondence, and in person. Make sure to give the camp director an accurate picture of your child and what your specific goals are for your child's camp experience.

Make Camp Part of the Holidays: Instead of purchasing another toy or electronic device for your child, you can make camp a holiday gift.

Prepare Child for Overnights: If you are considering sleep-away camp, schedule sleepovers with friends and relatives and make sure these overnights are successful. If your child felt panicked and needed to come home in the middle of the night, they may not be ready for sleepaway camp.

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Scholarships: Not for Profit summer camps offer partial or total scholarships as well as financial assistance. Parents should feel free to call a Not for Profit camp directly to inquire. Families can also contact the American Camp Association, NY and NJ at (212) 391-5208 for a list of camps that offer scholarships and financial aid.

Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account: A Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account allows parents to be reimbursed on a pre-tax basis for child care expenses for qualified dependents that are necessary to allow parents to work, look for work, or to attend school full time. This applies to qualifying day camp expenses as well. Visit the FSA Feds Web site (fsafeds.com) for more information.

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Uniform sharing: Are you sending your child to a camp that has uniforms? Ask around or post on the local mom Facebook page for camp hand me downs. Receiving pre-worn clothes for camp can be a savings of a few hundred dollars.

7 Savings Tips for Summer Camp

Fitting camp into your family's budget

By Jess Michaels

Let's face it—having kids is expensive. After school activities, tutoring and babysitting—it all adds up. For parents looking to save money on summer camp, the American Camp Association, NY & NJ offers some tips to help make camp budget friendly.

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Thinking about sending your child to day or sleepaway camp? One of the best ways to find out if a camp is the right fit for your family is to take a tour of the camp. Here are some quick tips for touring camps to help you find the best camp for your child.

- ❑ Do initial camp research *before* scheduling tours. Think about the camp experience you want for your child and what type of environment would be best for his or her needs. Check out a camp's website, social media, and video to get a feel for the program. This will be a good way to initially sort through the many choices and narrow down camps to a short list. Remember to not only think about your child's first summer but all subsequent years at camp as well.
- ❑ Don't know where to start your search? Visit a camp fair or call Renee Flax at the American Camp Association, NY and NJ (acanynj.org) for free, one-on-one advice in determining which camps might be right for your child at (212) 391-5208.
- ❑ Once you have your short list, have a phone call with the camp director. You want to feel comfortable with the leadership when choosing a camp and it's better to find out if you click with the director before visiting the camp.
- ❑ Involve your child with the search once you have a short list of camps that you like. The more involved a child feels in the decision making, the more successful the camp experience will be.
- ❑ Don't just tour camps that your child's friends attend. Try to choose at least 1-2 that are outside of your child's social circle and based on your own research. A camp that is the right fit for one child isn't necessarily the right one for yours.
- ❑ Schedule tours with no more than four camps. More than four tours will only confuse you and your child. Two tours per day should be the maximum.
- ❑ When possible, schedule a tour for the summer before you want your child to attend. Seeing a camp in action gives you a good feeling about the camp's culture and program.
- ❑ Use the tour to ask questions about the camp's philosophy, campers, staff, and facilities.
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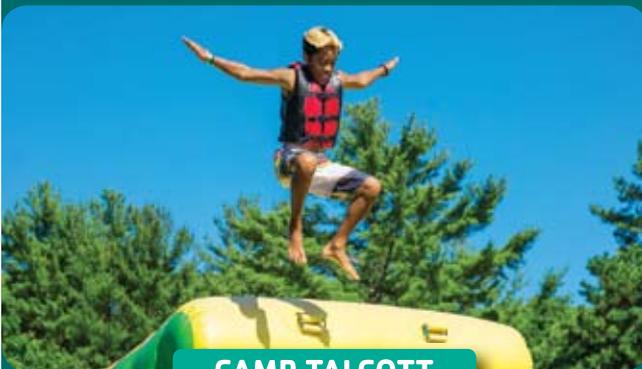
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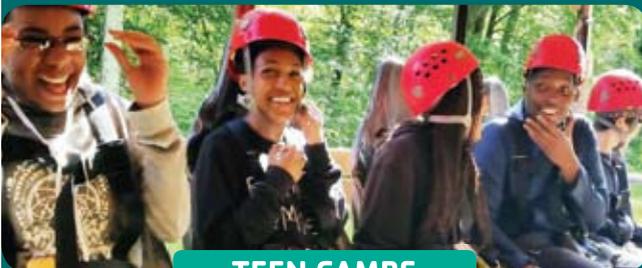
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9:30-10:00	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
10:00-10:30	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
10:30-11:00	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
11:00-11:30	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
11:30-12:00	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
12:00-12:30	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
12:30-1:00	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
1:00-1:30	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
1:30-2:00	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
2:00-2:30	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
2:30-3:00	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
3:00-3:30	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
3:30-4:00	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
4:00-4:30	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game
4:30-5:00	Ball	Ball	Ice Skating	Music	Rock/DJ	Game	Game

	Group 10	Group 11	Group 12	Group 13	Group 14	Group 15	Group 16
9:00-9:30	Morning Assembly						
9:30-10:00	Instructional Series	Instructional Series	Arts & Crafts				
10:00-10:30	Ball	Ball	Instructional Series				
10:30-11:00	Ball	Ball	Game	Game	Game	Game	Game
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3:00-3:30	Ball	Ball	Game	Game	Game	Game	Game
3:30-4:00	Ball	Ball	Game	Game	Game	Game	Game
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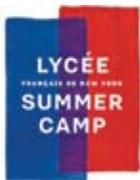
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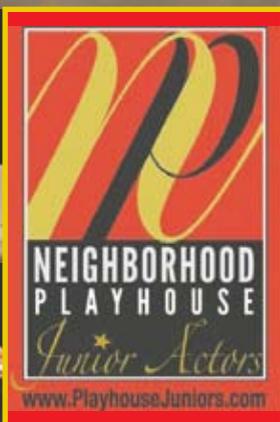


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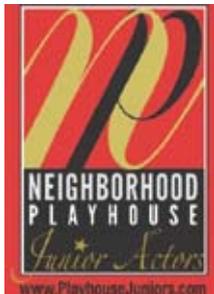
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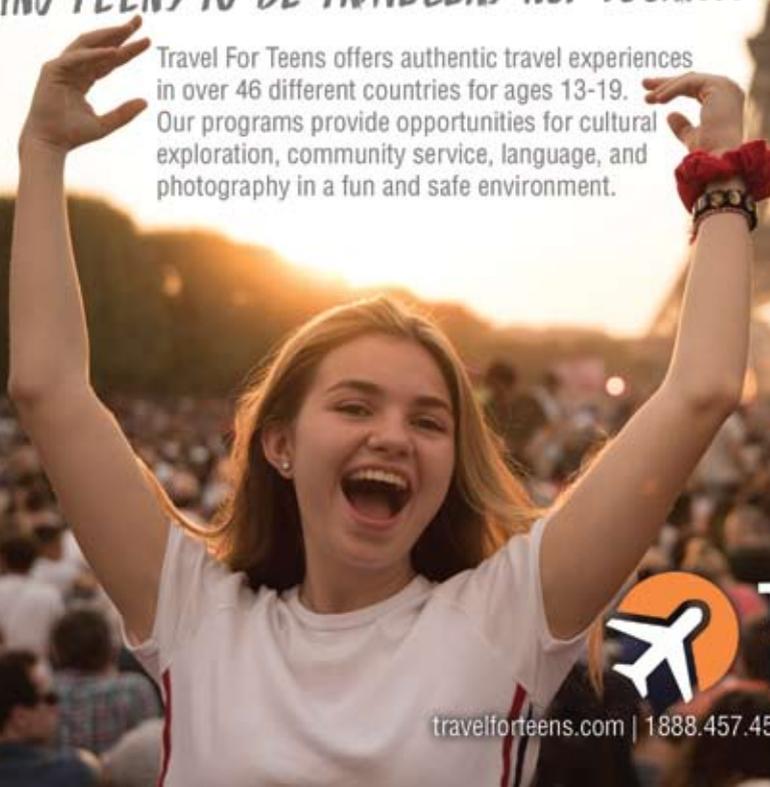
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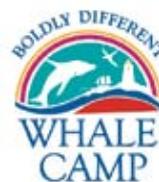
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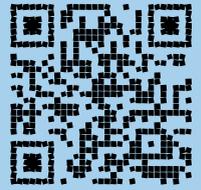
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What to Do About Year Two?

A camp director offers expert insight for times when your camper isn't sure about going back next summer

By Laurie Rinke

As an adult, sometimes it is hard to remember the feelings that you had leaving home to go to camp, or even college for that matter. Do you remember what it felt like to once again sleep in your own bed or get something from the refrigerator whenever you wanted? Campers returning home after the summer enjoy the comforts of home and, of course, the individual attention of family showering them with love and affection. The idea of leaving the happy cocoon of home can be almost unfathomable to any child, especially those who recently finished their first summer at camp, or are planning on going to camp for the first time next summer. They are flooded with a mix of emotions about home and camp that are not only hard to identify, but also hard to resolve.

It is not at all uncommon for even the happiest camper to hesitate when being asked to commit to another summer away from home, especially when they have only been back at home for a short period of time. These conversations, which happen every year around early enrollment deadlines, are always very similar:

"My son/daughter got off the bus from camp a few weeks ago saying that they had the best summer ever! They told us about their friends, counselors and all of the fun they had. In fact, they reached out to their camp friends because they were 'camp sick.' When we asked them if they wanted to go back to camp next summer, they said they didn't want to go... We know they loved camp, but now they are saying they don't want to go back."

This reaction, especially from first-year campers, is incredibly normal and more common than most people realize. However,



it does confuse parents tremendously, and can create conflicted emotions about camp for the entire family. For many children, there can also be a psychological or subconscious impact if they expressed "homesickness" over the summer, and they are afraid of losing face. There can also be a feeling that if they say that they want to go back to camp, it is somehow a rejection of their parents because they're choosing camp over home.

If you know that your child had a great summer at camp, and you can see the positive growth your child experienced at camp, have confidence in your personal assessment. Remind yourself that your child's reaction is totally normal, and that there are understandable reasons why they have inexplicably changed their tune about camp. Keep in mind that the start of camp is still nine months away. If you feel confident

that your child should, and ultimately will want to, return to camp, then you should re-enroll them. After all, you have the ability to see the bigger picture far more clearly than your child can.

At this point, children can go in one of two ways. Some will want you to help talk them through their positive camp memories, and will want to be reminded of the fun that they had there. Others will want to put off talking about camp for a while, and allow themselves to live in the moment of school and home life.

Follow your child's lead on camp discussions, but remember, if they are giving you concerns about camp, it is best to validate those concerns and help remind them of the positives they may not be thinking about at this point in time.

By the time June rolls around, and the weather is warming up, and you need to start packing your child's camp duffels, they will be so ready and excited for camp, they will ask you to send them immediately! And, yes, you will (sometime in the future), laugh with your child about the conflicted yo-yo feelings that they had about camp—probably when they get off the bus at the end of next summer, crying, because they are "camp-sick" again.

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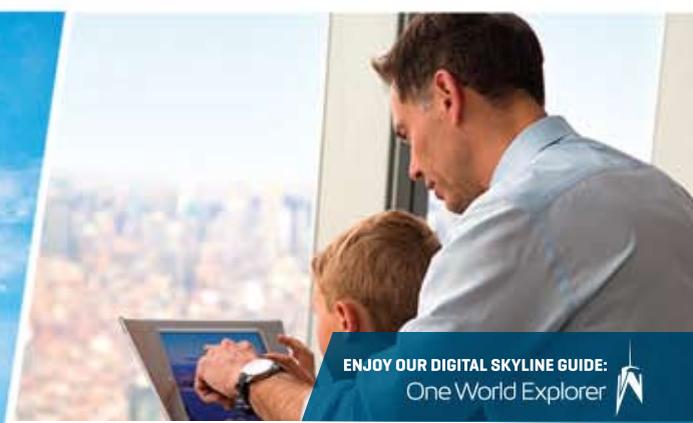
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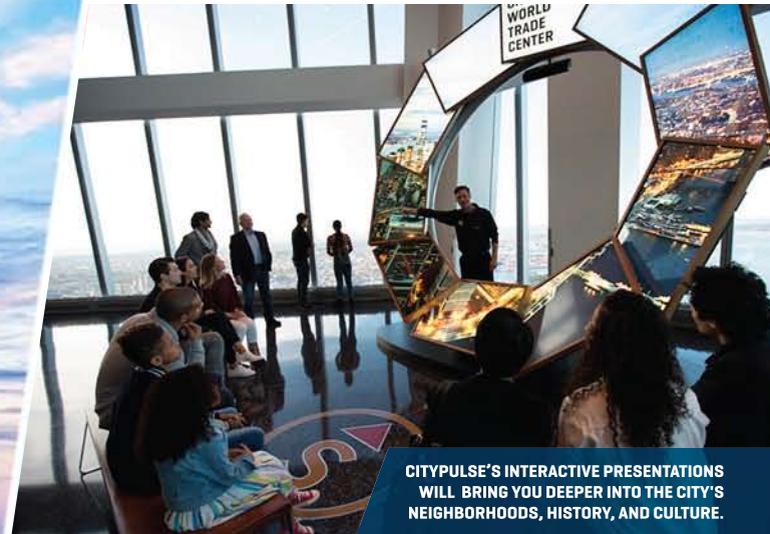
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