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Teachers have a great responsibility of preparing the students for the summer camps. It is important to prepare them in advance for the camp experience. If any child is going for the first time to the camp, he/she may be nervous about the trip, it is here teacher's role counts. Visiting summer camp is a big step for children and parents, a little advance preparation can make everyone feel more comfortable.

Camps are wonderful way to make children feel independent, to make new friends, to be creative, develop new skills, learn about teamwork and much more.

Teachers need to guide students from the very beginning and follow these simple tips -

- The school authorities and teachers must ensure safety of the children first. For that they must select secure location for camping and organizers with good experience must be allotted with the responsibility.
- Teachers must inform and convey to the parents in detail about the camping trip. If parents have any queries and doubts, teachers must resolve to clarify them. Also, they must make sure that there isn't any kind of miscommunication between them.
- Teachers must start discussions with students about the camping in classroom. Give them homework or projects to learn as much as possible about camp life.
- Tell them that security is utmost priority. Teach them how to care of himself/herself. They should stay with the group and mustn't wander alone all by themselves.
- Teachers must prepare kids for unexpected events. Forewarn them about it. What if you don't feel well? What if you don't get along with another child? Let them brainstorm for solutions after all camping is all about problems handling.
- Homesickness is fairly common amongst kids on trips. Explain well to the students about it and ask them to share their feelings. Also, camp staff should be trained to help your child in these ups and downs.
- Teachers must provide packing tips to students. Every camp has a proper itinerary and sends a list of things to bring to the camp. Teachers must advise to students to follow the list religiously. Children need to know how to select appropriate clothing, how to make bed, manage their clothes etc.
- Many children are unfamiliar with total darkness and country night sounds. Teachers can make them practice walking in the dark with a flashlight.
- Teachers must interact with camp officials. Ensure if there are special circumstances or considerations regarding students well being or behavior.

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