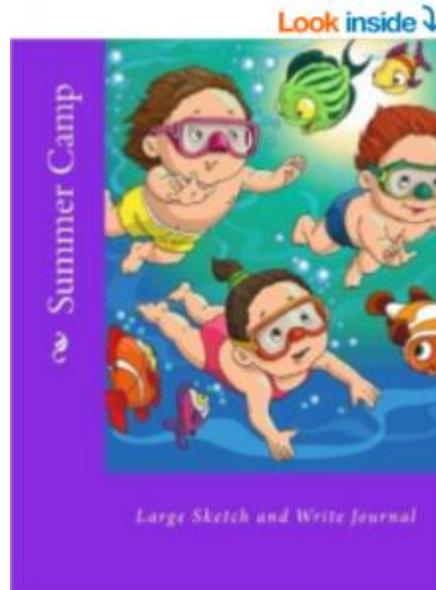


Keeping a Journal at Summer Camp



[Summer camp journal](#) is a must during the summer! Going to summer camp is a rite of passage that everyone should experience. Often, this is the first time you spend more than a night away from home. Also, there is all the new activities to try and, most importantly, all the new friends to make.

You probably want to keep your mementos and memories safe and tucked away so you can revisit them later and relive your summer camp experiences. For this, you probably want to get a summer camp journal. However, there are different kinds of journals and journal accessories to consider, and finding what you want may be difficult.

Summer Camp Journal

Blank versus Full of Activities

There are two types of summer camp journals to consider: the blank version and the version that is full of activities and accessories. The first is what it sounds like, a simple book with lined (or unlined) paper in which you can write, draw, and add photos or mementos.

These blank journals can come with a solid colored cover or printed with a graphic. One favorite is the Large Classic Moleskin Notebook. Made with traditional black moleskin, this journal does not distract from the purpose of the book.



Filled with acid-free lined paper, it will not tempt your campmates to look inside because of wording like “**Journal**” Or “**Private**.” **Another** favorite is the Summer Camp Journal from Mrs. Alice E. Tidwell, which has a beautiful scene of a lakeside campsite and shows some of the activities that can happen at summer camp, such as boating and sitting by the campfire. Entitled “**Summer** Camp: A Blank Journal to Fill with **Adventure**,” this lovely print will inspire your daily writings of your own camp experiences.

The journals that are full of activities and accessories are as varied as the rainbow. They may come with pockets, pens, postcards, activity sheets, and much more. You can still write and draw in these journals, but they often have special places for mementos and photos.

My favorite activity journal is the Peaceable Kingdom Summer Camp Journal. Write down your summer camp memories with help from questions and prompts and enjoy jokes, games, and much more when the **day's** activities are over. Each page has its own design and is lined for easy writing. Punch out the included postcards to send to family or friends.

Summer Camp Journal Accessories



There are many accessories you can buy to go with your journal. You can get pens, penlights, colored pencils, and waterproof envelopes, among other things. All these accessories can make using your journal more fun.

My favorite accessory is a zippered, waterproof plastic envelope from Izbuy that you can put your journal and accessories in to keep them safe. Offer the extras to your friends or keep them for another **year's** camp.

Keeping a journal at summer camp is part of the fun of the season. You can fill it with writings, drawings, photographs, and mementos to look back at and recall how much you enjoyed the time spent there.

The journals suggested in this article will help you make that possible, but do not let me stop you there. There are other great journals available in online stores to choose from if you wish. The most important thing is that the one you pick helps you create something you will love and treasure.