

Day Camp or Overnight Camp?

Questions to help you decide

- What do you hope your child gains from a camp experience? A new skill? New experiences? A break away from regular routines?
- Does your child have special interests that he or she can explore further at camp?
- Where does the camp take place (outdoors all day, inside, rural, community trips)?
- How far away from home is the camp?
- Would your child feel comfortable sleeping away from home?
- Are there things that your child does not like that you want to ensure aren't a part of the camp (bugs, animals, large groups)?
- What is the camper to staff ratios? What is the maximum number of campers on premise at any one time?
- What are the qualifications and/or training of the camp staff?
- How does the camp identify and meet the individual needs of the campers?
- Is there a philosophy guiding the program or program goals? How do they encourage positive behaviours?
- Is the camp regulated or accredited? Who is regulating the camp and where will I find information on the regulation or accreditation? What does that mean for my child and family?
- Does Public Health, the Fire Department or any other regulating agency oversee the safety at the camp?
- How does the camp ensure effective supervision?
- How does the camp deal with dietary restrictions and/or allergies?
- How does the camp communicate with parents daily and/or when issues and emergencies arise?