

Spa 23 Summer CAMP

*An interview with Spa 23's Summer Kids Camp Director,
Matt Grossman*



Q: I thought Spa 23 was just a Gym? It has a Summer Camp too?

A: Spa 23 is so much more than just a Gym! With our Pool, Kinesis Center, Academy of Martial Arts, Pure Massage Center, over 65 aerobic classes included in with your membership and 2 regulation racquetball courts we cater to most everyone's wants and needs. We not only take care of our teen and adult members, but offer a huge variety of programs to kids, which led to the creation of Spa 23's Summer Camp.

CAMP Spa 23 was designed with kids in mind. 2009 was our first year to operate, and we opened hoping to average about 40-50 campers a week. We ended up with over 100 campers a week, and were pleased with our success.



Q: What makes your camp so successful?

A: Three major things: We have awesome camp counselors. We are a NJ State Certified Camp, and follow or exceed all state guidelines. We go above the requirements for our counselors and only hire age 18+. Of those hired, 98% of them are going to college to become teachers. So our camp counselors want to be with kids! Second, our camp is outside! At a lake and park! What is better than being outdoors for summer? And third, our price is one of the best ones out there, with a camp day of 9am-

4pm, plus we offer before care from 7am and after care until 6pm, we are the working parent's dream camp.



Q: So you are expecting another great year for CAMP Spa 23?

A: We have looked at what is offered to kids in our community and realize that there are two groups of kids whose needs are not being met by traditional summer day camps: 4 year olds, and the 13-15 year old teenager (too young to stay home all day alone, too old to be lumped in with the 9 & 10 year old traditional camper.....)

Every camp around us offers camp to ages Kindergarten thru 12 years old.....hmmm why not 4 year olds? We don't see why not, except it must be easier to take the older kids.

SO, we welcome your 4 year olds. We realize they have their own needs and as a result will cater to those needs with a 5:1 camper to counselor ratio. They will enjoy all the benefits of our outdoor camp, following the scheduled daily rotations, learning new activities and skills from our camp counselors, but in an environment that takes into account their skill levels and abilities.

Again, every camp seems to be set up for ages Kindergarten thru 12 years old. Once you turn 13, they seem to kick you out, unless you want to come back and baby sit all day as a CIT....Hmmm?! Well, I believe as a parent and Spa 23's CAMP Director, we can offer better than that! Talking to 13-15 year olds, and their parents I know we have created a great TEEN CAMP! TEEN CAMP is ALL-Inclusive! It combines great traditional camp activities, like swimming, sports and fun Friday activities, with programs and classes geared strictly for Teenagers: like jewelry making and model making.

So to directly answer your question, Yes, I am absolutely expecting another great year for CAMP Spa 23. Our weeks are filling up fast. We have a lot of our past campers returning, and have already registered many new campers.

This year we offer our campers 10 full weeks, June 23-August 29. Parents can pick and choose which weeks they want their camper to attend. We are flexible, affordable and lots of fun!

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