



Choosing a summer camp can be a difficult decision. The first step is to research your options and then you will be ready to make your choice. We hope this checklist helps you in making your decision.

We look forward to seeing you at Childcare Network soon!

WHAT TO LOOK FOR...		#2	#3
BASICS			
Is the school welcoming, friendly and positive?			
Is the program licensed by the state?			
Do the hours of operation fit your needs?			
Do they have written policies and procedures regarding discipline, resolving conflicts, etc?			
Are there organized arrival and departure procedures?			
Are references and background checked and completed on all staff?			
Are there training requirements and professional development for teachers?			
Does the program provide buses with safety features for transporting the children?			
Are there procedures in place for sign in, sign out, and field trip documentation to ensure the safety of each child?			
Are the teachers certified in First Aid and CPR?			
Are the parents informed of illness, injury, behavior issues, etc.?			
Is the location close to home/work or in route?			
Does the school encourage parents to drop in and visit at any time?			
Are there opportunities for parent involvement?			
CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT			
What is the child to teacher ratio?			
Do the children look happy; are they having fun and is it positive?			
Are the children involved in activities?			
Is it a safe environment, clean, with no major safety problems?			
Is there equipment, books, toys and activities available?			
Is there a place for each child to keep their belongings?			
TEACHER/CHILD INTERACTION			
How long have the teachers worked with children?			
Are the teachers kind and encouraging to the children?			
Is the teacher listening and talking with individual children?			
Is the teacher maintaining control of the class in a positive way?			
Are the children being assisted in solving their own problems through appropriate social skills?			
Do teachers use non-threatening methods of discipline (no physical or severe methods)?			
Do the teachers encourage and model good character and social skills?			
PROGRAM/ CURRICULUM			
What are the planned activities?			
Does the philosophy fit with the values you have for your child?			
Does the program offer field trips related to the theme for the week?			
Is there a curriculum?			
Does the program include large group activities as well as small groups and individual play?			
Does this camp have activities that are of interest to your child?			
Is the menu posted and are the meals nutritious?			
Does the school handle children's allergies and special needs?			
OUTDOORS			
Are the children provided with outdoor time each day?			
Is the outdoor area clean, safe and provide enough shade for the children?			
Is the area fenced in?			
Is the playground equipment appropriate for the age group using that area?			
Is the area open so that the teacher can see all the children playing?			
TUITION AND FEES			
What are the rates per child?			
Are meals and snacks included or is there an additional fee?			
Are there any additional fees for registration, supplies, late payment, or additional programs?			
Is there a discount for siblings?			
Does the school accept vouchers and assistance programs when available?			