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Summer camping during long holidays is gaining popularity. With hundreds of camps to choose from, children of all ages can actively take part. While some of these camps are day events, the others can run for a week or even more. Depending on your activities of interest, the summer camps in totality have and offer a wide spectrum of events and likewise cater to thousands of children every summer. There are boy groups, girl groups, groups for differently able kids. Initiatives are taken so that no child is beyond the scope of a summer camp.

The thing to take into account is the fact that summer camps are often misinterpreted as all play no work but at the same time, they inculcate the values of life in a young child via some activity that he enjoys doing. Summer camps are the best way to experience new and exciting events. At the same time, they also help to expand on the activities one already enjoys.

Participating in something without the vigilant eye of the parents children grow mentally and psychologically as pointed out by the great philosopher and psychologist, Sigmund Freud. This is in sharp contrast to the usual convention that staying away from parents may traumatize a child.

As mentioned earlier, summer camps are all about fun for children. They get to meet new people, make new friends, share their stories and interact in their own way. Excitement and adventure rule the camps as the children explore newer horizons. As a parent however, it is your duty to do a bit of research before choosing the summer camp that is suited best to address your child's needs. One has to decide whether the child wants to participate in team activities or singular events. Then again, is it performing arts, or crafting activities or sports that draw his attention?

To top this, a parent also has to check the professionalism involved and the fees charged by a camp. For example, one may come across a summer camp that has minimal skill level but charges exorbitant fees thanks to a favorable location. Sending your child to such a camp may not be the best for him. Moreover, getting in touch with summer camps has become much easier. If you have internet accessibility, a summer camp is virtually a click away. Frolicboonies.com for example offers some of the best

summer camps. The camps provide an arena of freedom where the child can discover himself. Frolicboonies is focused on increasing a child's appreciation for nature and environment.

If you thought a summer camp does not have much on offer, think again! There are team sports to develop team dynamics, individual sports to hone sporting skills, adventures for mental strength, performing and creative arts to develop the cultural side, computing and languages for the scholar. Differently able kids, on the other hand can take part in performing arts, gymnastics, swimming etc. You just cannot realize the importance of summer camps in shaping up your child's life unless you trust to send him to one.

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