



TEN QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU CHOOSE A SUMMER PROGRAM

- 1 WRITTEN POLICIES**
Does the program have written policies to protect the safety of children?
- 2 ORGANIZATION**
Is the program organized? Ask if activities usually begin and end on schedule. Does the staff seem to be rushed or calm?
- 3 PROFESSIONALISM**
Are the staff trained to work with children?
- 4 INTERACTION**
Does the summer camp staff work and play well with the children? Spend a little time watching how the staff members interact with the children.
- 5 COMMUNICATION**
Does the staff regularly tell parents what is going on in the program?
- 6 BEHAVIOR**
Do the children in the program seem happy? Are they playing together peacefully, or are they fighting and arguing with each other?
- 7 RULES**
How does the staff handle conflicts, arguments, disagreements or misunderstandings among the children? Are there clear rules for behavior?
- 8 ACTIVITIES**
Are there a range of engaging activities for children to do or is the program “one size fits all”?
- 9 INTEREST**
Are the youth in the program taking part in activities? Are they interested ... or are they bored? Do they seem to be enjoying the activity?
- 10 EDUCATION**
Are the children attending the summer camp offered learning experiences (art, sports, music, cooking, etc.)?



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