



Maximum Age Exceptions (our usual top end age for a camper is 10):

For children who will be 11 by the time camp starts, options are:

1. Counselor in Training (CIT) program, which is part of our youth leadership program, where youth support staff with making the Monkey Business Camp program come to life, playing games with kids, helping lead activities, supporting campers' socio-emotional well-being, helping navigate simple conflicts. It takes some putting aside individual interests in service to supporting others, mostly that a youth feels excited to be supporting camp and enjoys playing with kids. The first step for joining this program is to review more about it, and if seems of interest to your child, to fill out an interest survey, linked at the bottom of [this page](#), which usually the parent does at age 11.
2. To continue, or join for first time as a camper in our oldest group, the Mango Coconuts, although the usual max age is 10 (see more about ages below & info for you to consider before signing them up as a camper)

Ages in Mango Coconut Group:

- summer, when we host more groups: usually means ages 9-10 only, but sharing a picnic area with the Fruit Salad group that has ages 7-8s.
- break camps, e.g. Autumn, Winter, etc, when we host fewer groups: usually means a wider age range of 7-10s.

If you are wondering about your child continuing as a camper, here are some things to inquire about:

- You just have a good feeling that they would do better as a camper still and would be okay as the eldest in the group. Note: in summer, they could have a lot of close peers, as there are quite a few older 10s often.
- Your child understands the different choices, and really prefers to still be a camper.
- It's important if they have a friend who will be in a CIT role, they know their buddy will not be as available to play, or the play needs to include other campers, due to their friend's responsibilities.

Exception Considerations-we are asking parents to consider what we have shared on the former page and please go ahead and [register](#) their child as a camper if they feel it's a good match.

For current families: You can inquire at camp if your child is about to shift ages from 10 to 11, to see what the Site Director thinks. Zach Bigelow often Site Directs the Mango Coconuts and is our youth leadership director programs@monkeybusinesscamp.com

For children who are 12+, at times, if they have been a part of our camp, and if they have a slower developmental pace, or if they have some other form of challenge but overall engage successfully in the program, they can still join as a camper, but overall, we find otherwise, it is not a good idea.

