



Camp Inspirations: Look Who Went to Camp!

Great things happen when youth and camps meet . . . something extraordinary happens

For the nearly 150 years that camp has been part of the hearts and minds of children and parents, this great experience--called camp--has provided important steps toward the milestones of their young lives--creating and fostering the artist, the musician, the articulate business person, the inspired politician, the actor, the scientist, or the visionary who lives in each child's heart.

From a society designed just for children springs forth millions of children from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences . . . every child's camp experience is part of the story of their lives.

The following list of famed campers might have taken an inkling of camp into their inspired work:

Business

Michael Eisner, former CEO, Disney Corporation
F. Martin Johnson, former CEO/president, JSJ Corporation
Michael M. Kaiser, president, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Frank Kelly Jr., former vice president, American Express, Inc.
Sherry Lansing, former CEO, Paramount Pictures
Lawrence Page, co-founder & president, products, Google Corporation
Frank Smith, president, FedEx
Martha Stewart, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia

Science

Albert Einstein (staff), scientist
Richard Kurin, Cultural Anthropologist
Jerry Linenger, NASA Space Shuttle Astronaut
Sally Ride, NASA Space Shuttle Astronaut

Civic and Political Leaders

Michelle Obama (staff), First Lady of the United States
George W. Bush, 46th President, United States
Chelsea Clinton, daughter Bill and Hillary Clinton
Colby Cooper, Senior Advisor to U.S. Secretary of State
Grey Davis, former governor of California
Gerald Ford, 38th President, United States
Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Supreme Court Justice
Dexter Scott King, son of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Bernice Albertine King, daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr. Martin Luther King III, s
Carl Levin, U.S. Senate
Ronald E. Minsk, former Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy at the National Economic Council (Clinton Administration) and New York Times Op-Ed Author
Sandra Day O'Conner, retired Supreme Court Justice

Elma Powell, wife of Colin Powell, U.S. Army General (ret.) and former U.S. Secretary of State
Nancy Reagan, wife of former president Ronald Reagan
Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Secretary of State
Ann Richards, former governor of Texas
Bob Riley, Governor, Alabama



Music

Clay Aiken, singer
Neil Diamond, singer
Bob Dylan, singer and songwriter
Josh Groban, singer
Bruce Johnston, The Beach Boys
Norah Jones, singer and pianist
Jewel Kilcher, singer
Damian Kulash, guitarist for OK Go
Jerry Leiber & Mike Stoller, songwriters, Smokey Joe's Café
Lisa Loeb, singer, musician, and songwriter
Arthur Loesser, pianist and composer
Lorin Maazel, musical director, New York Philharmonic
Jeff Marks, creator, Tony Award winning Avenue Q
Tim Mitchell, guitarist
Timothy J. Nordwind, bassist for OK Go
Douglas Pipes, composer
Richard Rodgers, composer
Peter Seger, folk singer, musician, song writer
Gwen Stefani, singer
Frank Tichelli, composer
Peter Yarrow, singer for Peter, Paul and Mary

Visual Arts

Sam Abell, Photographer
Robert Snyder, artist

Performing Arts

Paul Adelstein, Actor
Kirstie Alley, actor
Jennifer Beals, actor
Mischa Barton, actor
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Courteney Cox, actor
Meredith Baxter, actor
Mike Bender, writer and director, Indian Summer
Zach Braff, actor and director
Richard Brooks, actor
Drew Carey (staff), actor and comedian
George Carlin, comedian and actor
Chevy Chase, actor and comedian
John Cryer, actor
Robert Downey, Jr., actor
Avner Eisenberg, actor
Tovah Feldshuh, actor
Lauren Holly, actor
Felicity Huffman, actor
Tom Hulce, actor
Linda Hunt, actor
Jennifer Jason Lee, actor



Keira Knightley, Actor
Susan Lucci, actor
John C. McGinley, actor
Mandy Moore, actor
Dermot Mulroney, actor
Paul Newman, actor
Natalie Portman, actor
Gilda Radner, comedian
Anthony Rapp, actor
Emma Roberts, actor
Julia Roberts, actor
Rita Rudner, comedian
Rosalind Russell, actor
Todd Schulman, producer
Trish Sie, director/choreographer for OK Go
Marlo Thomas, actor, author, and spokesperson
Glynn Turman, actor, director, and producer
Matt Winston, actor
Stan Winston, Academy Award winning director, special effects, and make up
Reese Witherspoon, actor

Sports

Jerry Burns, former head coach, Minnesota Vikings
Steve Fisher, basketball coach, San Diego State University
Dorothy Hamill, Olympic Gold Medalist, Figure Skating
Robert Hollway, former coach, St. Louis Cardinals and former assistant coach, Minnesota Vikings
Joe Jacobi, Olympic Gold Medalist, Kayaking

Authors

Sam Abell, author
Margaret Atwood, author
Rita Dove, poet
Eli Evans, author and member of the National Academy of Arts and Science
Kinky Friedman, author, humorist, musician, and most recently a candidate for Governor of Texas, 2006.
Cathy Guisewite, creator, comic strip Cathy
John McPhee, Pulitzer Prize winning author
J.D. Salinger, author
Andrew Tobias, journalist and author

Journalists

David Blum
Rita Braver
Pat Carbine
Tucker Carlson
Katie Couric
Michael Reagan
Frank Sesno
Dr. Nancy Snyderman
Jeffrey Taylor
Mike Wallace

