



CAMP MATTERS

Camp is more important today than ever before.

In our society, children are not spending enough time outdoors and are spending too much time in front of a phone or video screen. Here at Camp Thoreau, our responsibility is to increase the time children spend outdoors in our natural environment. We introduce children to their natural surroundings, and encourage our campers to engage and interact with nature by providing fun, safe and developmentally appropriate activities.

Founded in 1951, Camp Thoreau has a rich heritage rooted in our “Character Constellation.” Our mission is to create a fun, nurturing, and safe community which emphasizes educational and recreational activities for children and young teens. Our goal is to promote appreciation, **respect**, and to show **responsibility** towards the natural environment. Through **risk taking** and **teamwork**, campers and staff strive to achieve their personal best. Our highly skilled and diverse staff support campers in building relationships and establishing lasting **friendships**.

CAMPER FEEDBACK

- Camp helped me make new friends.
- Camp helped me to get to know kids who are different from me.
- The people at camp helped me feel good about myself.
- At camp, I did things I was afraid to do at first.

PARENT FEEDBACK:

- My child gained self-confidence at camp.
- My child continues to participate in some activities that were learned at camp.
- My child remains in contact with friends made at camp.

Camp fosters self-esteem, and confidence. At the end of camp, children feel more independent, have stronger social skills, have made new friends, and feel a greater comfort in social settings. Camp Thoreau offers a wide variety of activities where children can learn to participate as a team, take healthy risks, and support one another. Our highly skilled and experienced staff help campers to cope and overcome obstacles. Camp matters, and Camp Thoreau is here to welcome your children to a Summer experience that can last a lifetime.