

The findings from national studies by American Camping Association indicated that camp is a unique educational institution and a positive force in youth development. The camp experience can benefit children by increasing:

- social comfort, with increased social skills & ability to make friends/Relationship skills
- independence and responsibility
- appreciation for living in the moment
- appreciation for diversity
- perseverance
- willingness to try new things
- identification of recreational interests/hobbies through activities offered at camp
- affinity for nature
- confidence and self esteem
- understanding of one's own values