

Respect in Sports

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SAM President, MaryJo Knudson gave a presentation on

10 Ways to Make Youth Sports Great

to attendees at the MCEA (Minnesota Community Education Association) Southern region conference in April.

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How to Compare Summer Sports Camps

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With the rise in the number of sport camps you want to be sure that the camp you are sending your child to is the right choice. You will need to compare the choices, be it a basketball camp, baseball camp, volleyball camp, archery camp, or any other athletic camp, to ensure the summer camp is going to provide your child with the instruction and experience they want. Start your search by knowing what your child wants to achieve at the sport camp including just having some fun and exercise or serious training for high school, college or even professional play. Then use the following criteria so you can compare summer sports camps side by side.

Step 1: Sport Camp For Fun

Going to a sport camp for fun and exercise is easily attained by attending a local day camp. If your child is just beginning to learn the sport and is looking to understand the basics of the game this would be a good choice for a summer camp. The Camp Counselors can be the coaches from the junior or high school team and/or some local high school students presently playing that sport at that level. This type of sport camp is quite affordable and easy to get in to.

Step 2: Intense Training to Increase The Level of Skill

If your child is serious about increasing their level of playing in the sport you will have to do some 'apple to apples' comparisons to ensure the camp experience results in increasing your child's competitiveness in the sport. The camp will cost more, depending on the level your child is and then wants to be. The location may not be close and the day camp may turn into sleep away camps.

Step 3: Where The Summer Sport Camp Is Located

Sport camps that provide a high level of training may not be in your community. Find out if the camp is close enough for you to drive your child back and forth or is it a residential camp. The difference in cost between these two features can be significant.

Step 4: Find a Summer Camp That Fits Within Your Budget

Search on the Internet for the level of training you and your child want from sport camp. Now compare prices and check for any underlying costs such as transportation, sports insurance, rental equipment fees, meals provided, etc.

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