

## Summer Camps Are No Longer Just Log Cabins and Wienie Roasts

Some kids hear the bugle at the crack of dawn during summer camp. But 16-year-old Amanda Shaw heard the roaring engines of NASCAR stock cars outside her bunk area at the Atlanta Motor Speedway, since she was attending Race Camp, a summer camp designed for kids who want to become race-car drivers. Amanda is one of the 9 million kids who attend one of America's 8,500 summer camps each year. Maybe your child is not into race cars. Have no fear--there is a summer camp for nearly every activity, condition, pursuit or theme imaginable! To find the most rewarding experience for your aspiring camper check out <a href="http://www.SummerCampHere.com">http://www.SummerCampHere.com</a>

(PRWEB) May 1, 2005 -- Summer camps are generally broken divided into two main categories: residential camps and day camps. Residential camps usually last two weeks or more and require the participants to live on-premises for the duration of the program. Day camps, on the other hand, are usually hosted by local organizations and campers are shuttled to and from the camps and home each evening. Day programs are usually less expensive, but often do not offer as many activities as a residential experience. In addition, there are some local camps (particularly church or Bible related camps) that may last only a day or two.

The wonderful thing about summer camp is the fact that it gives kids a taste of independence--some for the first time. Although this can be frightening at first, such independence challenges kids to grow as individuals. Without the aid of mom or dad, camp kids are given an opportunity to make decisions for themselves. They are also exposed to the freedoms of summer camp which improves their social relationship skills.

Living, learning, playing, eating, and sleeping with other kids their own age gives them a chance to improve their communication and negotiation skills. From late night fireside chats to squabbles over the breakfast cereal, children are repeatedly challenged to look beyond themselves and improve their social skills.

If your son or daughter believes he or she is ready for a residential summer camp, it is mandatory that you go over all the details. Camp, regardless of the length, is a huge commitment for both the parents and the child. For information about choosing the correct camp for your child, visit <a href="http://www.SummerCampHere.com">http://www.SummerCampHere.com</a>

A great way to choose the correct summer camp for your child is to look at the activities involved and the interests of your child. Is your daughter the next Venus Williams? There are tennis camps for her. Maybe you're no rocket scientist, but one of your kids hopes to be--rest assured there are camps for that as well!

Take some time, do some Internet research and find the "perfect" camp fit for your child this summer. Best wishes for a memorable and rewarding camping experience.

For a mess hall full of reliable information and countless resources pertaining to all aspects of summer camp, visit <a href="http://www.SummerCampHere.com">http://www.SummerCampHere.com</a>.

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