

Get some helpful tips for first-timers.

Day Camp is a great opportunity for kids age 5-12 to experience the fun of camp and a break from the usual, while still enjoying their nighttime routines at home. Here are some things you can do to make your child's week(s) at Day Camp successful:

Encourage your child to make new friends

Day Camp is a place to meet new friends. Therefore we try not to group several friends together as this detracts from the camp experience for all members of the group.

Community Standards

Camp Jorn YMCA seeks to give each camper the opportunity to develop self-reliance, a sense of responsibility and self-worth, and to make each camper's experience with outdoor life a positive one in order to ensure enjoyment of and care for the environment. To that end, we hold our campers and staff to high standards. We expect our campers to follow clear expectations regarding their behavior.

Camp Jorn embraces the four core values of the YMCA, which are Caring, Honesty, Respect, & Responsibility.

Outline what to expect

Explain that your child will have certain activities every day (like swim time), plus a choice of other activities. Review the What to Expect during camp PDF together and discuss it as a family.

Focus on the fun

If you're concerned about camp, your child will sense it. If you're excited, your child will be, too. If your child arrives at camp with a great attitude and is looking forward to having fun, he or she is likely going to have a great time!