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NATIONAL CAMP IMPACT STUDY

2017–2022

Consider the lasting impacts of camp and the ways that quality experiences support young people in developing valuable skills, learning who they are, and preparing for life beyond camp.

Explore three main conclusions:

1. High-quality camp experiences are intrinsically connected to youth and staff development.
2. Summer camp is a beneficial experience within a larger developmental ecosystem. Results show that camp positively complements youths' other life experiences.
3. Parents and caregivers consider multiple factors when making decisions about camp attendance and employment, from economic constraints to socioemotional needs.

Reach this conclusion — when youth are given the opportunity to attend or work at camp, they build key skills such as independence, social awareness, and perseverance.

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