

Don't be shy about asking these and other questions and....

try this helpful Web Site:

American Camp Association  
[www.acacamps.org/parents](http://www.acacamps.org/parents)

or call.....

The NIH Child Care Referral Service at 1-800-777-1720

For information about the camps, schools and afterschool activities

Your child deserves  
a  
Safe and Rewarding  
Summer Vacation!

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# summertime



## Who is caring for your child?

Find out about the rules for Health,

Safety,

Staff,

And More

for the Summer Experience you choose for your child.

Different Programs,  
like  
\*day camps,  
\*over-night camps,  
\*licensed child care,  
\*summer playgrounds  
have different  
requirements that you  
should know about  
before you make  
a summer decision.

## Questions to Ask when choosing Summer Programs:

Is the Program licensed and/or  
accredited? By whom?

How long has this Program been in  
operation?

Does the Program have any  
organizational affiliations?  
(professional, religious,  
government, social)

Who will be supervising my child  
and how old are they?

How many children are assigned to  
a group?

How many children are assigned to  
one staff member?

Is staff trained in CPR and First  
Aid?

What other training is required of  
staff?

Is staff required to have  
background checks?

What is the discipline policy?  
(ask for a copy)

What if my child needs to take  
medication?

In the event of an emergency,  
what is your plan?

Do you take fieldtrips?

How do you transport children?

## Look at Indoor Space-

Is it clean, safe and well equipped  
for groups of children?

Are bathrooms clean?

How is food prepared or stored?

## Look at Outdoor Space-

Is the play area fenced or  
protected by natural barriers?

Is play equipment in good repair?

Are areas under play equipment  
covered by safe surfaces?

How is the area supervised when  
children are outdoors?