



Kids Develop 21st Century Skills at Summer Camp

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You might remember the friendships, campfires, and fun you had at Camp Erdman in 5th grade. Today, we do all of that and so much more. YMCA camps give kids a much-needed break from technology, help them learn new skills, and build self-confidence.

WHY SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP? BECAUSE CAMPERS...

- **Develop Character:** Without the pressures of school, kids learn independence and resiliency, which leads to increased self-confidence. These character traits help them to be more responsible at home and in school.

- **Build Positive Relationships:** Unplugged from technology, campers can just be kids and take the time to make friends.
- **Learn New Skills:** Our experienced program specialists coach kids and teens to learn new skills in a variety of activity areas.

Our traditional overnight camp intentionally emphasizes personal growth and choice. In the mornings, campers select an activity for the week, such as archery, outdoor living skills, art, native nursery, and more. In the afternoons, campers participate in swimming, the ropes course, sports, and other activities. Once a week, campers even get to sleep in tents under the stars!

We also have options for older campers and teens. Our Specialty Camps focus on Surfing, Horseback Riding, Organic Farming, and Swim Lessons. Teens develop leadership skills during off-site trips at Adventure Camp, teambuilding activities at Leaders-in-Training, and hands-on experience with youth in Counselors-in-Training.

And not just kids get to have fun. Join us for our Family Camps on Mother's Day, 4th of July and Halloween weekends for traditional camp activities, campfires and songs for the whole family. Accommodations, meals and activities are all included.

Register your child or family now to guarantee the session and program of your choice. If you have a YMCA Family Membership, you will receive up to 20 percent off of our summer camp programs. Financial assistance is available, so please ask.

Information, online registration, as well as photos and an action-packed Camp Erdman video can be viewed on our website at www.CampErdman.org. You can also see us in action on March 28th at our free Community Day.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 808.687.6236 or rrinaldi@ymcahonolulu.org. Hope to see you all at Camp Erdman! 🌈