



# SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

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### 300 Club Swim and Tennis Club

3715 NW 12th Ave.  
Gainesville, FL 32605  
(352) 378-2898  
[300clubswimandtennis.com](http://300clubswimandtennis.com)

### Abacus Learning Center

5205 SW 91st Drive  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 758-4135  
[abacuslearningcenter.com](http://abacuslearningcenter.com)

### Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool 2026 Summer Camp

9700 W. Newberry Road  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 331-7770  
[preschool@abidingsavior.info](mailto:preschool@abidingsavior.info)  
[abidingsavior.info/home](http://abidingsavior.info/home)

**Dates:** June 8 - July 30

**Ages:** 2 years old to rising 3rd graders

**Cost:** Varies with program choice summer camp for preschool and elementary children. Choose from 1/2, 3/4 or full day programs. Open 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Loving Christian environment and great prep for fall preschool program. ○

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### A Child's Academy

3401 NW 34th St.  
Gainesville, FL 32605  
(352) 371-3360  
[www.achildsacademy.com/service/summer-camps-gainesville-fl](http://www.achildsacademy.com/service/summer-camps-gainesville-fl)

### Alliance Southeast Youth & Kids Camps at Lake Swan

647 Florida State Road 26  
Melrose, FL 32666  
(352) 475-2828  
[asecamps.org](http://asecamps.org)

### Youth Archery Camps

24880 NW 16th Ave.  
Newberry, FL 32669  
(352) 722-3926  
[eastonnewberryarcherycenter.org/discover-camps](http://eastonnewberryarcherycenter.org/discover-camps)

### Boys & Girls Club

**1. Northeast:**  
2661 NW 51st St.  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 373-6639

**2. Woodland Park:**  
331 SE 20th Place  
Gainesville, FL 32641  
(352) 377-8003  
[bgcnf.org](http://bgcnf.org)

### Brentwood School

**Summer Fun Camp**  
1111 NW 55th St.  
Gainesville, FL 32605  
(352) 373-3222  
[gobrentwoodschool.com/programs](http://gobrentwoodschool.com/programs)

### Cade Museum

811S. Main St.  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 371-8001  
[cademuseum.org/learn/camps](http://cademuseum.org/learn/camps)

### Cameron Dancenter Summer Programs

**1. Ridgeway Village:**  
5003 NW 34th Blvd., Suite 120  
Gainesville, FL 32605  
(352) 371-0761

**2. Haile Village Center:**  
5211 SW 91st Terrace, Suite A  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 335-7785  
[camerondancenter.com](http://camerondancenter.com)

**Dates:** Dates to Be Announced

**Ages:** Pre-Dance Camp (3-5 years), Beginning Dance Camp (6 and up), Intermediate Camp (10 years and up) and PreProfessional Intensive (for intermediate to advanced dancers).

**Details:** To Be Announced. ~

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### Camp Boggy Creek

30500 Brantley Branch Road  
Eustis, FL 32736  
(352) 483-4200  
[boggycreek.org/summer-camp](http://boggycreek.org/summer-camp)

### Camp Crystal Lake

6724 Camp Crystal Road  
Starke, FL 32091  
(855) 651-2267  
[campcrystal.com/summer-camp](http://campcrystal.com/summer-camp)

### Camp Dovewood

23221 101st Road  
O'Brien, FL 32071  
(386) 209-1908  
[campdovewood@windstream.net](mailto:campdovewood@windstream.net)  
[www.campdovewood.org](http://www.campdovewood.org)

#### Dates and Cost:

First Session: 2 weeks: June 7th - June 20th, \$1,595  
Second Session: 1 week: June 21st-June 27th, \$1,095  
Third Session: 1 week: June 28th-July 4th \$1,095  
Fourth Session: 1 week July 5th- July 11th \$1,095

**Ages:** 7-17

Our program encourages each girl to find their niche and realize God has an incredible purpose for their life. We offer one and two-week resident sessions. ★●~×○→—~▶

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### Camp Good News

120 Twin Lakes Road  
Hawthorne, FL 32640  
(352) 481-3550  
[campgoodnewsfl.com](http://campgoodnewsfl.com)

### Camp Invention: Spark Presented by: Hidden Oak Elementary School

2100 Fort Clarke Blvd. Basecamp 1  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(800) 968-4332  
[invent.org/programs/camp-invention](http://invent.org/programs/camp-invention)

### Camp Kulaqua

23400 NW 212th Ave.  
High Springs, FL 32643  
(386) 454-1351  
[campkulaqua.com/kulaqua-s-summer-camp](http://campkulaqua.com/kulaqua-s-summer-camp)

### Camp Makerie

3536 NW 8th Ave.  
Gainesville, FL 32605  
(352) 363-5399  
[magic@campmakerie.com](mailto:magic@campmakerie.com)  
[campmakerie.com](http://campmakerie.com)

### Canopy Oak Trails Horseback Riding

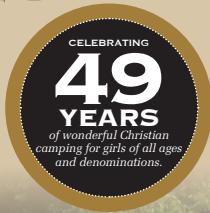
1531 SW 107th St.  
Archer, FL 32618  
(352) 443-9456  
[facebook.com/canopyoaktrails](http://facebook.com/canopyoaktrails)

### College for Kids at Santa Fe College

3000 NW 83rd St.  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 395-5193  
[sfcollege.edu/cfk](http://sfcollege.edu/cfk)

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[campdovewood@windstream.net](mailto:campdovewood@windstream.net)



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## FLOWERS MONTESSORI SUMMER CAMP



**DATES:**  
June 1 - July 24  
**AGES:**  
2.5 - 6 years

**Flowers Montessori** has served families in the Gainesville area since 1973. We are committed to helping each child develop personal autonomy, as well as respectful and productive peer relations. We strive to provide education that is tailored to the needs of each student, and that encourages the development of their mental, physical, and emotional abilities. We are constantly evolving and changing our activities, to maintain interest in the materials and inspire independence in our students. We hope to instill effective learning strategies in each child, and kindle a life-long love of learning. As guides to your children, we continue to grow and learn alongside them. Our daily pledge is to be sensitive to the needs of each child, and to approach them with understanding, patience, and love.



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Our eight week summer camp program is a chance for children to engage with the Montessori curriculum, as well as additional specialty activities related to each week's theme.

**We hope to see you for the best summer ever!**

Contact Us: (352) 376-4700 • [flowersmontessori.com](http://flowersmontessori.com) • [flowersmontessori.school@gmail.com](mailto:flowersmontessori.school@gmail.com)  
3111 NW 31st Avenue • Gainesville, Florida 32605

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### Corks & Colors

3415 W. University Ave.  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 373-8847  
[corkscolors.com/class-calendar](http://corkscolors.com/class-calendar)

### Camp Shands Scouts BSA Summer Camp

1453 Baden Powell Road  
Hawthorne, FL 32640  
(904) 388-0591  
[campshands.org](http://campshands.org)

### DB Racquet Club Tennis Summer Camp

5100 NW 53rd Ave.  
Gainesville, FL 32653  
(352) 377-9580  
[dbtennis.com](http://dbtennis.com)

### Foundation For Dreams Oaks Camp

16110 Dream Oaks Place  
Bradenton, FL 34212  
(941) 746-5659  
[foundationfordreams.org](http://foundationfordreams.org)

### Florida 4-H Camp Cloverleaf

126 Cloverleaf Road  
Lake Placid, FL 33852  
(863) 465-4884  
[florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/camps/camp-cloverleaf](http://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/camps/camp-cloverleaf)

### Florida Diabetes Camp

PO Box 14136  
Gainesville, FL 32604  
(352) 334-1321  
[floridiadiabetescamp.org/summer-camps](http://floridiadiabetescamp.org/summer-camps)

### Florida Youth Institute

[students@cpet.ufl.edu](mailto:students@cpet.ufl.edu)  
[cpet.ufl.edu/students/uf-cpet-summer-programs](http://cpet.ufl.edu/students/uf-cpet-summer-programs)

### Flowers Montessori Summer Camp

3111 NW 31st Ave.  
Gainesville, FL 32605  
(352) 376-4700  
[flowersmontessori.school@gmail.com](mailto:flowersmontessori.school@gmail.com)  
[flowersmontessori.com](http://flowersmontessori.com)  
**Dates:** June 1 - July 24  
**Ages:** 2.5 - 6 years  
**Cost:** \$2,430  
Flowers Montessori offers an eight-week summer camp program allowing kids to engage with the Montessori curriculum in addition to special activities corresponding to different weekly themes. ★●~●○→■▶

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### Funworks Action Camp

1311 NW 76th Blvd.  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 332-0555  
[funworks.com](http://funworks.com)

### Gainesville Juniors Volleyball Club

3606 SW 34th St.  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 234-4604  
[gainesvillejuniorsvolleyball.com/club/campsandclinics](http://gainesvillejuniorsvolleyball.com/club/campsandclinics)

### Gator Junior Golf Association

(352) 575-0636  
[gatorjuniorgolf.org](http://gatorjuniorgolf.org)

### Gator Pharmacy

Exploration Camp  
[prepharmacy@cop.ufl.edu](mailto:prepharmacy@cop.ufl.edu)  
[cpet.ufl.edu/students/uf-cpet-summer-programs/gator-pharmacy-exploration-camp](http://cpet.ufl.edu/students/uf-cpet-summer-programs/gator-pharmacy-exploration-camp)

### Gator Sports Camps

Baseball, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Softball, Swimming, Soccer  
[floridagators.com/sports/2015/12/10/\\_camps](http://floridagators.com/sports/2015/12/10/_camps)

### Gator Vet Camp

[cpet@cpet.ufl.edu](mailto:cpet@cpet.ufl.edu)  
[cpet.ufl.edu/students/uf-cpet-summer-programs/gator-vet-camp](http://cpet.ufl.edu/students/uf-cpet-summer-programs/gator-vet-camp)

### Gatorball Summer Baseball and Softball Camp

3401 NW 143rd St.  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 514-4414  
[sbarton@gatorballtraining.com](mailto:sbarton@gatorballtraining.com)  
[gatorballtraining.com/summer-camp](http://gatorballtraining.com/summer-camp)

### Gatorland Band Camps

1556 Inner Road  
Gainesville, Florida 32611  
(352) 273-3146  
[ufbandcamps.com](http://ufbandcamps.com)

### G.C.D.S. Summer Camp

6801 SW 24th Ave.  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 332-7783  
[luci@gainesvillecountrydayschool.org](mailto:luci@gainesvillecountrydayschool.org)  
[gainesvillecountrydayschool.org](http://gainesvillecountrydayschool.org)  
**Dates:** Check our website for details  
**Ages:** 4 years old - 5th grade  
**Cost:** Contact email or visit website for prices.  
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### Girl Scout Camp Kateri

183 Camp Shalom Trail  
Hawthorne, FL 32640  
(352) 546-5271  
[girlscouts-gateway.org](http://girlscouts-gateway.org)

### Haile Equestrian Center

7680 SW 46th Blvd.  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 665-7433  
[hailequestrian.com/horse-camps](http://hailequestrian.com/horse-camps)

### Hippodrome

25 SE 2nd Place  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 375-4477  
[thehipp.org/education](http://thehipp.org/education)

### Holy Trinity Episcopal School of Gainesville, Inc.

301 N. Main St.  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 377-2290  
[htesngv.org](http://htesngv.org)  
**Admission:** Jason Hill  
**Specialty:** Full day and part-time Early Learning Center located in downtown Gainesville that uses a state-approved curriculum.  
**Ages:** 6 weeks to 5 years old  
**Teacher/Student Ratio:** Infants 1/3, Ones 1/4, Twos 1/6, Threes and up 1/8

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### i9 Sports Camp

4000 SW 122nd St.  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 283-8586  
[i9sports.com](http://i9sports.com)

# Cameron *Dancenter*

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We offer three camps for different ages and levels including a Pre-Dance Camp for 3-5 yrs of age, a Beginning Dance Camp for ages 6 and up, an Intermediate Camp for ages 10 and up, and a PreProfessional Intensive for Intermediate to Advanced Dancers with guest teaching artists.

*Home of the Danscompany of Gainesville*

5003 NW 34th Blvd Suite 120 ~ Ridgeway Village  
Haile Village Center \* 5211-A S.W. 91<sup>st</sup> Terrace

371-0761 \* 335-7785  
[www.camerondancenter.com](http://www.camerondancenter.com)

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Heart



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to find out more info and to register!

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### IndepenDANCE Studio (Brand New Facility)

13537 NW 1st Lane  
Newberry, FL 32669  
(352) 337-0017  
[independancestudio.com](http://independancestudio.com)

#### 2026 Summer Dance Session

June 8 - August 7

- Registration open February 1
- Schedule online
- Abbreviated year-round class schedule
- Accepting NEW iDancers
- Current members rollover enrollment
- All ages, rates vary

#### Summer Camp Calendar

\*Member discounts available

### KPop Summer Hunters Camp

K-Pop, Dance, Games, Arts & Crafts  
June 8 - June 12  
8:45 a.m. - Noon  
Ages 5 and up  
\$224

### Moana & Maui Magic Camp

Dance, Games, Arts & Crafts  
June 15 - June 19  
8:45 a.m. - Noon  
Ages 3 and up  
\$197

### Game On: iDance Mode Camp

Technology Themed Hip Hop & Acro Dance  
Fundamentals, Games, Arts & Crafts  
July 6 - July 10  
8:45 a.m. - Noon  
Ages 5 and up  
\$224

### Wicked Awesome Musical Theatre Camp\*

Acting, Singing, Dancing, Games, Arts & Crafts  
July 13 - July 17  
8:45 a.m. - Noon  
Ages 8 and up  
\$242

\*Community Theater Guest Instructors

### Camp Bluey Beach Bash

Dance, Games, Arts & Crafts  
July 20 - July 24  
8:45 a.m. - Noon  
Ages 3 and up  
\$197

### Gameday: Spirit Squad Camp\*

Dance Team Skills, Arts & Crafts  
July 27 - July 31  
8:45 a.m. - Noon  
Ages 5 and up  
\$242

\*Presented with the UF Dazzlers

### iILLUMINATE iDANCE iINTENSIVE\*

Competitive dance intensive - precursor to our Season 18 Competitive Team Auditions  
August 3 - August 7  
Schedule determined by age and skill level registered  
Ages 5 and up  
\$377

\*Leading industry professional instructors and choreographers

### Auditions: Season 18 iDance

#### Competitive Team\*

August 14 - 16  
Schedule TBA  
Ages 5 and up  
\*Contact the studio for interest forms



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### Ironwood Golf Course

2100 NE 39th Ave.  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 393-8500  
[ironwoodgolfcourse.org/junior-programs](http://ironwoodgolfcourse.org/junior-programs)

### Jordan Glen School & Summer Camp

12425 SW 154th St.  
Archer, FL 32618  
(352) 495-2728  
[info@jordanglen.org](mailto:info@jordanglen.org)  
[jordanglen.org](http://jordanglen.org)

**Dates:** June 9 - July 18

**Ages:** K - 8th Grade

**Cost:** \$475/week, \$1,250 for each

three week session, \$2,050 for 6 weeks.

Ask about sibling discount!



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### Kiddie Academy of Gainesville

6476 SW 75th St.  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 264-7724  
[kiddieacademy.com/academies/gainesville-fl/programs/summer-camp](http://kiddieacademy.com/academies/gainesville-fl/programs/summer-camp)

### KidStrong

6020 NW 4th Place, Suite 6  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 244-9818  
[kidstrong.com/gainesvillecamps](http://kidstrong.com/gainesvillecamps)

### La Petite Academy

#### Summer Camp

2755 SW Archer Road  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(877) 271-6466  
[lapetite.com/educational-programs/summer-camp](http://lapetite.com/educational-programs/summer-camp)

### Lyrico Conservatory

3601 SW 2nd Ave Suite C,  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352)-756-0005  
[lyricoconservatory.com](http://lyricoconservatory.com)

### Millhopper Montessori School

#### Summer Camp

8505 NW 39th Ave.  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
(352) 375-6773  
[millhopper.com](http://millhopper.com)

### Momentum Dance Arts

1. 133 SW 130th Way Ste. H  
Newberry, FL 32669
2. 13100 Tech City Circle, Ste 400  
Building C  
Alachua, FL 32615  
[momentumdancearts.com](http://momentumdancearts.com)

### Montgomery Presbyterian Center Camp

88 SE 75th St.  
Starke, FL 32091  
(352) 473-4516  
[montgomerycenter.org](http://montgomerycenter.org)

### North Florida Fishing Camp

(904) 860-8361  
[northfloridafishingcamp.com](http://northfloridafishingcamp.com)

### Oak Hall Summer Program

1700 SW 75th St.  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 332-3609  
[dtripp@oakhall.org](mailto:dtripp@oakhall.org)  
[oakhallsummerprogram.org](http://oakhallsummerprogram.org)

**Dates:** May 26 - July 24

**Ages:** Ages 3 and up

The Oak Hall Summer Program is a welcoming, diverse and supportive camp community helping campers discover their passion. Over 100 full and half-day camps are available for campers ages 3-18. All camps are open to the Gainesville community.

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# The Dance Alive Summer Experience!

June 1 - August 2

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- ballet • tap • jazz • tap • acrobatics
- contemporary • adults

## WORKSHOPS FOR EVERYONE!

- **Weekly Classes** - June 22 – July 24, ages 3 through adult
- **Full Day Intensive I** for Advanced-intermediate ages 12-18, June 1-6
- **Full Day Intensive II** for Advanced-intermediate ages 12-18, July 27 – August 2
- **Full Day Intensive III** for Intermediate ages 10-14, June 15-20
- **Half-Day Youth Intensive** ages 7-10, June 8-12, 9-1
- **Half-Day Adult Intensive** – June 8-12, 5:30-9:30

DIRECTORS JUDY SKINNER AND KIM TUTTLE



For information contact Judy Skinner: [judy@dancealive.org](mailto:judy@dancealive.org) | Classes held at Pofahl Studios, 1325 NW 2nd St  
[www.dancealive.org/gainesville-summer-intensives](http://www.dancealive.org/gainesville-summer-intensives)

## Holy Trinity Episcopal School of Gainesville, Inc.



**Ages:** 6 weeks to 5 years old • **Teacher/Student Ratio:** Infants 1/3, Ones 1/4, Twos 1/6, Threes and up 1/8

- Holy Trinity Episcopal School of Gainesville has served families in the Gainesville area since 1974.
- Located downtown just minutes from UF, Shands and the VA.
- Walking distance to City Hall.
- Small class sizes with low teacher to student ratios.
- Full-time care for infants along with full-time or part-time care for 1 years old to 5 years old.
- They are an outreach mission of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and open to all faiths and backgrounds.
- Scholarships for School Readiness families are available.
- State approved curriculum with age appropriate play based activities.
- Tuition discount for first responders.

Visit their website or call the school to set up a tour.

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### Orange Blossom Prep

6200 SW Archer Road  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 375-8900  
[orangeblossomprep.com](http://orangeblossomprep.com)

### O2B Kids!

7 locations in Gainesville, Alachua & Lake City.  
(352) 332-5500  
[o2bkids.com](http://o2bkids.com)

### Okito America

6900 SW Archer Road  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
(352) 338-7262  
[okitoamerica.com/services/camps](http://okitoamerica.com/services/camps)

### Play Tennis Gainesville

1001 NW 34th St.  
Gainesville, FL 32605  
(352) 559-8860  
[playtennisgainesville.com](http://playtennisgainesville.com)

### Pofahl Studios, Resident School of Dance Alive National Ballet, Summer Intensives

1325 NW 2nd St.  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 373-1166  
[judy@dancealive.org](mailto:judy@dancealive.org)  
[dancealive.org/gainesville-summer-intensives/](http://dancealive.org/gainesville-summer-intensives/)  
**Dates:** Weekly Classes June 22-July 24. Full Day Intensive I June 1-6. Full Day Intensive II July 27 - Aug. 2. Full Day Intensive III June 15-20. Half-Day Youth Intensive June 8-12. Half-Day Adult Intensive June 8-12  
**Ages for Intensives:** Intermediate—advanced ballet and contemporary/jazz.  
Dance Alive National Ballet & Resident School Pofahl Studios Presents The Dance Alive Summer Experience! ~

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### Pony Paddock Summer Horse Camp

704 NW 202nd St.  
Newberry, FL 32669  
(386) 853-0615  
[pony-paddock.com/horseback-riding-camps](http://pony-paddock.com/horseback-riding-camps)  
Only available for currently enrolled students

### Queen of Peace Catholic Academy Camp

10900 SW 24th Ave.  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 332-8808  
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(352) 376-6615

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IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING FOR

# SUMMER CAMPS!

BY REBECCA VITKUS

**For many kids this summer, camp is where they're headed. It is a place to create lifelong friendships and memories that last for decades to come. There are many options and activities to choose from, so it's time to start planning for summer camps now!**

## THE DAY CAMP EXPERIENCE

When parents have great memories of childhoods spent singing campfire songs, it's hard to understand the reluctance their kids may have about going away for the summer. The decision of whether or not to send a kid to summer camp can be incredibly stressful and often lasts for years. So what's a parent to do when a kid just won't go?

If you're an anxious parent with an anxious child, the best bet is to wait

until you're both more comfortable. Try introducing your child to a day camp so they can meet new friends and experience what it's like, just for a few hours. Let them know it's fine to be nervous, but try not to let any of your own anxiety show.

To encourage your child to try out a new camp, involve them in the selection process. Find camp environments that will interest them, and give them power to choose their own experience. Take them shopping for new camp clothes and invite their questions, doing your best to put off any worries they may have.

You know your child best, so use your instincts to determine when, if ever, is the right time for sleep-away camp, and remember to consider day camp as an alternative route.



## KEEP IN TOUCH!

Some of the best friendships in a child's life develop through hours spent at camp, so it's important for campers to stay connected. In the world of social media and instant messaging, there's no excuse for lost friendships just because the kids live far away. Connect with the other campers' parents online to stay in contact. Even better, encourage the kids to write to each other, and help them send mail to their new pen pals. After all, everyone loves getting a letter!

Start planning now for summer camp so that when the time comes, both you and your kiddo are ready. Happy camping!

## OVERNIGHT CAMP LIST

With all the excitement of a summer at sleep-away camp, it's easy to forget something important! Make sure your children have all the necessities before you send them off to camp.

- Bedding and linens (beach and bath towels)
- Clothes for all weather (heat, cold, rain) and activities (bathing suits, pajamas)
- A journal and pens or pencils
- Plenty of stamped, addressed envelopes for writing letters home
- Sneakers, shower shoes and extra socks
- Toiletries and lip balm
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Flashlight and water bottle
- Medications or other health needs
- Cash, as you see fit

## PACKING A HEALTHY CAMP LUNCH

Keep kids healthy, hydrated and happy at summer camp with these yummy lunch options.

- Veggie sticks
- Rice cakes
- Apple slices
- Raisins
- Hummus
- Bananas
- Grapes
- Pretzels
- Oranges
- Peanut butter and apples
- Graham crackers and Nutella
- Chips and salsa
- Fresh fruit cups
- Applesauce
- Nuts
- Granola bars
- Cheese sticks

## NOTES:

- Always pack an ice pack, hand wipes and disposable silverware.
- Avoid mayo-based foods.