



MAINE SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS: THE AUTHENTIC CAMP EXPERIENCE

Making lifelong friends, enjoying fun and memorable adventures, acquiring new skills, and gaining independence ... all these and more are part of a **Maine summer camp experience**. With the smell of pine in the air, the relaxed pace, and the beautiful crystal clear lakes and mountains, Maine is the ideal environment to unplug and cultivate a love for the natural world. **Maine offers the greatest number of the oldest, most established overnight camps in the country.**

Maine's summer camps are part of a long and rich tradition that continues to enhance the lives of children. It later brings campers back to experience Maine as adults, and send their kids to camp in Maine. In fact, there are more than 500,000 Maine camp alumni. Third and fourth generation directors along with esteemed camp professionals initiate innovative programs, while holding on to **traditions** that have made Maine camps popular for more than 100 years.

Maine's **incredible outdoor activities** make the state a unique place to spend summers as a child. Campers experience amazing trips to hike the Appalachian Trail, take in the view from Mount Katahdin and raft glorious rivers. The camps' lakefront settings are ideal for swimming, sailing, waterskiing, kayaking, paddle boarding and tubing. On land, campers can horseback ride on scenic trails, excel on adventure courses, and enhance their athletic skills in tennis, lacrosse, soccer and other sports. Similarly, **instruction and opportunities** in the arts - acting, theater production, dance, music, crafts, ceramics, photography, and more - are unparalleled. In the innovative culinary arts programs, campers benefit from Maine's 1.3 million acres of farmland - enjoying farm-to-table cooking classes and savoring the fresh, healthy cuisine. And these camps all have a strong foundation in engaging campers in social action, helping them become global citizens.

From over 100 camps in Maine, you can select the perfect fit for your child. With both coed and single gender camps that offer **sessions ranging from two to seven weeks**, your child can find their new favorite place in the world – at one of Maine's summer camps. They will return home stronger, more independent, self-confident, wiser and bubbling over with stories of their adventures and friendships.

There is incredible **geographic diversity of campers and counselors** at Maine camps. Each year approximately 20,000 kids come from all over the country - and even world - to experience these highly sought after camps. It's amazing for campers to meet different people than just from their home neighborhood as they become part of a universal community. Recognized as the gold standard in the camp industry, it's no wonder that government officials, business leaders, Pulitzer Prize winners, athletes, entertainers, and other notable icons chose to attend Maine camps, or send their kids there.

Unforgettable **family vacation opportunities** are a special part of the experience of camp in Maine. Parents and their children get to enjoy everything Maine has to offer – active outdoor adventures, sightseeing, world-class dining, shopping, and seaside hotels/resorts – during initial camp tours, annually on Visiting Day, and years afterward. Maine is a special place for campers and their families who choose to vacation in the destination. Some of the Maine camps even offer "Family Camp" so parents and their children can experience a camp-like vacation together.

Memorable traditions, strong core values, and meaningful youth development all set in nature's most beautiful backdrop keep kids coming back generation after generation to camps in Maine. Summers and camp belong in MaineSM.

For additional information about Maine summer camps for children, contact Maine Camp Experience, the camp planning resource, complete with a personal Maine Guide – info@mainecampexperience.com, 877-92-MAINE.

Maine Camp Experience is a community of more than 30 premier Maine Camps dedicated to providing children with the highest quality summer camp experiences in the country for generations. The site www.mainecampexperience.com, is **the** resource for all things camp and Maine – complete with a "personal guide" to assist you with summer camp guidance, and planning your visit to Maine. The site also features real Maine Camp memories self-posted by campers, parents, staff and alumni, as well as special offers.

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