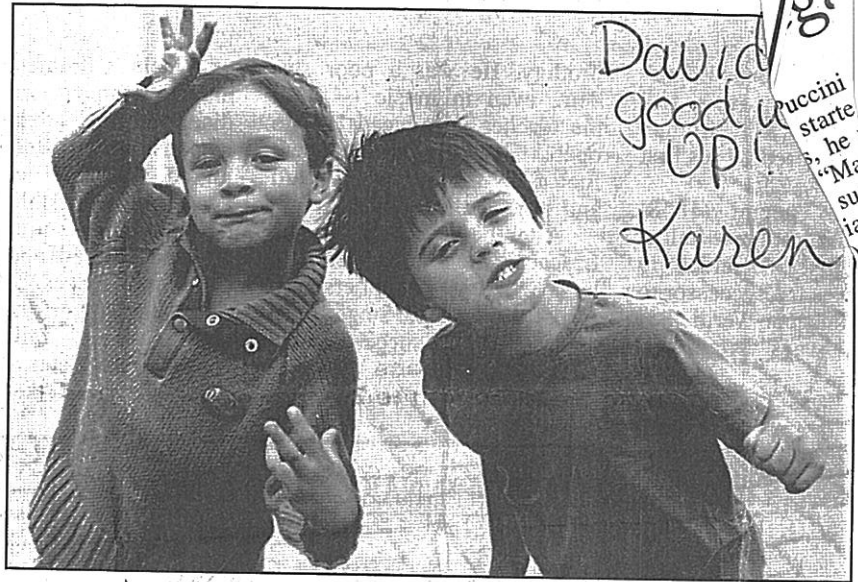


Make sure that camp is accredited

Do you know how many summer day camps in Marin County are regulated for program quality, health and safety? Most parents take it for granted that someone is regulating our local camps, but the truth is that only a few camps have voluntarily submitted themselves for evaluation by the American Camp Association (ACA) in order to provide the best possible camp program. Most camps don't have to have CPR or First Aid trained staff, don't have to maintain certain ratios, don't have to do background checks, etc. While many camps state they do most of this, there is nobody making sure of it. "Your child deserves the best, safest camp around" says David Hughes, founder of Camp Doodles.

One of these camps dedicated to providing the best possible program is Camp Doodles in Mill Valley. Since 2002, Camp Doodles has been a nationally recognized summer camp for meeting or exceeding the ACA's stringent recommendations in over 300 standards. While approximately 120 entering Kindergarten - Sixth Graders bask in the daily fun, the parents can go about their daily work knowing that their children are safe and in the best possible care.

Camp Doodles is more of a traditional camp, the type of camp that builds solid values within a strong community. Arts, crafts, sports, songs, science, skits, games, swimming, theme days, ice cream socials, karaoke, rock walls and more fill every day with fun. The children spend their days learning in small groups of 8-12 kids through their counselor and CIT. They rotate through a variety of activities together and can choose any "choice time" during the afternoon session. The



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youngest kids often stick with their counselor from the morning while many of the older kids might choose to play a massive game of Capture the Flag, throw on some RollerBlades or try out for Doodles Idol. "A Camp Doodles day provides the perfect amount of routine mixed with great choice activities" says Veronica Cowen, Camp Director.

It is no surprise that Camp Doodles was recently voted the #1 extended-stay summer camp in Marin - many of the children get to come all summer long. Camp Doodles stands out from the other camps in Marin because of its amazing, dedicated staff. Most of the staff return year after year creating a family environment at the camp. David loves this "home away from home" feeling and enthusiastically

says that summer is by far his favorite time of the year.

Camp Doodles offers a very flexible registration option where parents can register for any number of days, weeks or 2-week sessions. For more information about their program, check out their website at www.campdoodles.com or give them a call at 388-4FUN (what better phone # for this great camp!?)

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