

## **2009 Camp Types:**

### **1. Traditional Program Camps**

Many of these camps date back a hundred years or more and continue many of the same traditions today. They cater to a broad spectrum of campers, though tend to attract those from middle to upper incomes. Their programs encompass a wide variety of sports and encourage campers to engage in as many as possible. Most follow a strict schedule, with activities, songs and sports packed into their routine. These are some of our largest camps, with some maxing out at over 500 campers!

### **2. Specialty Program Camps**

Do you have an area of talent that you're wildly passionate about? If so, these camps could be a one in a million opportunity to share your excitement all summer. Specialty camps are based on one or more main activity area(s) at camp: including sports, water, adventure, arts, drama; or family camp designed programs. Their programs are similar to traditional camps only they allow their campers to focus all of their energy on what they are most interested in.

### **3. Girl Scout Camps**

These camps offer the unique chance to bond entirely with females during the summer. Imagine all the positive female energy you'll be surrounded by! Most, but not all, of these camps are rather rustic, which means you'll probably be sleeping in a platform tent. The focus is on the great outdoors, "helping girls grow strong" in a nurturing environment that stimulates self discovery.

### **4. Underprivileged and Inner-City Children Camps**

Another rewarding camp type, these camps cater to campers with diverse ethnic, social and racial backgrounds. Children are generally from low-income backgrounds that haven't necessarily always had the best role models. You will have the incredible opportunity to be a positive mentor for campers who might not have had many. Counselors at these camps see some of the most dramatic changes in their campers at the end of sessions.

### **5. Camps for People with Physical and/or Mental Disabilities**

Far and away, some of the most rewarding camps in the U.S. cater to campers with physical and mental disabilities. Campers at these camps require special care, allowing staff to quickly develop

exceptional bonds. Autism, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy and Down syndrome are some of the more common disabilities you will encounter. Luckily, you don't need any experience with disabilities—you'll receive extensive training upon your arrival. Rarely does life present us with the opportunity to do so much good wrapped up into so much fun. A testament to their success, these camps often have the highest return rate amongst our counselors.

## **6. Camps for Children with Specific Requirements**

Similar to above, these camps cater to children with emotional disorders, learning disabilities (such as ADD and ADHD), weight issues, Diabetes, terminal illness, hearing or sight impairments. Spending a summer at one of these camps is sure to bring you a whole new appreciation for the world we live in. These campers are sure to become some of the most incredible people you have ever encountered.

## **7. Religious Camps**

These inspiring camps are centered on the spiritual side of life as well as the athletic. They cover the wide spectrum of faiths and denominations (though most are Christian and Jewish). For the large majority, you only need to be interested in their faith to be successful. If you choose this type of camp, we will assign you a camp that closely matches your belief system. We won't put you in a conservative camp if you consider yourself liberal! Their programs are often similar to traditional camps, but counselors love the way religious camps nurture the whole child, including their spirituality.

## **8. Day Camps**

These unique camps run two weeks longer than traditional camps, but you have your weekends free! They operate either a weekday program only (no overnight campers) or a 5-day resident session without overnight campers on the weekends. They are usually located close to urban centers, so you'll have easier access to city life. Their programs are similar to traditional camps, which include lots of different activities.