FINDING A SLEEPAWAY CAMP CHECKLIST

To start, here are a few considerations to ensure a positive sleepaway camp experience.

✓ **Camp History, Accreditation & Safety**
Make sure camp is accredited and has positive recognition in the community.

Camp Tall Timbers opened in 1970 and is proud to be accredited by the **American Camp Association**, which has +50 years of trust behind it. Camp Tall Timbers and the ACA have a partnership that promotes individual growth and fun in an environment committed to safety. In addition, we take extra steps to seek counsel from the American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Red Cross, and others, to ensure quality and safety. We are rated one of the 50 most amazing summer camps in the U.S. by **Early Childhood Education Zone** and by **Top Education Degrees.org**. We have also earned top ratings in Bethesda Magazine's Best Overnight Camps issue. Our award-winning program has consistently received recognition from families for Bethesda Magazine's "Best of Bethesda", Washington Family's "Best for Families", and Washington Parent Picks.

✓ **Child's Interests, Program & Sessions**
Make sure camp offers a variety of activities that your child enjoys and new experience to explore.

At Camp Tall Timbers there is something for everyone - sports, aquatics, equestrian, great outdoors and the arts. We offer a wide variety of activities for our campers to choose from and choice is an important part of our program. This allows for a camper to be motivated to participate, learn and enjoy their daily program. We also encourage campers to hone current skills and discover new interests. Our sessions are designed to promote independence, decision-making and exploration.

✓ **Camp Leadership, Directors & Staff**
Make sure camp has an actively engaged owner, qualified directors and experienced staff.

At Camp Tall Timbers, Glenn Smith the owner and director is engaged and accessible. Emma Knox, Assistant Director, has over 25 years of Camp Tall Timbers experience. Staff background checks are conducted, on-site training is mandatory and staff-to-camper ratio is exceptional. This ensures that campers are well-supervised, cared for and have a fulfilling summer experience.

✓ **Camp Living & Amenities**
Make sure the camp has resources to ensure a positive experience.

At Camp Tall Timbers we provide comfortable and modern bunks with electricity and bath/shower accommodations. Our dining space is a perfect fit to meet the needs of our campers. Camp is well maintained with a support staff available at all times when needed. In addition, improvements are made routinely to the facility to enhance programming i.e. pickle ball courts for 2024, tennis courts resurfacing in 2023 and challenge course installation in 2019.

✓ **Camp Philosophy and Values**
Make sure the camp creates a safe, nurturing and fun camp experience for all campers.

At Camp Tall Timbers we create a culture that cares and builds a sense of community.
We allow campers to experience working and living in a collaborative environment. Camp Tall Timbers provides the opportunity for campers to set goals, learn new skills and challenge themselves. Our camp creates an environment to promote healthy interactions with peers and connect with the great outdoors.

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