PREPARING FOR SUMMER
CHILDCARE AND CAMPS
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WE WILL MAKE TIME FOR

Pieces to consider
Common camp "filters"
Vetting a camp
Q and A
CAMP PUZZLE

- Your summer travel and vacation plans
- Your appointments, work responsibilities, etc.
- Peak weeks and early registration
- What is true for your kid(s)
- What do you want from a camp?
CAMP DYNAMICS FOR KIDS

• Every camp is different
• Proximity to you
• Friends at camp
• Longer camps
• Taking a breather week
PIECES TO CONSIDER

- The Camp Puzzle
- Camp dynamics for kids
- Get on newsletters and email lists NOW
- Ask friends, colleagues, fellow parents
- Get on FB Ithaca Mamas and FB Cornellians Parenting
- Tompkins County Summer Camp Guide
SUMMER CARE FOR YOUNG ONES
(< 3 YEARS)

- Normal childcare provider
- Filling in gaps
  Cornell Care.com
  Afterschool providers/teachers
  Sharing the caregiving/partnering up with families
  “Parent Helpers”
- Child Development Council for assistance  607-373-0259
COMMON CAMP “FILTERS”

How families begin to find camps
Which Weeks?

• Week of June 26 - first week of summer

• Week of August 26 - last week before Labor Day
FOR YOUNG CAMPERS

What is young?

- 3-4 years = often shorter or half day programs

- Rising Kindergartener and older = full day programs
VETTING SUMMER CAMPS

- What does a typical day look like?
- Can the camp accommodate my camper’s needs like allergies, chronic conditions, medications, etc.?
- What is the camper to counselor ratio?
- What type of training do the counselors and leaders take part in prior to camp start?
- Is the camp registered with the Child Development Council? And, does the camp have a permit with Tompkins Whole Health?
- Are vaccinations required of campers and/or employees?
- What is the policy related to COVID illness, cancellations, etc.?
- Is the camp accessible to my camper’s needs?
NEW-TO-ITHACA CAMPS

- Cass Park Day Camp
- Brooktondale Community Center Camp
- Ulysses Summer Recreation Camp
- Stewart Park Day Camp
- Lansing Recreation Summer Camp
- Newfield Recreation Summer Camp
FOR THE OUTDOORSY

Such as:

- Outdoor Skills
- Water Sports
- Horseback Riding
- Gardening
- "Traditional" Outdoor Camps
- Archery
- Foraging
ACTIVE CAMPS
Camps for Arts, Theater, Music

Also:

- Metallsmithing camp
- Creative crafts camp
- Daisy Hollow Farm-ing and Crafting

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Armstrong School of Dance
15 Catherwood Road · Ithaca, NY 14850
Camps for STEM/STEAM

Including:

- Lego animations
- Robotics
- 3D Printing
- Drone Piloting
- Film and Game Making

lithaca Media Arts

Sciencenter
FOR TWEENS AND TEENS

Including:

- PP Advanced Programming like Luna’s Rising, Night Owls, Gender Creative, Chillz and Skillz
- Movie Camp
- TST BOCES exploring animal science, nail art, fitness, photography, culinary arts.

Cornell ILR International Summer Debate Camp
NON CAMPS FOR TWEENS AND TEENS

CIT, MIT, LIT Opportunities:

- (607) 273-1849

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SUMMER CAMPS AND CARE - WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND?

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