

Summer Camp Provides Many Character Building Opportunities for Children

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One of the best things we can do for our kids this summer is to enroll them in fun activities to explore something new or build on something they already love. A quality summer camp will do all this plus provide an education in character development, creating a meaningful life experience for your child.

LINX Camps' VP and Executive Director Josh Schiering has always been a strong believer in character development at camp by teaching traditional values and building a strong sense of individuality as kids learn how to function and work in a group setting. "Kids learn how to get along, be a teammate, be a good sport, put themselves out there, take chances, be a good friend, and lift someone up. We have an expression we use at camp: 'no put downs, only lift ups'."

Here are some of the ways LINX Camps helps build character at camp.

Courage:

It takes courage for children to try something new, or even to do something they already enjoy with children they have never met. When a child succeeds at something new, they are much more likely to do it again. One courageous move by a child will make the next one a little easier.

Integrity:

Children learn how to be fair and honest from the adults in their lives. Adults at camp lead by example in such a way that children get a sense of what is right and what is wrong. A camp counselor that shows honesty and fairness is a positive role model for campers to look up to and emulate.

Trust:

The camp environment provides the opportunity for kids to learn to trust their adult leaders and one another as they learn, interact, and try new adventures. The camp is the safety net that not only catches kids if they stumble, but also helps them move forward with confidence to do better next time.

Responsibility:

Campers learn they are not only responsible for their belongings, but also for the way they interact with their peers. Counselors look for teachable moments to help kids learn to be responsible for their actions. While a quality camp has a plan in place to prevent situations like bullying, there is no guarantee that it will never happen. A good camp realizes the importance of addressing situations immediately and where appropriate, create a teachable moment.

Respect:

Camp provides opportunities for children to appreciate and respect one another's differences, talents and abilities as they learn to work together to resolve conflict, solve problems, and have fun as a team.

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