

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)

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- Normal childcare provider
 - Filling in gaps

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Afterschool providers/teachers

Sharing the caregiving/partnering up with families

"Parent Helpers"

- Child Development Council



TRICKY WEEKS

Which Weeks?

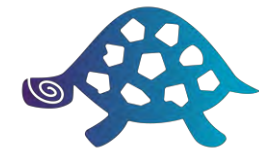
- Week of July 1 - first week of summer
- Week of August 26 - last week before Labor Day



FOR YOUNG CAMPERS

What is young?

- 3-4 years = often shorter or half day programs
- Rising Kindergartener and older = full day programs



Ithaca
Children's
Garden



Acorn Nature
School



FINGER LAKES
GYMNASTICS CENTER
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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

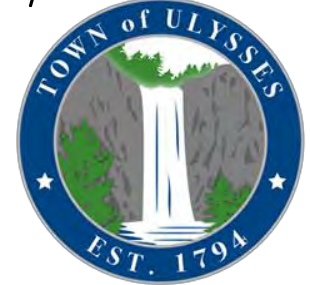
- Cass Park Day Camp



- Brooktondale Community Center Camp



- Ulysses Summer Recreation Camp



- Stewart Park Day Camp



- Lansing Recreation Summer Camps



- 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 OUTDOORSY

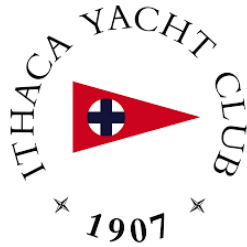
Such as:

- Outdoor Skills
- Water Sports
- Horseback Riding
- Gardening
- "Traditional" Outdoor Camps
- Archery
- Foraging



ACTIVE CAMPS

**CIRCUS
CULTURE**



CAYUGA  CLIMBS



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

Ithaca 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.



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Summer Debate Camp



NON CAMPS FOR TWEENS AND TEENS



• (607) 273-1849



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CIT, MIT, LIT Opportunities:



SUMMER CAMPS - WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND?

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