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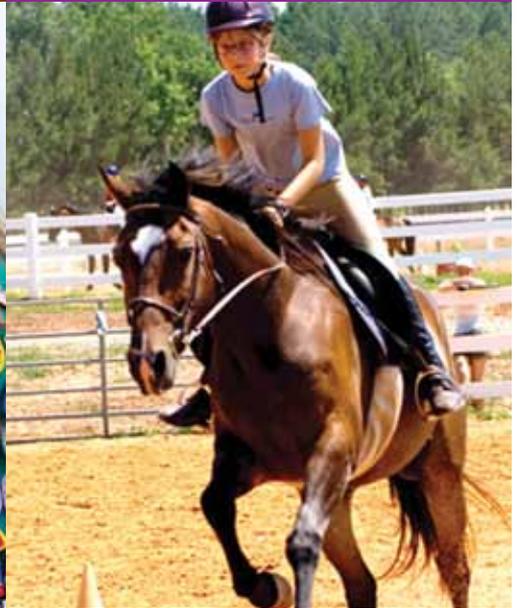


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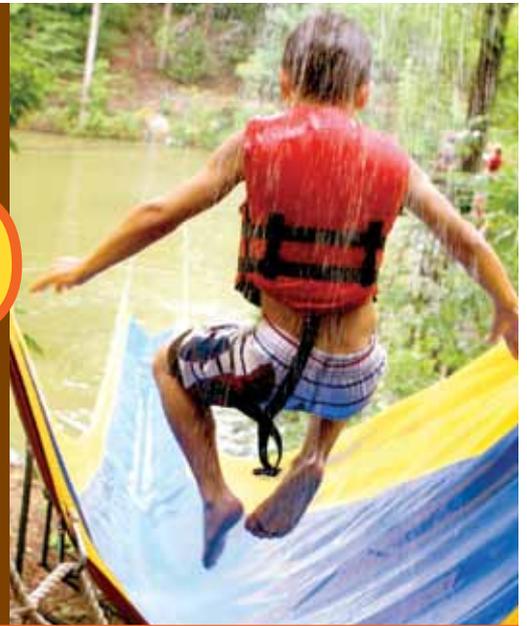
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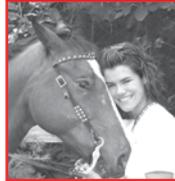


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5 reasons to go

- **Building independence.** Getting away from parents, siblings and their neighborhood helps children learn to navigate on their own. They become more self-confident by trying new things and learning new skills.
- **Developing cooperation.** Many camps have 10 or more campers to a cabin and children learn give-and-take, to be considerate of others.
- **Stepping toward a healthy future.** Camps encourage outdoor activities, exercise, new skills and healthy living.
- **Finding new friends.** Sometimes the acquaintances made at camp become lifelong close friends.
- **Focusing on fun.** Camp gets kids away from computers and TV.

5 research tools

- **Go to a camp expo.** You'll find lots of camp information under one roof. You can talk with representatives of the camps you're interested in and gather brochures. (Atlanta Parent's next expos are Feb. 12 at Town Center Mall from 1-4:30 p.m. and March 17 at Perimeter Mall from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- **Research online.** Most camps have extensive information and photos to give you a picture of what camp life is like.
- **Ask your family, friends and neighbors.** Many of them were campers themselves or can tell you about their child's experience at camp.
- **Visit the finalists.** If you're unsure which camp is best, take your child and go for a tour. Some camps have open houses, and you'll get a good sense of how your kid will spend his week or weeks at camp. Consider starting your search a year in advance and visiting a summer camp in progress to see what goes on.
- **Get the names of former campers.** Camps you're interested in should be able to help you contact former campers who can tell you what your child can expect.

10 questions to ask

- **What is the main focus** of the camp? Is it accredited?
- **Who owns** and manages the camp? What are his qualifications and how long has he been in charge? Ask for references and call them.
- **What is the cost** of camp per week or month? Is financial assistance available?
- **How are the staff** screened and chosen? Is there a medical person on staff?
- **What is the staff-to-camper ratio?** A 1:6 ratio is recommended for children ages 7-8; 1:8 for ages 9-14; 1:10 for ages 15-18. Many activities, such as swimming, need ratios of 1:5.
- **How many campers** are in each session?
- **How are discipline** problems handled?
- **What is a typical day at camp like?** Do campers follow a set schedule, or get to choose activities?
- **What percentage** of campers are return campers?
- **How is homesickness** handled? How do parents stay in touch with their children?



Everything I Really Need to Know I Learned at Summer Camp

by Cathy Ashby



- 1 Be nice to everyone. You can never have too many friends.
- 2 Use sunscreen.
- 3 If you share with people, people will share with you.
- 4 Don't play poker with the big kids.
- 5 A foul mouth won't get you anywhere but in trouble.
- 6 Teamwork always seems a lot less like work.
- 7 Talent shows are full of surprises.
- 8 People who look different aren't all that different.
- 9 Check for ticks. Check again.
- 10 It's always more fun at the back of the bus.
- 11 Bare feet are vulnerable to all sorts of unpleasant injuries.
- 12 **Laughter is contagious.**



- 13 So are chicken pox.
- 14 There is a leader inside all of us.
- 15 You don't have to love your bunkmates, but you do have to respect them.
- 16 **Poison Ivy has three leaves.**
- 17 Problems don't solve themselves.
- 18 Don't take privacy for granted.
- 19 Getting mail from someone you care about is a fabulous thing.
- 20 If you don't take showers, even your friends won't want to sit with you.
- 21 You can do anything you put your mind to.
- 22 Scary stories before bedtime will give you nightmares.
- 23 When doing laundry, always separate lights and darks.
- 24 You can't have fun in the water if you're afraid to get your hair wet.
- 25 It's not nice to make fun of people.
- 26 A lot of people snore.
- 27 Grownups often know what they're talking about.
- 28 Life's not always fair.
- 29 If you don't drink enough water, you'll get a headache.



- 30 Fighting isn't a good problem-solving technique.
- 31 If you stay up too late, you'll be sleepy the next morning.
- 32 A lot of girls are fantastic athletes.
- 33 A lot of boys are good at artsy things.
- 34 Don't run with scissors, near tent stakes, around the pool or on a wet bathroom floor.
- 35 Short hair dries faster.
- 36 Don't step on bugs in your bare feet.
- 37 You can't make everyone happy, but that doesn't mean you should stop trying.
- 38 Clean up after yourself.
- 39 **Always wear flip-flops in the shower.**
- 40 Be thankful for the food you are given.
- 41 When you are really hungry, you will eat anything.
- 42 Keep a stash of emergency snacks on hand at all times.
- 43 Winning isn't everything.
- 44 Carrying a camera around is well worth the effort.
- 45 It's better to pack too much than too little.
- 46 A heavy suitcase is harder to carry.
- 47 Capture the Flag should be an Olympic sport.
- 48 If you stay busy, you won't feel as homesick.
- 49 Bug repellent is highly flammable.



- 50 **Don't swim alone.**
- 51 You don't have to have a boyfriend/girlfriend to be happy.
- 52 No one likes a noisy early riser.

- 53 **The Frisbee is one of the world's greatest inventions.**
- 54 Having a compass doesn't mean you won't get lost.
- 55 Having a map doesn't mean you won't get lost.
- 56 When you get lost, ask for directions.
- 57 The difference between a good day and a great one is chocolate.
- 58 Even your scalp can get sunburned.
- 59 Tell someone if you feel sick.
- 60 When you talk to your mother on the phone, always tell her you love her.
- 61 Everyone looks like a fool when they play Charades.
- 62 Food crumbs attract ants.
- 63 Don't snack in bed.
- 64 **Don't eat more than eight s'mores in one sitting.**
- 65 If you must criticize something, offer alternatives or solutions.
- 66 You have to keep track of your own stuff.
- 67 If you lose something, it's not the end of the world.
- 68 You can have a lot of fun in two weeks without your TV, computer and video games.
- 69 It's OK to miss the people you love when you are away from them.
- 70 Group singing is one of life's great joys.
- 71 No one likes a chronic complainer.
- 72 People will talk if you wear the same shirt three days in a row.
- 73 If you break the rules, you have to face the consequences.
- 74 Little sticks burn faster than big ones.
- 75 Gossip will eventually come back and bite you in the you-know-what.
- 76 Saying goodbye to new friends is hard.



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The Choosy Camper Checklist

by Melanie Wagner

Gone are the days when spending the summer at camp meant packing a trunk and bunking in a cabin from May until August. Between family vacations, sports camps and rising camp costs, finding the perfect fit for your child's few special weeks at summer camp takes ample research. Ask yourself these questions before choosing a camp.

Location:

Close to home or a plane ride away? The Parent Trap twins traveled across the country and overseas to go to camp... how far is right for your child?

- Far from home (a plane ride away)
- Same region
- Same state
- Within 100 miles

Setting:

Strong swimmers may prefer a lakeside setting, while mini-mountaineers would rather be in Blue Ridge. Determine your child's preference for physical surroundings.

- Country City
- Lakeside Oceanside
- Mountains Desert

Size and gender:

Small, single-gender camps foster close relationships with fewer friends, while larger, co-ed camps make for more exciting games of capture the flag. Pick your preference.

First choose:

- Small Medium
- Large

Then decide:

- All boys All girls
- Co-ed

Focus:

Does your child want an atmosphere with a single-sport focus or just good old-fashioned summer camp fun? Decide which factors are most important to you and your child.

First think about what daily camp life should include:

- Religion is important in day-to-day camp life
- Academic environment
- Sports-centered setting
- Artistic atmosphere (creative, visual or performing arts)
- Traditional, outdoor camp

Then decide:

- All campers are close to my child's age
- Any age spread is fine, as long as campers are separated based on age
- Any age range is fine

Cost:

Finance camp and a family vacation without breaking the bank this summer.

- When determining cost, first discuss how much you want to spend per week on your child's summer camp experience.
- Explore your options, and break down how much each camp would cost per child, per week.
- Be sure to factor in travel to and from camp, whether you'll need to purchase supplies or uniforms, and the camper-to-counselor ratio for each camp. (If you're spending more on camp, you'll want specialists to teach skills classes).

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When are Kids Ready for Camp?

How can I tell when my kids are ready to go to camp? That question is asked by most parents at one time or another, and the American Camp Association has some suggestions to help you determine the answer.

A child's emotional and social development is probably most important in determining when camp is appropriate. Listen for your child to express an interest in going to camp. Previous sleepover experiences can also be a definite clue. If those went smoothly – without a “rescue” call to mom or dad – chances are an adjustment to camp will go well.

Very young children are not yet capable of dealing with overnight camps, but they may enjoy day camps. At day camp, youngsters learn to mix with others their age, relate to new adult supervision and enjoy new adventures in the outdoors, before returning home for the evening.

Starting with a day camp will allow your child to have a positive camp experience – in small doses. Day camp is also a good choice for parents seeking an alternative to childcare or those who need a flexible schedule of summertime supervision.

And when is a child ready for resident camp? Again, proven emotional and social abilities, combined with good sleepover experiences, can be positive indicators. Children should have a good sense of independence and security to adapt well to nights away from home. Although age is not the definitive measure, most children are ready by age 11 or 12, and some might even be ready by age 8. A few camps accept children as young as 5 or 6, but this is usually too soon.

For some, a three-night sleepover session might be the best introduction to overnight camp. But older, more experienced children might prefer a month or more to complete various courses, badges and so on. Camping with a friend is also helpful for the first-timer.

Make the transition to day or resident camp easier with a visit beforehand. Parents should get to know the director



and feel comfortable about the camp's programs and accommodations, before signing their child up for the program.

To the newcomer, spend-the-night camps can seem intimidating at first, no matter what the age. But once you and your child settle on the right camp, some time away from home might be just the ticket to beat the summer blahs, and build self-confidence to boot.

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Following is a packing list to get you started.

■ **Bedding:** Select easily laundered bedding that is appropriate for the climate at your camp. Include sleeping bags, sheets and pillowcases, blankets and pillows.

■ **Towels and Toiletries:** Towels should not be the family's best, because they'll be used for swimming and other waterfront activities as well as for showers. A small bag or plastic bucket will help campers carry and keep track of toiletries. At some camps, campers walk to separate facilities to shower.

■ **Clothes and Laundry:** The frequency of laundry day at camp affects how much clothing to pack. Generally, sessions less than two weeks do not include laundry services.

Most camps supply lists of recommended clothing and some include required uniforms. Camp gear should be durable clothing suitable for active days at camp. This includes shorts; T-shirts; a sweater/jacket; jeans; long pants for hikes and horseback rides; comfortable shoes and sneakers; a hat; and a raincoat or poncho.

■ **Equipment:** Pack a flashlight with extra batteries; camera; water bottle; insect repellent; sunscreen; lip balm; and preaddressed, prestamped postcards or envelopes.

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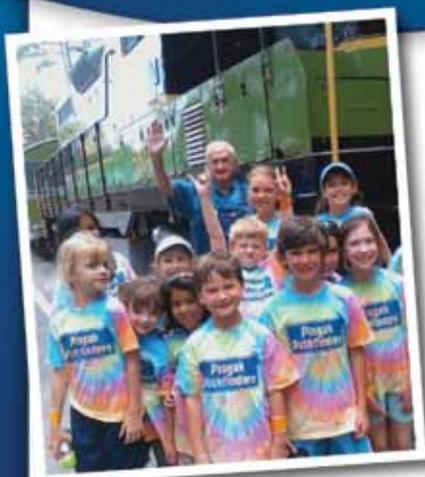
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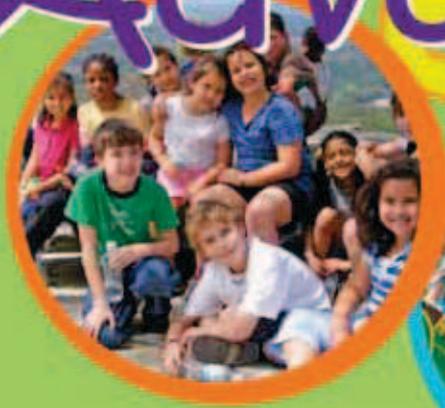
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Spotlight on Summer Camps



Apostles Learning Center

Apostles Summer Camp is the place to be this summer! Campers will have opportunities to make and renew friendships, learn about nature, enjoy a variety of lively and educational activities...and generally have fun!



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Apostles Summer Camp offers programs for children ages 5 through 8, and is located on the Apostles Learning Center campus. For the families' convenience, before and aftercare are offered. The summer camp staff is engaging and well-qualified. For more information, visit their website at www.atlantaapostles.org or call 404-256-3091. Join Apostles for a great summer camp experience!

Atlanta International School

Atlanta International School (AIS) camps offer an enriching summer experience filled with fun, new friends and opportunities to learn about the world and each other! Language camps in French, Spanish, German, Chinese and English as a Second Language focus on the Olympics this year and are available to campers of all skill levels. This is a great way to introduce your child to different cultures. We are pleased to announce the addition of middle school and high school Spanish to our language camps.



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Atlanta International School summer camps offer programs for rising kindergarten students up to grade 12 and are located on the school's campus in Buckhead. Before and aftercare are available for your convenience.

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The program is held on the wooded 45 acre campus of The Bedford School in Fairburn, approximately 15 miles south of the Atlanta Airport.

Students receive academic tutoring in small groups in the areas of math, reading and written expression.

They use materials and techniques that are multisensory and individualized for each student. Parents receive a detailed report at the end of camp, including pre- and post test scores and recommendations. Students also participate in recreational activities on the Challenge Course, the soccer field, the gym and the outdoor pool.

Academic gains average 1-2 grade levels in reading and math as well as immeasurable gains in self-esteem, confidence and social skills. The program is open to students currently in K-8th grade.

Dates for 2012 are June 18- July 12; hours are 8:30-4:00; extended care available. Some partial scholarships are available. Contact Dr. Betsy Box, Director, 770-774-8001. Visit the website www.thebedfordschool.org for more information.





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Spotlight on Summer Camps



Camp Discovery at The Children's School

Camp Discovery at The Children's School is full of cold-fashioned summertime fun including visits to water parks, intramural sports and dramatic play, paired with innovative programs like digital photography, video editing and environmental studies.



Camp Discovery offers programs for students from ages 3 through 12 in multiple week-long sessions beginning the week of June 11. Each session has a specific theme, a favorite being the Wild-n-Wet session – a week of water relays, pool and water park visits. New MindQuest Camp for 4th-6th graders runs June 18-28.

Dedicated, enthusiastic counselors lead campers through the activities, field trips and lessons. Many campers try a variety of sessions throughout the summer. Before and

after care is available. Camp Discovery, like all programs at The Children's School, emphasizes the School's philosophy of student-centered learning, imagination and creative thinking in a compassionate and welcoming environment.

Founded in 1970, The Children's School educates students 3 years old through sixth grade and is conveniently located in the heart of Midtown on 10th Street across from Piedmont Park. For more information about Camp Discovery, please visit www.thechildrensschool.com or call 404-873-6985.

Camp Toccoa

Located on 176 acres in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in northeast Georgia, Camp Toccoa's overnight summer camp has been providing an affordable, fun and rewarding camp experience for over 83 years.

Camp Toccoa's co-ed programs offer a unique opportunity for campers grades 2-12 to build confidence, make lasting friendships, learn new skills and grow as individuals. Campers in the traditional program will choose their morning activities from a wide variety of options: swimming, archery, canoeing, outdoor living skills, arts & crafts, nature, drama, low/high ropes, and horseback. One and two-week sessions of the traditional program as well as a number of specialty camps which focus on horseback riding, climbing, outdoor living skills and leadership. The four-week Counselor-in-Training program provides older campers with leadership skills to prepare them for the future.

Camp Toccoa is accredited by the American Camp Association and is owned and operated by Camp Fire USA Georgia Council, a youth organization whose mission is to "build caring, confident youth and future leaders." For more information and to register, visit the website at www.camptoccoa.org, send an email to info@camptoccoa.org, or call the office at 706-886-2457. Open houses will be from 1-4 pm on April 10, May 1, and May 15.



Camp Invention

Camp Invention is a fun-filled adventure fostering inventive-thinking skills, science literacy, history and the arts in four activity-oriented modules created for children entering grades 1-6 (current K-5th graders).

Directed and taught by local teachers, children are challenged to identify solutions to real-world problems and are immersed in challenges that draw upon their sense of curiosity. In the Create Program: return home from an alien planet, green up and rebuild a polluted town, and build miniature amusement parks. In the Envision Program: find the magnificent island of Magnetropolis by navigating hand crafted upcycled ships, explore the science behind buoyancy and magnetism, and take a fantasy adventure on



the Ci600 Space Modulator Time Machine to explore serendipitous moments.

In both programs, younger children create fantasy inventions while older children work in teams to build complicated, multi-step machines that solve a challenge! It is learning disguised as fun! Weekly sessions.

To view Camp Invention in action: <http://www.youtube.com/user/CampInvention>. To register: www.campinvention.org or call 800-968-4332.

Camp Woodmont

A top cool, breezy Lookout Mountain in Northwest Georgia is an ACA accredited camp where your child will feel secure, welcome, and reassured. The limited enrollment, warm Christian atmosphere, caring counselors, and convenient camp layout give your camper a feeling of acceptance, belonging and appreciation.

The Bennett family gets to know each and every camper on a close personal basis; their two generations of family management and over 60 years combined experience makes for a highly supervised program and an intimate, meaningful experience for campers.

"The Camp Woodmont program strives to provide a family-type atmosphere within the camp group where each child feels a sense of belonging as a valued member of our camp's community", says director Alyson Gondek, "most parents want their child to learn self-reliance, responsibility, independence, and how to get along with others in a close-knit group; our program is designed to provide children with those type of learning experiences."

The 2012 season offers one and two-week sessions for boys and girls ages 6-14 starting June 3rd. Call 706-398-0833 or see www.campwoodmont.com for dates, rates, pictures and more information. Come to the Open House Sunday, May 20th, 2-5 pm to tour the facilities and meet the staff.



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Deer Run Christian Camp

Deer Run Christian Camps is one of the premier summer camps in the southeast – located just 35 miles south of downtown Nashville on 100 acres of wooded Tennessee hills! The 6-night camps are Sunday afternoon through Saturday mid-morning and include Preteen Camp (grades 3-5), Middle School Camp (grades 6-8), and High School Camp (grades 9-12). With over 20 years experience, the camp director recruits committed, mature, servant-hearted college-age summer staff who care about kids. Campers come from the southeast region to enjoy a wide range of camp activities including horseback riding, waterfront fun (swimming, zip line, 100' waterslide, aqua park, blob, kayaks), rock climbing, ropes courses, paintball, hiking, crazy games, wiffle ball, archery, BB guns, Bible study, skits, great worship bands and a speaker each night.



Campers build lifetime friendships while developing character, confidence, and integrity in a Christ-centered environment. Deer Run's food service has been rated among the best in the country! Deer Run can help with overnight accommodations for parents who want to stay in the area and offers airport shuttle service for campers if needed. There are two open house dates in the spring for visiting the camp and meeting some of the summer staff. For more information visit, <http://Camp.DeerRunRetreat.org>

Girl Scout Camp

You don't have to be a Girl Scout to experience Girl Scout Camp, it's for all girls grades 1-12 who want to join in on the fun! With five properties located throughout Greater Atlanta, there's a camp near you with a wide variety of programs available for a first time camper or a bold adventurer including watersports, crafts, horseback riding –even challenge courses and rock wall climbing! Each camp offers a unique picturesque setting with hardwood or pine forests, natural streams, wildflowers, bamboo forests, and water features. Two-night, three-night, week-long, and 7-10 day sessions are available for overnight and day campers. Special sessions are offered for moms and daughters, adventure travel, field trips, overnight trail rides and more! A Girl Scout Summer gives each camper the opportunity to build her courage, confidence and character through creative activities in a welcoming camp community that is staffed with caring adults. As Girl Scouts celebrates its 100th Anniversary, there's no better time to give your daughter a Girl Scout experience with a summer of memories that lasts a lifetime. We invite you to visit www.girlscoutsummer.com or call 770-702-9136 or 770-702-9140 to learn about all the sessions, activities and magic that Girl Scout Camp has to offer each and every girl!



Dunwoody Nature Center

Registration is now open online for the Dunwoody Nature Center's summer camps. This summer will bring nature themed camps that mix fun and learning on the grounds of the beautiful 22 acres of Dunwoody Park.

Explore the Piedmont habitat including the meadow, trails, wetlands and every camper's favorite - Wildcat Creek. Each day will feature outdoor play with certified instructors and team of junior counselors.

For 2012, Dunwoody Nature Center is proud to feature camps that include Music Mayhem; Mysteries; What's Buggin' You; Native Americans; Wa-ter You Know; Southern History; Earth Works; Circle of Life; Lizards, Frogs, and Snakes; What's Up Trees; and Animal Adaptations.

The Mini Camp format is a half-day long and is perfect for 3-4 year olds. Full day camps are offered for K-5th grades with early morning drop off and later afternoon pick up available for convenience.

By popular demand, Dunwoody Nature Center will again be hosting two summer camps at the Island Ford facility of the Chattahoochee River NRA, and new this summer, Wilderness Explorers camp at Brook Run Park.

For information on each camp and to register, go to www.dunwoodynature.org or call (770) 394-3322 for additional information.



High Meadows Camp

Established in 1973 on 40 acres of farm and forest in Roswell, High Meadows offers campers a structured recreational program focusing on self improvement, personal responsibility, and environmental respect. In a relaxed, caring, and non-competitive atmosphere, each camper is encouraged to engage in new experiences and social relationships.

Each day, High Meadows Camp welcomes 300 children, from age 4-14, to campus. Bus transportation is available from various locations in the north metro area. Groups are arranged by grade level, and generally have 12-15 children with two counselors. Activities, offered at age-appropriate levels, include Animal Care, Arts & Crafts, Archery, Swimming, Sports, Canoeing, Indian Lore, Photography, Pony Rides, Ropes, Dance, Performing Arts, Nature, Pioneering, and Woodworking. Preschoolers participate in a shortened day program with constant nurturing supervision and exploration of the property and activities. The oldest campers, rising 5th-9th graders, exercise responsibility and decision making in developing and following their own class schedule, and by participating in the Knighthood program, which encourages high-level achievement and recognition in each activity.

High Meadows offers a unique, traditional, outdoor program, with well-established traditions and an exemplary staff. Summer fun goes hand-in-hand with learning, achievement, and enrichment. 770-993-7975. www.highmeadowscamp.org





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Holy Innocents' Episcopal School

Summer Connection Programs at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School are open to everyone – not just Holy Innocents' families. Over the years, campers have come from over 75 schools around Metro Atlanta to play, explore and learn in all sorts of fun and exciting ways.



Spread throughout the school's 47-acre campus, Summer Connection offers weekly programs for children and teens from 3 years-old through 12th grade. Camp programs include virtually all interscholastic sports, most academic fields of study, and a wide variety of the Fine Arts, including music, drama, and the visual arts. Summer Connection also features lots of programs designed simply for fun, exercise, and camaraderie.

One of the most popular offerings at Holy Innocents' Summer Connection (for parents, at least) is Brush Up, a three-week program offering supplemental educational assistance to prepare students from pre-school to rising 9th graders.

Visit www.hies.org/summerconnection for more information. To request a brochure, please email Barbara Klein at barbara.klein@hies.org, or leave a message for her at (404) 303-2150 ext. 992. Holy Innocents is located at 805 Mount Vernon Highway, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327.

Educational Experiences at INK!

Interactive Neighborhood for Kids is one of the best places in Northeast Georgia for a child's educational experience or event! Just off I985 in Gainesville, there are several different opportunities offered to fit everyone's needs. Call today for field trip or birthday party needs.



What better place to learn & celebrate than at INK where guests can truly become the figments of their imagination. Children can role play and learn through practical experiences about being a banker, grocery store and gift shop clerk, doctor, pilot and much more. All exhibits are designed to provide a unique hands-on learning environment, to actively engage young minds while having lots of fun. Everyone is a kid at INK as adults are encouraged to join in the fun for intergenerational learning.

INK is open to the general public 10am-5pm Monday through Saturday and 1pm-5pm on Sundays. There is also a gift shop, annual family memberships and Paint Your Own Pottery Studio available. Group rates are available with advance reservations.

Call 770-536-1900 or visit the website www.inkfun.org to book your next event!

iD Tech Camps

Take hobbies further and gain a competitive edge at iD Tech Camps! Since 1999 over 130,000 students worldwide have immersed in hands-on learning to create iPhone apps, programs with C++ and Java, video games, websites, movies, 3D models, ad designs, robots, and more. Beginner to advanced students ages 7-17 enroll in these fun and challenging, weeklong, day and overnight summer camps held at 60+ prestigious universities nationwide including Emory, Vanderbilt, Princeton, Stanford, and others.



Students engage in personalized curriculum with a small group of peers (guaranteed 8:1 ratio) to optimize learning and social experiences. Many iD alumni have gone on to do something BIG! They've done impressive things like sell their iPhone apps to raise money for college, create websites for local businesses, and write programming books. Learn firsthand how you can develop hobbies and interests into so much more. Accredited Continuing Education Units are available to help build a portfolio for college.

Also for 2-weeks ages 13-18 immerse in specialized, pre-college, overnight summer programs at iD Gaming Academy (held at Emory), iD Programming Academy (held at Duke) and iD Visual Arts Academy (filmmaking and photography).

Visit internalDrive.com for more information and to register online. Or call 1-888-709-TECH (8324) to speak to a Program Advisor who can recommend a customized summer schedule to develop a student's interests.

Kaleidoscope Kids Camp

Atlanta's best camp secret for young scientists ages five to thirteen is experienced with Kaleidoscope Kids Camp of Georgia. With an astonishingly fun filled radioACTIVE curriculum planned, students are bound to enjoy the fun and wonders of rocketry, radio technology, mathematics and more as they become a part of a variety of fun research based initiatives. Divided into three levels of learning, campers will enjoy hands on interactive lessons including daily physical fitness, (tennis, basketball, volleyball, etc.) math drills, educational science lab modules, critical thinking games, reading, arts & crafts, career exploration guest speakers and more. Also, did we mention our exciting weekly field trips (swimming, NASA Space Center, Six Flags just to name a few) and the ever popular "Bring a friend (for free) Fun Fridays?"



Camp hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and we are closely located within minutes to Zoo Atlanta, Spelman College and downtown Decatur. A daily serving of healthy breakfast, lunch and snack options are also provided, at no additional cost. Experienced, qualified counselors assure you are leaving your young scientist in good hands. So join us for radioACTIVE summer 2012 and get your kids off the couch and into Kaleidoscope Kids Camp of Georgia.

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Spotlight on Summer Camps



Kids 'R' Kids Summer Day Camp

With 46 Metro Atlanta locations, Kids 'R' Kids Schools and Academies provides an unforgettable summer camp experience for preschool and school age children.

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'R' Kids provides an unforgettable summer camp experience "Camp Tremendous Time Travelers" – the ultimate in ten weeks of exhilarating fun as your child visits dinosaurs from the prehistoric period to the robots of the future. Camp includes unique weekly themes, field

trips and activities. The core principles at Kids 'R' Kids are "learning through play" and "active learning" – so while your child is having the best summer of his/her life, they are also learning and gaining life experiences to grow on.

Kids 'R' Kids offers extended hours from 6:00AM to 6:30PM specifically geared toward working parents, providing excellent loving care for children from 6 weeks old through 12 years.

Programs may vary – schools are independently owned/operated. To get more details on summer programs and to find a summer camp near you go to www.kidsrkids.com.

North Atlanta International Academy

North Atlanta International Academy (NAIA) is an International School with a strong focus on languages and academics. They provide students with the highest quality education while fostering multilingualism and internationalism. Critical thinking and intellectual curiosity are encouraged by nurturing children's curiosity and creative spirit with small class sizes (7:1 ratio). They also encourage real life experiences that empower children to inquire about the world around them.



Activities are tailored to each child's ability to keep them engaged and challenged. The new spacious and bright facility offers your children a variety of books, activities and experiences, as well as a natural and traditional playground for outdoor exploration. NAIA's summer camps are full immersion in the following languages: Spanish, French, Mandarin, German and

Reading and Writing in English. The summer program is offered to children 3 through 12 years of age.

NAIA offers a full private school, enrichment classes, Saturday school, private tutoring, and adult programs. Their outstanding teachers are native speakers. For more information, visit www.northatlantainternational.com or call 770-205-5574. info@northatlantainternational.com 1235 Peachtree Parkway, Building 600, Cumming, GA 30041.

MJCCA Day Camps

Exciting new and returning MJCCA day camp options for summer 2012!

Summer is just around the corner and the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta (MJCCA) is pleased to announce that registration has already kicked off for summer day camp at the Zaban Park campus (5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody). Families can register for the more than 100 new and innovative, as well as popular returning, day camps for children, rising pre-K to 8th grade. Some of the new day camps include: Project Invent, Art Exploration, CSI Camp, and Music Mayhem. Several popular returning day camps include: Space Camp, Lego Robotics, travel camps, sports camps, drama camp, and teen camps. Campers will also continue to enjoy the traditional day camp amenities they have grown to love over the years, including: swimming, archery, ropes course, lake activities, and more. Summer 2012 benefits/savings for MJCCA camp families include: A multi-week discount of 5% when signing a child up for 6+ weeks; FREE bus transportation (a \$60 per week value) from several convenient locations throughout Metro Atlanta; and Pre- and After-camp programming from 7:00 am through 6:00 pm. For information about the various MJCCA day camps, visit www.atlantajcc.org or call 678.812.4004.



North Cobb Christian School

Are you ready for an awesome summer filled with great memories, awesome adventures, and lots of new friends? At North Cobb Christian School, summer camp is a special experience for young people, where a variety of quality camps designed to provide an outlet for fun and discovery are offered. Whatever your interest, North Cobb Christian School Camps promise to be an exciting adventure. Experienced counselors and top-notch instructors are dedicated to creating a happy and secure environment where each camper feels confident to explore, learn, and enjoy the possibilities within the realm of each activity within the summer camp program. NCCS offers camps for kids from 5 years old all the way up through the 12th grade throughout the summer. All of our camps are open to the community.



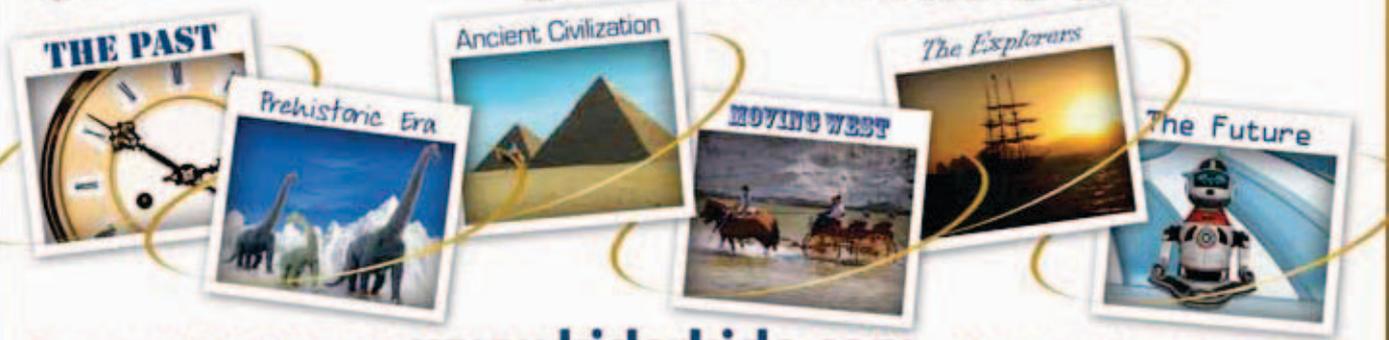
A variety of camps are offered for students ranging from day camp, sports camps, arts lessons, discipleship opportunities, history adventures, science experiments, academic readiness activities, and much, much, more. Camp begins right when school gets out for the summer and the fun doesn't stop until school starts back in August. Before and after care is available for most camps. Please visit www.ncchristian.org for all the details about camp and any necessary contact information.

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Truly Living Well Natural Urban Farms Camp

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Young people will explore the ecosystem including "good" bugs, butterflies, insects, earthworms and much more! They will apply

math, science and critical thinking skills while designing their own gardens. The youth will harvest and prepare food from the garden to add to their lunches. Campers will enjoy swimming, games, nature-based art and craft projects. They will interact with storytellers, beekeepers, environmentalists and TLW's fun and eco-smart staff! Most of all, they'll develop a love and appreciation for the earth's harvest and become environmental stewards of the land.

Truly Living Well Wheat Street Gardens is conveniently located on four acres of land in the Martin Luther King Historic District, near downtown Atlanta. For more info and camp registration visit <http://www.trulylivingwell.com>. You may email questions to camp@trulylivingwell.com or contact our Camp Director at 678-662-9225.

The Waldorf School of Atlanta

The Woods of Waldorf Summer Camp is offered by the Waldorf School of Atlanta, located in Decatur, for children ages 4 through rising grade 8. The Summer Garden sessions are created with the young child, ages 4-6, in mind. The rhythm of each day is filled with song, stories, and of course PLAY fostering the natural development and imagination of the young child. Outdoor play are encouraged and incorporated into the curriculum with gardening and care of chickens, walks through our beautiful 5 acres, and a bit of fun with water.



Diverse specialty camps are offered for children 7-13 including art, drama, strategy (games), knitting, cooking, string instruments, and much more! Each specialty camp is designed to capture the imagination, increase a skill and incorporate summer fun!

Camps begin between 8:30 and 9:00 in the morning and end at 1:00 or 3:00 in the afternoon with early morning care beginning at 7:30 am and afternoon care available until 5:00 pm for an additional fee. Register by April 15 to receive a \$20 discount on all camp sessions by mentioning Atlanta Parent Magazine. Please visit www.waldorfatlanta.org. Contact Melinda Evanovich at 404-377-1315 or mevanovich@waldorfatlanta.org for more information.

The Language Academy @ Wofford College

Like Wofford College students, students who attend the Language Academy @ Wofford are engaged, forward-thinking, multi-talented, active, inquisitive, interested and interesting – all the attributes that make language immersion a life-changing experience!



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June 12- June 29: French, German & Spanish. July 1-13: French, German & Spanish. June 17- July 13: Chinese, French, German & Spanish.

The Language Academy @ Wofford offers exciting two or four week residential programs in FRENCH, GERMAN, and SPANISH and a 4 week program for Mandarin Chinese. Visit our website at www.wofford.edu/languageacademy for more information.

Safari Day Camp at Zoo Atlanta!

Kids and parents discover the Zoo Atlanta edge. Day camps are a dime a dozen – often at significantly more than a dime. But Safari Day Camp is more than just a place to drop the kids for several hours. What's the Zoo Atlanta edge? There's the obvious: the Zoo's 1,500 residents. There's also the critical: qualified, experienced camp instructors parents can trust.



"Parents know that the people who work at the Zoo put the children's and the animals' best interests first," says Stephanie Abrams (pictured). "They know our hearts are in the right place."

An Early Childhood Education graduate of the University of Georgia, Abrams was a Safari Day Camper. Her recollections of animal encounters, crafts, games and educational adventures led her back to where her fondest memories began – this time as an instructor.

"Everything about Camp is so hands-on, and there's a chance for every kind of learner to find his or her niche," Abrams explains. "When kids get to see and even touch animals, it's much more meaningful than looking at pictures or watching them on TV. This is what really sets Zoo Atlanta apart from other camp opportunities in the city."

Summer Safari Day Camp runs weekly, May 28 through August 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit zooatlanta.org or call 404.624.WILD to register or to learn more.

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12 Tips for Choosing a Day Camp

How do you choose the right day camp for your child? There are hundreds of choices in the metro area, each touting the best program, facilities and staff. The choice seems staggering.

Begin by talking to your child. Ask friends about their child's summer camp experiences. Attend Atlanta Parent's Camp Expo, and get brochures and videos from many different camps.

But, how do you know the right camp? Know your child, visit camps and ask questions until you are comfortable with the answers. To begin, here are some basic questions that are specific to day camps:

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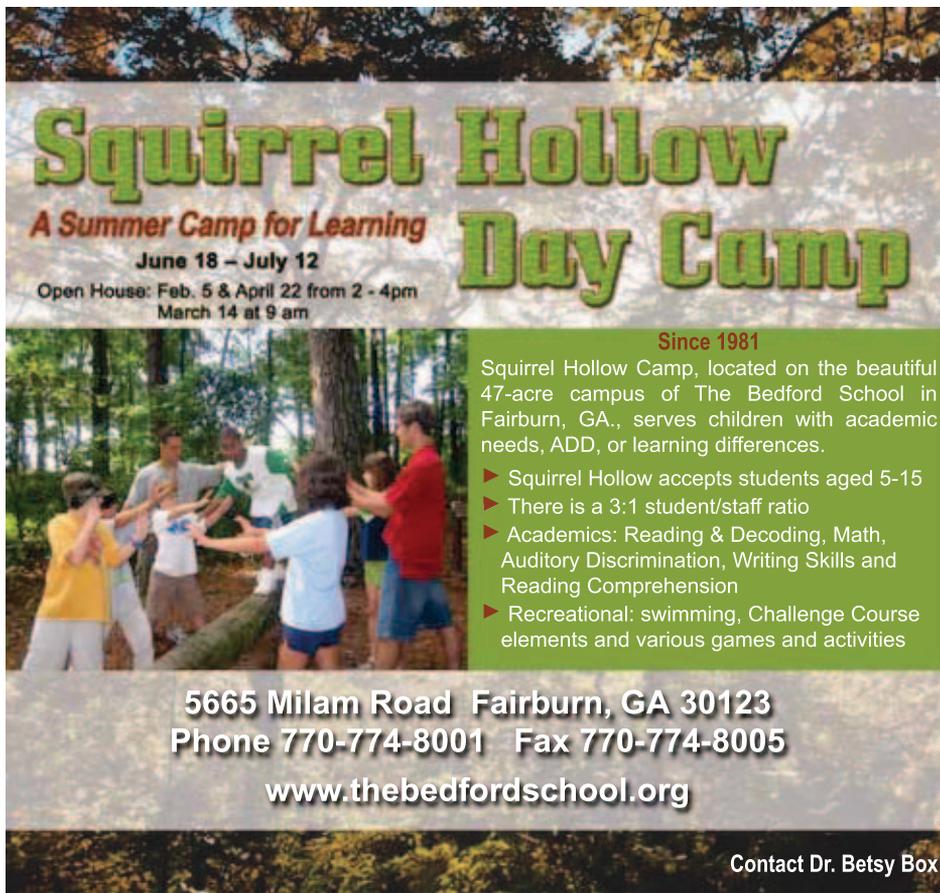
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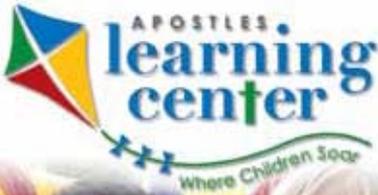
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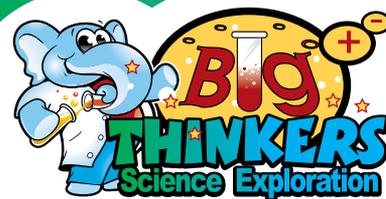


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