

# Top Safety Questions to Ask About Summer Camp

Summer camps create memories that last a lifetime. Great camps teach teamwork, resiliency, and a connection with the natural environment. Now that your child is ready for a summer camp experience, consider these questions to ensure your child's safety and your peace of mind:

## What is the camper-to-counselor ratio?

Ask how many kids each camp counselor is responsible for. If you're looking for more focused supervision, the fewer kids per counselor the better.



## What types of training do the counselors have?

Do they have training in first aid and CPR? Will trained lifeguards staff water activities? Make sure you are comfortable with the level of training required.



## What kind of background checks do staff undergo?

The American Camp Association (ACA) requires that a criminal background check is a critical element in the staff screening process of any reputable camp.



## What medical care is available for my child, if needed?

Despite our best intentions, accidents do happen. Know how the camp handles medical emergencies beyond scrapes and bruises.



## What activities make-up a typical day at camp?

Once you understand a typical day at camp, you can talk to your child about what will happen at camp and prepare them for new experiences ahead of time.



## What are your water and other safety protocols?

A well-run camp will have written protocols in place for water safety, activity supervision, disease prevention and more. Make sure you know how the camp keeps kids safe from basic hazards.



## How does the camp make health accommodations, if necessary?

Knowing how the camp handles allergies, emergency medical conditions, and medications is crucial to determining if that camp is right for your child.