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But given all the juggling parents do, less-stress summers require planning ahead.



That's what ParentMap's annual Summer issue is all about. Think your kid might be ready for classic overnight camp — s'mores and songs included? Our sleepaway camp primer tells you how to pick a camp and prep your

kid (p. 9). Is sailing and SUP on the summer wish list? We round up some of the best water-focused camps for your little fishes, and how to make sure they're safe (p. 21). Or perhaps you're longing for a camp that helps your kid learn real-world skills. Turns out there are camps that teach serious life survival skills, from cooking to carpentry to finance 101 (p. 29). Finally, who says summer fun is just for kids? Book a learning vacation for the whole family (surfing! fossil-hunting!) and create

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# Happy overnight campers

*How to rock your child's first sleepaway camp experience*

By Fiona Cohen



GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

Into the woods: Girl Scout campers

**I**t's an only-in-Seattle scene. Two hundred or so sleepy yet nervous families gather at about 6:30 a.m. on the downtown waterfront and load kids and luggage onto an Argosy vessel. After waving good-byes to their families, the kids take a raucous two-hour journey full of songs and games, heading for a week at Camp Sealth, on Vashon Island.

The vessel for this journey is named *Da Boata*. The captain, who has led most of these journeys since the early 1980s, is called "Mooselips." Camp is a place where nicknames thrive, and at Camp Sealth, they are particularly popular.

The camp's director, Carrie Lawson, says that by the time the boat returns with the kids a week later, the young campers have gained skills that will serve them through life, all while having a wonderful time.

"Camp is a phenomenal experience," she says.



On the boat to Camp Sealth

## Sleepaway smarts

When are kids ready for an overnight camping experience? It depends on the child.

"I think kids who are ready to camp will exhibit independence in other areas," Lawson says. If they manage events such as sleepovers well, that's a sign they might enjoy overnight camp. And of course, they should want to go.

"I like to say the first thing is to get them involved in the decision making," Lawson says. "Ask what they want, if there are specific activities."

Parents can help kids get ready by showing them photos and videos of camps, telling them what it involves and perhaps even visiting a site. Like many other camps, Camp Sealth has several open houses and tour days before camp gets started, so families can become familiar with it.

Other camps, such as Camp Orkila and Camp Colman, have family camps in the springtime that can introduce kids and families to the fun of overnight camp.

"I think it's important for kids to know where they are going," Lawson said.

## Final prep

Another tip for parents of first-time campers: Keep the enthusiasm level high. Sometimes kids who sincerely want to go to camp will become fearful in the days leading up to departure, says Kim Brunskill, director of Camp River Ranch, a Girl Scout camp near Carnation.

"In order to set up our kids for success, we ask our parents to let them know they can do it, and they are looking forward to the stories," Brunskill says.

It is important to communicate with the staff about your child's quirks and needs.

Parents should tell staff about "any particular challenges a camper faces in terms of relating to other people, [and] whether their challenge has a diagnosable name or not," Brunskill says. Provided they have a heads-up, staff members are ready to discreetly help kids with all kinds of issues.

One example: bedwetting. Bedwetting is common — one study estimates that about one in 20 10-year-olds sometimes wets the bed — and it should not be an obstacle to attending

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camp. However, parents need to tell staff, and to tell their campers that staff are ready to help them.

An informed counselor can help a camper change and wash bedding and clothes without anyone in the neighboring bunks noticing, Brunskill says.

### Buddy up?

Sometimes it's helpful for a first-time camper to go with a buddy, but parents should be careful about that strategy.

"Sometimes we have kids that want to come with a big group of friends, and I would discourage that," Lawson says. A major goal of summer camp, after all, is to make new friends.

Also, while siblings can be at camp at the same time, she recommends they sleep in different cabins.

"In general, siblings do better when separated," she says.

### Decisions, decisions

The American Camp Association ([acacamps.org](http://acacamps.org)) accredits camps if they meet certain health and safety standards. If the camp you are considering isn't accredited — and many small and specialty camps aren't — you should do extra research on its facilities and talk to families that have had kids attend the camp.

Depending on your child's interest, you might want to choose a general-interest camp or a specialty camp, such as horse camp, marine science camp, kayaking camp, sports



Making a splash: Camp Sealth

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camp, arts camp or a camp focusing on some other interest. Camp Sealth even has a construction camp.

A few specialty camps bear more resemblance to summer boarding schools than to conventional camps — long on academic instruction, short on nicknames, songs and "capture the flag."

Again, it depends on your child's interests. Some kids can't get enough of campfire skits and cabin-cleaning contests. Others just want to retreat somewhere and work on their music or their skills.

### Classic camp

Brunskill is a lifelong believer in the inclusive fun of old-school camp, with its games, crafts, outdoor activities and campfire songs.

"There's a lot to be said for a traditional camp, doing arts and crafts, having the opportunity to meet new people and staff and experience something different from your home life and your school life," says Brunskill.

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Lawson feels privileged to watch that transformation happen year after year, she says.

"I enjoy watching the youth grow up through our program and seeing the incredible young adults they become." 🌟

*Fiona Cohen lives, writes and grows tomatoes in Seattle. Her first book, Curious Kids Nature Guide: Explore the Amazing Outdoors of the Pacific Northwest, is to be published by Sasquatch Books in May 2017. She has two children, ages 15 and 12, both Orkila campers.*

## sleepaway camp sampler

Here is a taste of the variety of overnight camps that serve Puget Sound kids.

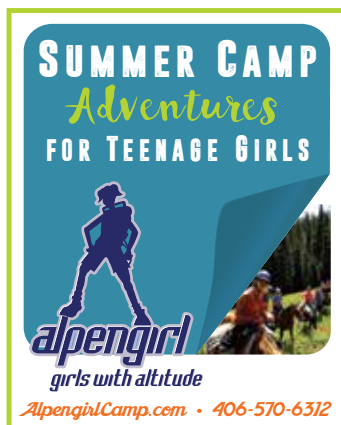
**THE BIG ONES.** If you are looking for a big camp with a full array of facilities and generations of fans, there are many options. The YMCA runs **Camp Orkila** ([seattleyymca.org/camps/orkila](http://seattleyymca.org/camps/orkila)), **Camp Colman** ([seattleyymca.org/camps/colman](http://seattleyymca.org/camps/colman)) and **Camp Seymour** ([campseymour.org](http://campseymour.org)). Camp Fire Central Puget Sound runs **Camp Sealth** ([campfireseattle.org/camp-sealth-overnight-camp](http://campfireseattle.org/camp-sealth-overnight-camp)), and the Girl Scouts of Western Washington runs camps for girls at **Camp River Ranch** ([girlscoutsww.org/en/camp/camp-properties/camp-river-ranch.html](http://girlscoutsww.org/en/camp/camp-properties/camp-river-ranch.html)), **Camp Robbinswold** ([girlscoutsww.org/en/camp/camp-properties/camp-robbinswold.html](http://girlscoutsww.org/en/camp/camp-properties/camp-robbinswold.html)) and **Camp St. Albans** ([girlscoutsww.org/en/camp/camp-properties/camp-st-albans.html](http://girlscoutsww.org/en/camp/camp-properties/camp-st-albans.html)). Each of these camps is focused on the traditional camp experience, but each also offers specialty programs, from the mainstream (riding horses) to the offbeat (a nocturnal camp).

**TRADITIONAL BUT SMALL.** For those looking for a more intimate camp experience, there are a number of idyllic options, each with a serious following. **Hidden Valley Camp** ([hvc-wa.com](http://hvc-wa.com)), near Granite Falls, is a small camp nestled on a lakefront property that offers riding and other camp activities. **Camp Four Winds Westward Ho** ([fourwindscamp.org](http://fourwindscamp.org)), on Orcas Island, is heavy on traditions, including uniforms — shorts for boys and bloomers for girls. Older campers (ages 9–15) attend for four-week sessions. **Camp Gallagher** ([campgallagher.org](http://campgallagher.org)), on Case Inlet, offers programs for middle schoolers and high schoolers. Teen campers have the opportunity to shape their own days — including deciding when they will wake up in the morning.

**SPORTS AND SPECIALTY CAMPS.** For kids who want to immerse themselves in a specific interest, there are many options. For soccer, **Peter Fewing**, a former

Sounders coach, runs overnight camps with his trademark relentless enthusiasm ([peterfewingsoccercamp.com/overnight.html](http://peterfewingsoccercamp.com/overnight.html)).

Those more interested in the arts should consider the theater, filmmaking, piano and symphony camps at **Icicle Creek Center for the Arts** ([icicle.org/arts-education/summer-camps](http://icicle.org/arts-education/summer-camps)) in the Leavenworth area. Kids with an interest in outdoor adventure and survival skills should look at **Wilderness Awareness School** ([wildernessawareness.org/youth-programs](http://wildernessawareness.org/youth-programs)). And if your child's ambition is to learn French, Washington boasts one of the best places in the U.S. to do that. **Canoe Island French Camp** ([canoeisland.org](http://canoeisland.org)), on a 47-acre island southeast of Shaw Island in the San Juans, imports half of its counselors from France. **Camp Ten Trees** ([camptentrees.org/cometocamp](http://camptentrees.org/cometocamp)) runs camps for LGBTQ kids and families, offering a wide spectrum of activities, with an emphasis on waterfront activities and archery.





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*Surf, sail, dig and create unforgettable family memories on a learning vacation*

By Kathleen F. Miller

**W**hile my family loves relaxing as much as anyone, our favorite summer vacations have often included opportunities to learn a new skill together. We've ridden horses on an Oregon beach, participated in art workshops at Camp Huston in Gold Bar, visited museums, learned to fly-fish in mountain rivers and studied the historic journey of Lewis and Clark and their guide Sacagawea.

Beyond offering the sheer adventure of trying a new experience, a learning vacation can have a lifelong impact. A child may discover a new strength or hobby, and a family may find a new activity to do together. And learning adventures, we've found, lead to great family stories that become even better in the retelling.

The Pacific Northwest has endless opportunities for exceptional family vacations with activities that are educational, from surfing and kayaking to woodcarving and digging fossils. Here are some of our favorites.

## Study glaciers: Glacier National Park

You may know about the glaciers of Alaska, but your family doesn't have to go that far to explore glaciers this summer. Head to Glacier National Park, a stunning 1,500-square mile wilderness area in Montana's Rocky Mountains. But go soon. NASA has predicted that by 2030, due to climate change, the famous glaciers of the national park will be gone. About 25 remain now.

The journey to Glacier is half the fun if you take the train. It's also a greener way to travel. Instead of driving from Seattle (about 10 hours), travel from Seattle to the East Glacier Park entrance station in 15 hours via **Amtrak's Empire Builder**. Once you're there,



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Your family might also enjoy a boat trip on Lake McDonald with **Glacier Park Boat Company** ([glacierparkboats.com](http://glacierparkboats.com)) or a scenic trail ride on horseback with **Swan Mountain Outfitters** ([swanmountainoutfitters.com/glacier](http://swanmountainoutfitters.com/glacier)).

**Stay:** Stay in a real log cabin at **Abbott Valley Homestead**, located near the park's west entrance (around \$175/night, [abbottvalley.com](http://abbottvalley.com)). Or bunk inside the park at one of the park's charming rustic lodges ([glaciernationalparklodges.com/lodging](http://glaciernationalparklodges.com/lodging)), which you can access by bus service.

## Dig it: A dino-mite adventure in Montana

Got a fossil fanatic in your family? **Great Plains Dinosaur Museum** ([greatplainsdinosaurs.org](http://greatplainsdinosaurs.org)) in Malta, Montana, 839 miles east of Seattle, offers daylong Dino Dig programs, through which your family can join the museum's paleontologists on a real scientific search for dinosaur bones and other fossils.

Participants excavate bones, learn how to collect and record scientific data, safely collect and transport fossils and learn about basic local geology and surveying techniques in surrounding eastern Montana, the location of many dinosaur specimens and other fossils. The fee is \$200–\$230 per day, per person; participants must be 11 or older and be able to walk for short distances and sit on the ground.

The museum also offers three-hour **Junior Paleontology** programs in the summer for younger kids, ages 5–13 ([greatplainsdinosaurs.org/index.php/museum-programs/junior-paleo](http://greatplainsdinosaurs.org/index.php/museum-programs/junior-paleo)).

Other activities nearby include spotting prairie dogs and visiting the **Phillips County Museum**. You can also observe dinosaur

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descendants by bird-watching at the **Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge**.

**Stay:** Make the nearby **Maltana Motel** or **Country Inn** ([countryinnmalta.com](http://countryinnmalta.com)) your home base; or camp or stay in a cabin at **Sleeping Buffalo Hot Springs** ([sbhotsprings.com/home.html](http://sbhotsprings.com/home.html)), where you can also soak in the springs.

### Get creative together: Art or music camp

Enjoy a week of creating art, music and drama together from June 17-23, 2017 at Family Week at **Idyllwild Arts Summer Program** ([idyllwildarts.org](http://idyllwildarts.org)) in California's San Jacinto Mountains near Palm Springs. Families with kids ages 3 and older can take classes in drama, book arts, painting, jewelry making, improv acting, ceramics and photography. Schedule as many (or as few) classes as you wish, and be sure to include time for relaxing by the pool and hiking. The family rate for four people is \$4,585, and the rate includes classes, accommodations and all meals.

Closer to home, **Fort Worden State Park** ([fortworden.org](http://fortworden.org)), a historic former military base in Port Townsend and the spectacular coastal backdrop for the movie *An Officer and a Gentleman*, is a learning family's dream. All summer, **Centrum** ([centrum.org](http://centrum.org)), an arts center based at Fort Worden, runs workshops in everything from singing to jazz to fiddle and swing music. Kids ages 13 and older are welcome to participate in the summer music workshops; some of the workshops also including a "kids track" for younger children. In your downtime, explore Fort Worden's lovely beaches, its historic bunkers or the charming Victorian town of Port Townsend.

You can also take a family woodworking class at the **Port Townsend School of Woodworking** ([ptwoodschoool.org](http://ptwoodschoool.org)), such as a two-day class in July in which families work together to build a birdhouse. Or take an art class at the **Port Townsend School of the Arts** ([ptschoolofthearts.org](http://ptschoolofthearts.org)).



Picture this:  
Idyllwild Arts Summer Program

IDYLLWILD ARTS

**Stay:** Stay at **Fort Worden** in one of the former officer's houses ([fortworden.org/stay-here](http://fortworden.org/stay-here), book early) or rent a house in Port Townsend.

### Go fish: Suncadia Resort

**Suncadia Resort** ([destinationhotels.com/suncadia-resort](http://destinationhotels.com/suncadia-resort)), located 80 miles east of Seattle, is a perfect base camp from which your family can explore all kinds of outdoor adventures while staying in the comforts of a resort.

For example, learn to fly-fish with the resort's "walk and wade" guided fly-fishing trips, available anytime, with instruction from **Troutwater** ([troutwaterfly.com/suncadia-resort](http://troutwaterfly.com/suncadia-resort)) on the nearby Cle Elum and Yakima rivers; the trips are suitable for the whole family. Kids can also take fly-fishing classes designed just for them.



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You can also enjoy a trail ride by horseback with the resort's partner, **Three Peaks Outfitters** ([3peaksoutfitters.com](http://3peaksoutfitters.com)), or go river rafting on the Cle Elum River, with a kid-friendly meal included. Or **rent a bike** and explore the resort's miles of paved trails, with or without a guide; book some relaxation time at the spa; or take a dip in an outdoor or indoor swimming pool, which boasts an exciting waterslide.

If you want the kids to learn while you relax, Suncadia offers **Campcadia** for guests ages 4-12 for full-day or half-

day sessions of activities such as canoeing, arts and crafts, and hiking.

**Stay:** Accommodations range from units at **The Lodge at Suncadia**, starting at \$199, to entire vacation homes that rent for much more.

### Sail away: Adventuress

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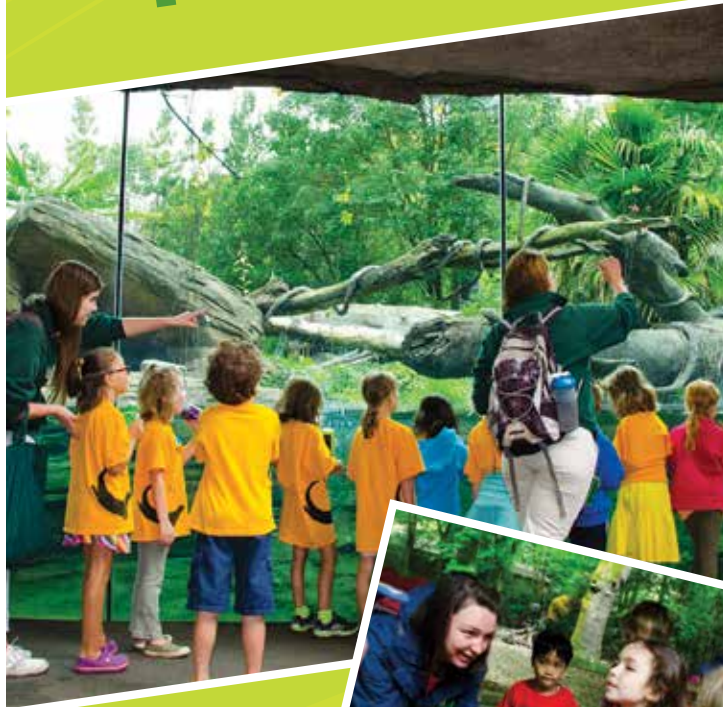
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### Forage and play: Alderbrook Resort and Spa

Stay at **Alderbrook Resort and Spa** on Hood Canal this summer ([alderbrookresort.com](http://alderbrookresort.com)), less than two hours by car from Seattle, and your family can learn to forage on a weekly free, guided tour led by one of the resort's chefs. Take a hike into the beautiful surrounding forests to learn how to identify and gather wild berries, mushrooms, nettles and more. Then enjoy a chef-led cooking demo and eat some of the bounty.

Alderbrook also offers complimentary outdoor art classes for the whole family, and boasts a heated **indoor swimming pool**, spa and a **waterfront activity center** with kayaks and paddleboards. Or play hike and seek by going **geocaching** on the property; Alderbrook offers complimentary GPS devices. You can also sign up for family-friendly outdoor activities in nearby Olympic National Park, including a four-

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**Stay:** Lodging options at the resort in the summer include view rooms for four from \$249 and charming cottages for \$500 a night.

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While in Cannon Beach, also try a Farm and Sea Discover Tour with Astoria's **Dirty Tours** ([dirtytours.com](http://dirtytours.com)), which spotlights the little-known world of coastal agriculture, with stops at family lavender, dairy and organic farms; oyster farms; and microbreweries (\$100/person, which includes a boxed lunch).

More epic family activities abound: Ride horses on the beach on a trail ride with Cannon Beach's **Sea Ranch Stables** ([searanchrv.com/stables.htm](http://searanchrv.com/stables.htm)); stretch out at a yoga class at **Cannon Beach Yoga Arts** ([cannonbeachyogaarts.com](http://cannonbeachyogaarts.com)); or get creative at an art summer camp, with classes for the whole family for ages 3 and older, July 10–14, 2017, offered by the **Cannon Beach Arts Association** ([cannonbeacharts.org](http://cannonbeacharts.org)).



Beach time: Surfsand Resort

SURFSAND RESORT

**Stay: Surfsand Resort** ([surfsand.com](http://surfsand.com)), adjacent to Cannon Beach Surf, is a dog-friendly resort beloved by Northwest families for its location right on the beach, complimentary kid activities, beach cruiser bikes, evening beach fires with s'mores and indoor pool and free meals for kids ages 10 and younger when the family dines

at the resort's Wayfarer Restaurant. For families that want more space, privacy and full kitchens, houses are available to rent through **Beachcomber Vacation Homes** ([beachcombervacationhomes.com](http://beachcombervacationhomes.com)). ☀

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# Just add water

Water camps foster teamwork, teach new skills and promote safety

By Lauren Braden

**L**ake Washington, Puget Sound, Lake Sammamish, Green Lake, Commencement Bay, your local pool: Our cities and neighborhoods are literally surrounded by a multitude of sparkling bodies of water — beautiful to look at, but even more fun to play in. Luckily, there are many local summer camps that make the most of our aquatic landscape, turning the great outdoors into a setting for learning about marine life, boosting water skills and cultivating new ways to stay active in an increasingly sedentary world.

Very young children are drawn to water, and most enjoy splashing in pools and wading into the surf. (Note that early swimming lessons greatly reduce the risk of drowning in young children; see our sidebar for essential water safety tips.) When kids are a bit older and have mastered basic water competency, they may be ready for more advanced aquatic activities. Whether it's shoving off in a sloop or paddling a kayak through a wildlife-rich wetland, water sports combine exercise, strategy, learning and fun.

We've scoured our region's youth summer camp scene to find top-notch opportunities for frolicking in the sea, surf, sand and swimming pool.

## THE WATER SPORT

### Sailing

**WHY IT'S FUN:** As the sail unfurls and catches a breeze, the hull lifts beneath you and the boat picks up speed, giving your stomach a thrilling flip-flop sensation. Sailing is a tactile, sensory-rich activity that hones both physical and strategic mental skills in kids. And though the sport carries a bit of an elitist rep, community sailing programs makes it more accessible to everyone (such as when yacht clubs or park districts own boats that sailors can reserve and use). For attire, skip the red chinos and navy stripes popular back east; Northwest sailors prefer wool and cozy fleece.



Little fishes: Safe N Sound Swimming

### CAMP TO TRY: Seattle Yacht Club Sailing

**School** ([seattleyachtclub.org](http://seattleyachtclub.org)) hosts weeklong sailing camps on Portage Bay that teach kids their way around a sailboat as well as hands-on skills such as steering, tacking, jibing, tying knots and more. "We focus on safety, learning, and fun," explains programs coordinator Angela Frost. "Kids can gain valuable life skills such as teamwork as well as independence, responsibility and safety, problem solving and a greater respect and understanding of nature." Wind and weather conditions can be unpredictable, says Frost, which helps children gain resilience and confidence. Frost says that instructors make the learning fun by including games, sailing adventures, theme days and the occasional dance party or swim time in class.

Children must be able to swim to attend (there's a swim test given on the first day of class). **Ages:** 7–17. **Details:** Camps run June 19–Sept. 1. \$440 for nonmembers.

**MORE LIKE THIS:** Kids can get their first sailing experience on a Sunday public sail offered by the **Center for Wooden Boats** ([cwbo.org](http://cwbo.org)) on South Lake Union, on Sunday mornings year-round (free, although donations are encouraged; sign-up begins at 10 a.m.; space is limited). The **Tacoma Yacht Club** has junior sailing camps that cover basic skills and knot-tying techniques ([tacomajrsail.org](http://tacomajrsail.org)). **Vashon Park District** runs sailing camps for youths out of Quartermaster Harbor ([vashonparks.org](http://vashonparks.org)). **Sail Sand Point** offers a range of camps for youths on Lake Washington at Magnuson Park ([sailsandpoint.org](http://sailsandpoint.org)). >>



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### THE WATER SPORT

## Stand-up paddleboarding and kayaking

**WHY IT'S FUN:** Stand-up paddleboarding (called SUP) is like surfing, combining the thrill of standing atop the water's surface with core-building, balance-boosting exercise, but no waves are required. It takes just half a day for kids to learn basic standing maneuvers and paddle strokes, fostering confidence and building strength and balance. A kayak is a small, maneuverable boat you sit in, using a double paddle and body motions to propel yourself forward or to turn. It's the ideal self-propelled boat for exploring on cold or windy Northwest waters because the enclosed hull prevents it from taking on water (and keeps the paddler dry!). Paddling around a wetland or sheltered bay is also a wonderful way for children to see wildlife such as herons and harbor seals up close.

**CAMP TO TRY: Moss Bay Kids Camp** ([mossbay.co](http://mossbay.co)) combines kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding

and sailing on Lake Union in Seattle. "Children learn to kayak, paddleboard and sail while practicing water safety and learning team-building skills and confidence on the water," says Sydney Bonino, camp director. The program is designed for "inside-out learning," where well-trained staff members take a supportive, low-pressure approach to skill development, helping kids discover for themselves which boating activities they most enjoy. Kids wear life jackets at all times on the water.

**Ages:** 6–12. **Details:** Camps run June 12–Sept. 1. \$340/week.

**MORE LIKE THIS: Alki**

**Adventure Camps** in West Seattle mixes SUP in the mornings with afternoon excursions such as nature hikes ([alkiadvcamp.com](http://alkiadvcamp.com)). **Kayak Academy** in Issaquah offers half-day and full-day camps that teach SUP, kayaking or both along the shores of Lake Sammamish ([kayakacademy.com](http://kayakacademy.com)). >>



Oars in: Moss Bay Kids Camp

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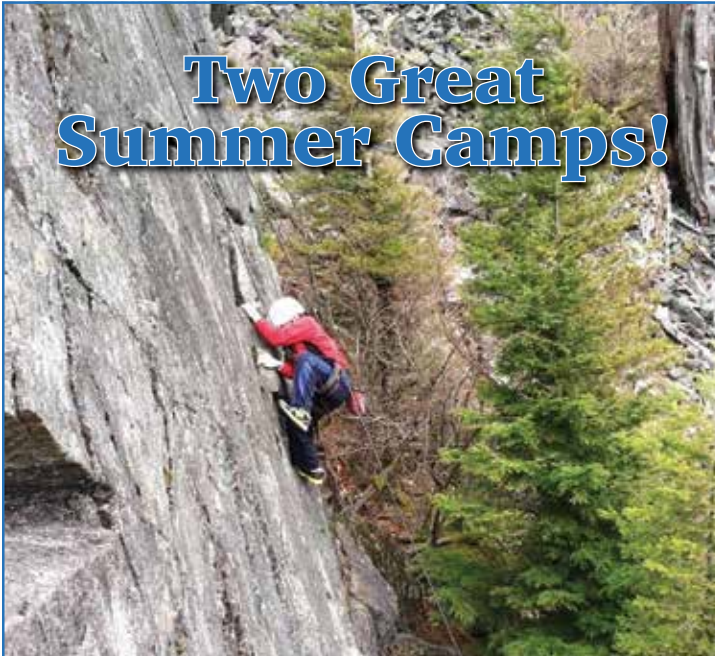
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### THE WATER SPORT

## Rowing

**WHY IT'S FUN:** Rowing (commonly called "crew") is the ultimate water sport for developing teamwork and camaraderie. There are no star players, as each participant aims to move his or her oar in rhythm with the rest of the team as a single unit. (The coxswain, who sits facing the rowers while steering the shell and sometimes shouting encouragement or directions, acts as the team leader.) Many Puget Sound-area middle schools, high schools and nonprofit rowing centers have youth crew teams, so a week of crew camp can help launch kids into one of the most fun school team sports. Rowing is hard exercise; it helps kids develop upper and lower body strength, stamina and the discipline to wake up well before the crack of dawn to get out on the water for practice.

### CAMP TO TRY: Lake Union

**Crew** ([lakeunioncrew.com](http://lakeunioncrew.com)) offers a comprehensive introduction to rowing. Participants are schooled in the technical aspects of crew, from stretching to sweeping to sculling. After practicing on training barges, kids move up to multiperson rowing shells (doubles and quads). **Ages:** 12 and older. **Details:** Four consecutive two-week camp sessions are offered, starting June 26. \$295 half-day camp, \$645 full-day camp.

### MORE LIKE THIS: Seattle Rowing

**Center** ([seattlerowingcenter.com](http://seattlerowingcenter.com)) hosts half- and full-day rowing camps for two-week sessions, grades 4–10. **Everett Rowing Association** features several introductory rowing camps for ages 12–18 at an affordable cost ([everettrrowing.com](http://everettrrowing.com)).

### MULTISPORT CAMPS

## Swimming and water adventure

Perhaps your child isn't quite ready to settle on one water sport for an entire week. If that's the case, try a water adventure camp that provides an assortment of boat-based water science, and swimming activities for sampling. Here are a few standout offerings around the region.

### Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center

([mbrsc.org](http://mbrsc.org)) hosts weeklong Youth Adventure Camps, which include swimming, paddling, small-boat sailing and water-based field trips to visit the Seattle Aquarium, explore tide pools and comb sandy beaches for treasure. **Ages** 11–14. \$300.

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**SAMBICA** ([sambica.com](http://sambica.com)) is a nondenominational Christian camp (the name stands for Sammamish Bible Camp Association) in operation for nearly a century that hosts water adventure camps on Lake Sammamish. Campers swim every single day with tubes, banana boats and cool water toys, such as a giant inflatable action tower that has a slide on one side

and a climbing wall on the other. Other activities include kayaking, canoeing, SUP, wakeboarding and water-skiing. Kids have to pass a swim test to access the deep end or to be allowed to swim without a life jacket. Grades 2–12. Camps run June 19–Sept. 1. \$300–\$575. ☀

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## safety first

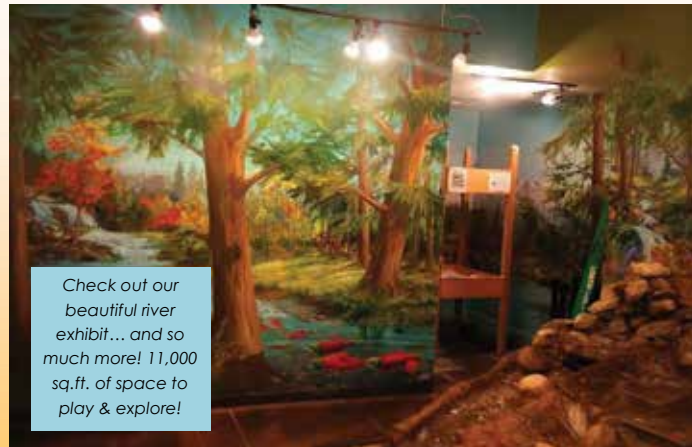
Can your child tread water or float on his or her back for one full minute? How about exiting the pool without using the ladder? These are two of the five basic “water competency” skills defined by the American Red Cross, and these skills (or variations on them) are an admission requirement for some of these water-themed camps. (The other three critical skills are the ability to jump into water over your head and return to the surface, turn around in a full circle and find an exit, and swim 25 yards.)

Need to fast-track obtaining these skills before summer? Sign your kids up for swim lessons, but do your research. Try a swim center with a long track record and strong reputation, such as **Safe N Sound Swimming** in Seattle ([snswwim.com](http://snswwim.com)), which teaches kids ages 2–8 to swim through a unique one-on-one method; or **Samena Swim and Recreation Club** in Bellevue, which offers group lessons and one-on-one lessons taught according to the American Red Cross standard ([samena.com](http://samena.com)).

### WATER SAFETY RESOURCES

**American Red Cross** ([redcross.org/swimming](http://redcross.org/swimming)). Find a local provider for Red Cross standard swimming lessons, read about small-boat safety and get water safety tips.

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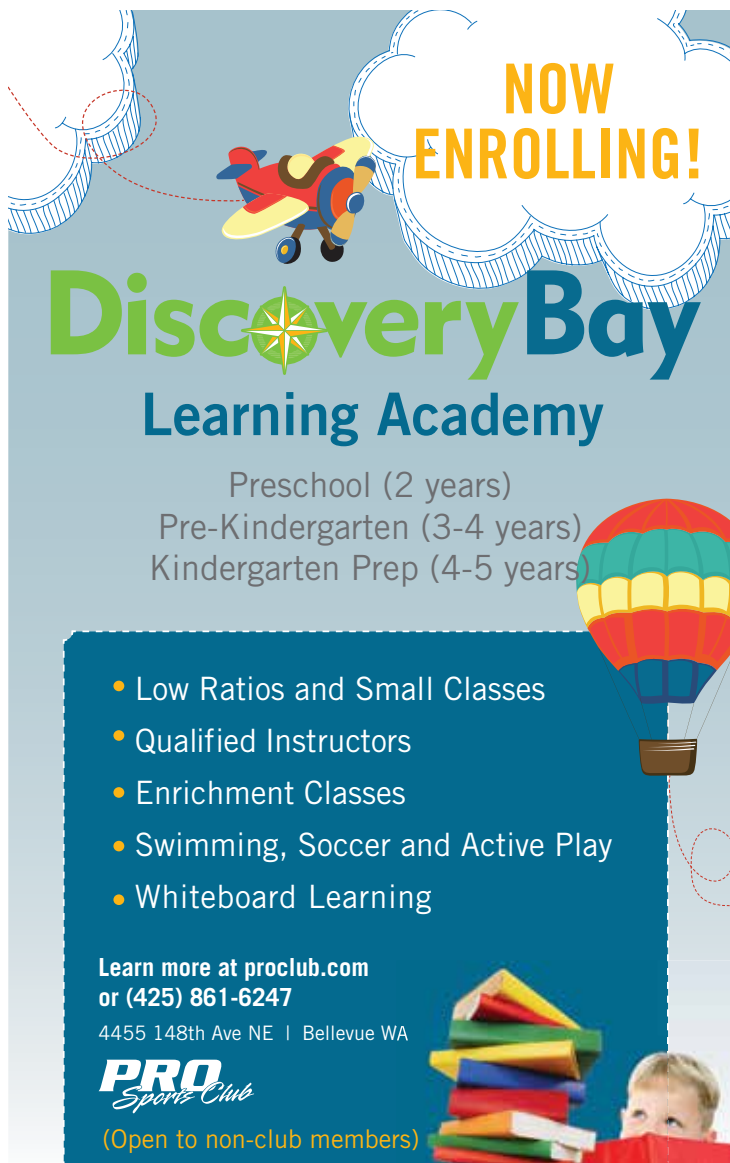
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# Summer camps that teach life skills

*Want kids to learn to cook, build, sew and fix? Try these*

By Gemma Alexander

**N**owadays, preschools have waiting lists, and high schools have entrance exams. High-stakes testing has parents booking tutors, and schools reconsidering recess. But when our kids finally reach that vaunted goal — college — will they be eating Top Ramen in unwashed clothes, wondering how to make dinner, patch their clothes or pay the electric bill?

Never fear: There are summer camps for that. These camps aim to prevent this parental nightmare by introducing kids to practical building blocks that stack up to real-life skills, from carpentry to finance. This summer, why not introduce your kid to the lost arts of adulthood?

## Build it, sew it, weld it

Most families are focused on helping kids eventually get a degree, but a college degree won't teach you to fix your sink or build furniture. And not everyone is temperamentally suited to life at a desk. But even if your child is already coding up a storm, trade skills learned could give them a lifelong creative outlet. (Please note that traditional gender roles need not apply to traditional crafts — all of the following camps are coed.)

At **Camp Fire's Construction Camp** on Vashon Island (grades 9–12, \$500), teens interested in working with their hands get professional guidance in building or renovating a structure at camp. Because their finished project benefits the camp, they receive volunteer credits as well as practical skills. Traditional summer camp activities are part of the experience, too. [campfireseattle.org/camp-sealth-overnight-camp/camp-descriptions/specialty-camps/construction-camp](http://campfireseattle.org/camp-sealth-overnight-camp/camp-descriptions/specialty-camps/construction-camp)

Younger kids can learn hands-on, practical woodworking skills, with an emphasis on the safe use of hand tools, from **Kids' Carpentry** summer camps offered around Seattle (ages 5–10, \$275). At the end of the weeklong, half-day camp, each child will have learned to use tools such as saws, sandpaper and hand drills, and made and painted wooden toys. Registry is through Seattle



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Whether you use a sewing machine to patch jeans or your kid has already included one in the business plan for his or her Etsy shop, sewing can teach kids valuable lessons. "They're developing skills and behaviors around patience, concentration, precision, math, dexterity, design and color values and the special relationship around how items are constructed to last," says Keli Faw of **Drygoods Design** in Seattle's Pioneer Square. Drygoods offers summer camps (ages 7 and older; \$200, including materials) that blend structured activities and design time. Kids are given the power to choose their own fabric (with a budget) for each of the projects they will complete during the week. [drygoodsdesignonline.com](http://drygoodsdesignonline.com)

**Made Sewing Studio**, with locations in Seattle's Ballard and Greenwood neighborhoods, offers one-, two- or three-day camps during school breaks (minimum age is 7; \$150–\$250, plus materials). Each camp focuses on a single project, such as making pajamas, sweatshirts or doll clothes. This year, the studio is adding a

yarn arts program and a kitchen camp, in which students will make an apron or chef's hat and then bake something with a professional chef. Except where noted, all camps are open to all experience levels. [madesewing.com](http://madesewing.com)

Across Lake Washington, **Sew Maris** offers half-day sewing summer camps (ages 8 and older, check back for 2017 rates), which are taught out of a home studio in Bellevue. Camps are available for a variety of skill levels and always include kid-friendly projects. [sewmaris.com](http://sewmaris.com)

## Money makes the world ...

We all know how important financial skills are to success in life, but when it comes to money, we may not be our children's best teachers. Only 57 percent of Americans surveyed passed the 2015 S&P Global financial literacy test. And if even if you're a financial whiz, it sometimes pays to outsource.

Fortunately, there are resources to help kids and their parents get a handle on money. "We are a hands-on, fun, activity-centered camp that focuses on philanthropy and encourages

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family discussion about money. The students ask questions to local entrepreneurs and learn firsthand how a business is run,” says Kasey Hill of **Growing Wealth from the Start**, an Edmonds-based financial education company. It offers a number of products for families and teachers, but its signature program is, yes, **Camp Millionaire**, a weekend camp that touches on all aspects of financial literacy — budgeting, saving, investing and giving back (ages 10–16, \$170). Facebook, “Growing Wealth from the Start”

**Future Investor Clubs of America** offers a deeper dive into financial education with its five-week modular curriculum of summer camps (ages 8–19, \$950/week). Locally, FICA camps are held at the University of Washington and, according to the website, move beyond personal finance to include business training and business-focused college preparation. [futureinvestorsclub.com/wallstcamps-curriculum.cfm](http://futureinvestorsclub.com/wallstcamps-curriculum.cfm)

### Top chef skills

In these days of overscheduling, most of us struggle to find time to cook a healthy meal, let alone slow down long enough to teach our kids knife skills. And if the kitchen isn't your happy place, it can be hard to instill the joy of cooking in others. But kids benefit in so many ways from learning to cook, from learning to follow recipes to developing math skills to the pride they gain from being able to feed themselves (or their family).

There are many local options for kids' kitchen education. Seattle's **Blue Plate** (ages 8–15, \$550) promises to turn enthusiasm into serious skills with its variety of small-group, weeklong camps. Blue Plate cooking camps are focused on cooking from scratch, and cover different cooking methods, knife skills, food safety and nutrition. Each camp includes a shopping trip to Pike Place Market. [blueplateseattle.com/summer-camps](http://blueplateseattle.com/summer-camps)

Much-loved kitchen store **Sur La Table** offers three different weeklong cooking

classes in the summer (ages 8–17, \$250) at its Kirkland location. Kitchen Fundamentals for Kids, Science in the Kitchen and Healthy Kids, Healthy Planet are each offered for both kids and teens. [surlatable.com/category/cat500429/Summer+Series+for+Kids+and+Teens](http://surlatable.com/category/cat500429/Summer+Series+for+Kids+and+Teens)

The **Rainy Day Dinner Club** is a flexible camp that partners with organizations around the Puget Sound area, and it can accommodate vegetarians. The summer camp curriculum varies by location and partner (ages 5 and older, \$175–\$200). Camps for 2017 are still being scheduled, but will include a week of baking in Bellevue and on Queen Anne, and at least one camp that combines cooking with other activities, such as sewing and music, on Phinney Ridge. [rainydaydinnerclub.com](http://rainydaydinnerclub.com)

### Shop 2.0

Auto mechanics today may be a computer-driven field, but there's still value in understanding how a motor works, and the hands-on aspect can be a great way for kinesthetic learners to connect with science and technology. In Bothell, Lake Stevens and Lynnwood, **Junior Mechanics Camp** (grades 5–9, \$140) lets campers spend afternoons learning about the inner workings of rally carts. (Note: The camp is only available as an add-on to the morning Off-Road Rally Karts Camp, \$179.) [cedarspringscamp.net](http://cedarspringscamp.net)

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Located in Seattle's Central District, **Coyote Central** offers hands-on, project-based courses in creative fields for youths ages 10–15. Its classes cover most of the subjects already listed, plus a few that aren't offered anywhere else, such as welding, glassblowing and furniture making. Last year, summer camps cost \$215, plus various materials fees, but Coyote Central is dedicated to inclusivity and promises to provide every family with the scholarship support it needs. [coyotecentral.org](http://coyotecentral.org)

### Grow your veggies

While a small group of urban farmers is trying to achieve self-sufficiency, far more of us are turning to the simple backyard garden to reconnect with our food and natural processes. Plus, it's eminently practical.

In Woodinville, **21 Acres** is both a working farm and an education center dedicated to teaching people of all ages about local food, smart consumer choices, green energy and low-carbon transportation. Its agricultural summer camps (2016 prices were \$275/week) — with names such as "Farmer in Training," "Foods from the Fields" and "Pizza Organica" — strive to make each experience of green living fun and celebratory. [21acres.org/get-involved/youth-education-program/farm-camps](http://21acres.org/get-involved/youth-education-program/farm-camps)



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In Carnation, **Oxbow Farm and Conservation Center's** environmental education programs connect kids with their food through hands-on, experiential learning. Activities are designed to teach environmental literacy and land stewardship while providing outdoor fun. It offers two themed camps (ages 4–12, \$230 half day/\$300 full day): "Farm and Forest Homes" and "Dig In." [oxbow.org/summercamp](http://oxbow.org/summercamp)

**Seattle Tilth** has been shocking city kids with the information that broccoli is a plant for 20 years. In addition to its classic farm camp in Wallingford, it now offers everything from parent-and-toddler flower camps to teen camp counselor training. The focus varies from bugs to food to plant science, and some options are offered at the Rainier Beach Learning Garden. [>>](http://seattletilth.org/learn/kids/summer-garden-farm-camps)

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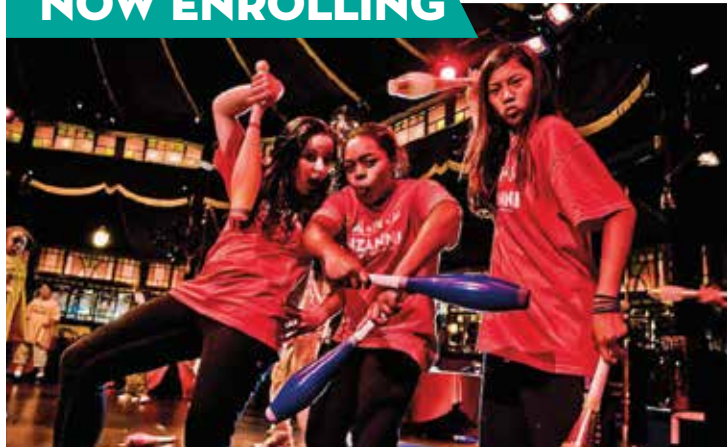
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