

5 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK *Camp directors*

These questions can help find the camp program that is the best fit for your child and determine the type of program you are interested in for this summer. We recommend using this as a guide when looking at camps and having a discussion with the camp director to get a clear idea about how the camp maintains the physical and emotional safety of campers while keeping it a FUN, positive and happy, growing experience for all campers. For more tips on finding the right camp, see our [How to Choose a Camp Guide](#) and learn more about what is ACA accreditation.

1. PHILOSOPHY

What is the philosophy of the camp?

Do they hold the values you look for in a camp? Are they a good fit for you and your family?

2. SUPERVISION

Who will be supervising the children at camp? Are staff always with children or are there times kids are on their own? You can check the camp's web sites employment section to learn more about their staff qualifications.

3. SAFETY

What are the Camp's safety policies and procedures? Do their staff have safety qualifications? Review the rules and safety procedures. What is their plan of action should a child have an accident while at camp?

4. ACCREDITATION

Is the Camp accredited by the American Camp Association? The ACA accredits summer camps nationally, and this assures parents that the Camp is meeting the standards of the industry.

5. REFERRALS + REVIEWS

Check referrals from friends and online reviews. Do you know anyone whose child attends camp? What do they have to say about the camp they attend? What made them choose that camp in particular?