GETTING READY FOR 2024 SUMMER CAMPS

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WE WILL MAKE TIME FOR

“Camp puzzle”
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.
- Tricky weeks, early registrations, lotteries
- What do you and your kid (s) want from a camp?
PIECES TO CONSIDER

• The camp calendar
• Get on newsletters and email lists NOW
• Ask friends, colleagues, fellow parents
• Tompkins County Summer Camp Guide
COMMON CAMP “FILTERS”
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
TRICKY WEEKS

Which Weeks?

• Week of July 1 - 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
LOCAL PARENT RESOURCES

• Ithaca Mama FB page
• Childcare Collective of Ithaca FB page
• Cornellians Parenting FB page
• Parents–undersix and Parents–K–12 email listserv
• Parenting Newsletter
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
FROM A CAMPER’S LENS

• Every camp is different
• Proximity to you
• Friends at camp
• Longer camps
• Taking a breather week
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 illness, cancellations, etc.?
- Is the camp accessible to my camper’s needs?
FOR THE OUTDOOR SY

Such as:

• Outdoor Skills
• Water Sports
• Horseback Riding
• Gardening
• “Traditional” Outdoor Camps
• Archery
• Foraging
ACTIVE CAMPS

CIRCUS CULTURE

ITHACA YACHT CLUB

CAYUGA CLIMBS

ITHACA BOMBERS
Camps for Arts, Theater, Music

Also:

- Metalsmithing camp
- Creative crafts camp
- Daisy Hollow Farm-ing and Crafting
CAMPS FOR STEM/STEAM

Including:

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

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

YES
Youth Employment Service

• (607) 273-1849

CIT, MIT, LIT Opportunities:

PRIMITIVE PURSUITS

Camp Eddington

FINGER LAKES ADVENTURE CAMP

Ithaca Children’s Garden

Ithaca Media Arts

the Learning Web
Learning by doing... youth becoming adults

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SUMMER CAMPS –
WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND?

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