

It's almost time: Various types of summer camps

Parents have lots of options at their disposal when choosing summer camps for their children. Competition for summer camp can be fierce, as camps only have a limited number of openings, many of which fill up quickly once enrollment begins. So it's in parents' and kids' best interest to identify their summer camp options early so they can be ready to pounce when enrollment begins.

Outdoor-centric camps

Sometimes characterized as adventure camps or nature camps, these offerings tend to be centered around physical activities that bring children into direct contact with the great outdoors. Kayaking, rafting, zip-lining, hiking, and rock climbing are just some of the outdoors activities children may be introduced to over a typical summer at outdoor-centric camps. Some outdoor-centric camps also teach survival skills, and many pride themselves on preparing campers to take on leadership positions on outdoor excursions.



Sports camps

Sports camps are wildly popular. Sports camps tend to specialize in one sport, like basketball, soccer or football, and may be overseen by a local high school coach and his staff. These camps are a great way for kids to have fun playing a sport they love, and also serve as a great opportunity for young athletes to learn the fundamentals of a given sport and fine-tune their existing skills or, in the case of less experienced children, develop new ones.

STEM camps

STEM camps incorporate activities that focus on science, technology, engineering, and math into each day's offerings. Campers may be part of teams that design and build robots. Coding a website also may be a project campers take on at a STEM camp. Parents concerned that STEM camps keep kids indoors for much of the summer

are urged to ask staffers how much time kids spend outside and away from screens while enrolled at the camp. Many STEM camps make a concerted effort to offer ample outdoors time, but it's best to ask prior to enrolling a youngster in STEM camp.

Arts camps

Arts camps may introduce children to ac-

tivities like painting and drawing or performance arts like theater and dancing. These camps also cater to kids with ample experience in artistic pursuits, and some may specialize on a particular one. So arts camps can be great for both newcomers and more experienced children.

Religious camps

Religious camps are another popular option. These camps emphasize faith-based teachings and spiritual activities but also tend to incorporate more traditional camp experiences, like outdoor play and other pursuits, into their daily schedules. Religious camps may be offered to congregants and non-congregants

alike, so parents can look around for religious camps even if their current house of worship does not host a camp of their own.

Academic camps and special needs camps are some additional summer camps options families can consider as they seek to ensure youngsters have a fun and memorable summer.

UK Athletics

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"Obviously he's a really good player. I had done my research," Bateman said. "I knew the kind of person he was. He is a young man whose dad (Cisco) played at Kentucky, who's from Lexington, and who's got the kind of leadership and personality you want.

I mean that was my number one. I had to get that guy to stay."

Bateman also knew what interest other schools had in Bryant.

"I think every school in the country was trying to get that guy and I just told him this is why I think you should stay," Bateman. "I told him these are some of the guys I've coached that have had success. And I think ultimately Ty wanted to stay. I think Ty loves this place, and when somebody wants to do something it's a little bit easier to get it done right. But man, what an impressive family."

As good as Bateman thought Bryant was when he got the job, he's now decided he might be even better.

"I've been really impressed by him as a kid. He's faster than I thought he was. He's a dynamite player. I'm really glad it worked out for us to keep him here," Bateman said.

In coach Kenny Brooks' first two years at Kentucky point guards Georgia Moore and then Tonie Morgan have set single-season assists records and led Kentucky to NCAA Tournament berths. Next season Brooks most likely will turn the team over to freshman Maddyn Greenway.

She ended her career last week helping Providence Academy (Minn.) win a fifth straight state title — something that had not been done before — when she just missed a triple-double with 33 points, 13 assists and nine

rebounds in the 95-60 title game win. Greenway finished her Minnesota prep career with 5,621 points, the third-highest in high school girls history

"There is a chance the records will be broken, but the championships are forever," Greenway told Max-

Preps after the game. "As I've hit milestones I've taken time to realize what I've done is not something that happens all the time.

"You don't realize how fast it flies by. I am forever thankful to wear Providence across my chest. The way we do it is su-

per fun to watch. A lot of little girls are inspired by our team and me and that is the legacy you want to leave. When you get to meet people off the court it is really cool. I was once like that as a little seventh grader, too."

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my coach Connor Goetz has been with Greenway during her six-year prep career and knew her historic career would eventually end.

"But for her to be able to put a cap on it like this, it just is the perfect ending to maybe the most legendary career ever," Goetz

said. "I dreamed of that moment calling timeout (at the end of the game) and taking her out. I knew she would cry. I knew I would cry. It was pretty special and really heartbreaking. I am going to miss coaching that kid. She is a special human being and a special kid."



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