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SUMMER 365 GUIDE

how to choose an all boys camp.

Is an all boys camp right for your son? What these camps offer, who they suit best, and the questions to ask, from the Summer 365 team.

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THE CAMP TYPE

all boys camps, explained.

All boys camps are increasingly chosen by families who want environments tailored to boys' social and developmental needs. Schedules are rich with sports, outdoor adventure, hands on skills and team challenges, all designed to promote leadership, resilience and healthy risk taking.

In single gender settings, boys often feel freer to try new things, form deep peer bonds, and receive mentoring that supports emotional growth and positive masculinity. Counselors can tailor coaching and group dynamics to how boys learn, helping campers build confidence, independence and lasting friendships in a focused, supportive atmosphere.

THE QUICK ANSWER

An all boys camp is a great fit for boys who love being active, thrive on friendship and team challenges, and are curious to try new things. Many boys feel freer to take healthy risks and form deep bonds, which builds confidence, independence and leadership.

key features.

- Single gender community
- Strong friendships and brotherhood
- Shared traditions and rituals
- Supportive staff and role models

benefits.

- Builds confidence and independence
- Encourages teamwork and leadership
- Sparks curiosity and trying new things
- A safe space to try new things

works best for.

- Boys who love being outdoors and active
- Campers curious to explore new interests
- Kids who enjoy camaraderie and team challenges
- Boys who thrive in a supportive, social community

A TYPICAL DAY

a typical day might include.

- Morning swim or lake activities
- Team sports and skill building sessions
- Arts, crafts or specialty programs
- Campfire sing alongs or evening traditions

PARENT QUESTIONS

what to ask every camp.

Bring these to every tour and director call, then debrief with your Summer 365 Advisor.

ASK

will my son feel supported

LISTEN FOR

Who checks in on new campers, how homesickness is handled, and how counselors get to know each boy in the first week.

ASK

how are fun, sports and growth balanced

LISTEN FOR

A schedule with real choice, a mix of team and individual activities, and time that is simply for fun.

ASK

are there leadership opportunities

LISTEN FOR

Ways for older campers to lead, mentor younger boys and take on responsibility.

ASK

how is social and emotional growth fostered

LISTEN FOR

Clear values the whole camp lives by, staff who coach kindness and sportsmanship, and traditions that bring everyone together.

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meet camp winadu.

1927	100	18+
FOUNDED	SUMMERS	STATES

Since 1927, Camp Winadu has welcomed boys to the Berkshire Mountains for a summer built on brotherhood, heart and legacy. Fresh off their landmark 100th summer, Winadu remains a place where time stands still, where boys can just be boys, free from social pressure and the noise of everyday life.

Every new camper is personally visited at home by the directors before his first summer, so no boy steps off the bus as a stranger. With campers from 18+ states and a six value system called the Winadu Circle at its core, Winadu has spent a century turning summers into lifelong friendships and camp friends into family.

campership and values.

- Friday night Campership, when the whole camp sings, dances and celebrates together
- The Winadu Circle: six core values including kindness and campership
- Beloved traditions: shoulder rides, an in house band, rainy day sing alongs

one camp, one community.

- Boys from 18+ states, a truly diverse brotherhood
- Directors personally visit every new camper at home before summer
- No social hierarchy, just genuine belonging
- 100 summers of one camp family

camper growth.

- Confidence to try things they would never do at home
- Leadership guided by the Winadu Circle values
- Resilience built through wins, losses and laughter
- Friendships that grow into lifelong brotherhood

independence and life skills.

- Living away from home in a true camp community
- Owning daily routines and personal responsibility
- Openness to try what they would never try at home
- Self reliance supported by deeply invested staff

more than athletics.

- Basketball, sailing, hiking and so much more
- Craft shack, cooking and creative programming
- World Cup Day, a full camp soccer tournament
- ZORK, the legendary all camp shaving cream fight

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Questions about Winadu or other all boys camps? Your Summer 365 Advisor can help, always free. summer365.com