



It starts with one success. Then another. Then another.

We have this awesome [interactive map](#) on the Camp Chateaugay website. It's a visual video tour through all camp has to offer.

I was looking through it the other day and it's kind of incredible how much is going on.

Which yes, sounds a little like brochure language, but it's true.

I couldn't help but be amazed how different our two most popular activities are from each other.

Pop into the glassblowing studio ([stop #15 on the visual tour](#)), and you'll see kids working with molten glass that's been heated up to a whopping 2,200 degrees.

The glass comes out of the furnace like dripping honey on the end of this long, hollow stainless steel pole. Delicate, gooey and incredibly captivating.



The instructors are artisan glassblowers. This is their actual year-round work, not a summer side gig.

They're teaching creative ideation through the medium of glass. How to navigate the exciting journey of making something real. Coming up with an idea in your head and turning it into something physical to hold.

Kids who've never worked with glass like this create something they can be genuinely proud of.

That's a micro-success.

That one success changes how they walk across camp into the next activity. They're a little more willing to try. A little less worried about messing up.

One win creates momentum for the next one.

From Glass-Blowing to Water Skiing

Now head over across camp to the waterfront.

That's where we have glass-smooth water on a massive lake ([stop #2 on the visual tour](#)) which is humming with water skiing, wakeboarding, wake surfing, and sailing.

Kids are out there cutting across the surface on a perfect camp morning. You'll see the speed, and the feeling of nailing a turn for the first time. Watching kids do this, either the ones who've mastered it or are trying it for the first time, is what camp is all about.

From molten glass to glasswork on water. The fact that both exist at the same camp isn't an accident.

It's the point.

Why This Matters



Camp Chateaugay doesn't try to guess what kind of kid someone is.

We can't predict where a kid will find their joy. So we build enough range that everyone has real chances.

It might be glassblowing. It might be wake boarding.

Between molten glass and water sports, there's everything else.

Tennis, horseback riding, sailing, Gaga, and soccer. Or theater, woodworking, photography, musical theater, tie-dye, and cooking.

The activities themselves aren't necessarily transformational. But the confidence from succeeding at something new absolutely is.

You're sending your kid for three-plus weeks. You want them to find something that clicks.

Kids choose four out of six activities per day. They're building their own experience.

Find more opportunities to succeed and then it's much more likely they find the thing that clicks.

Here's what happens when a kid discovers they're good at something they've never tried.

That success builds on itself.

They try something else. They succeed again. The wins start stacking.

By the third day, they're raising their hand in activities they would've avoided on day one. By the end of the first week, you can see it in how they carry themselves.

Confidence in one area spills into everything else. Social life, trying new things, asking for help when needed.

This is what we mean when we say camp builds confidence. Not through one big overnight transformation but in small successes that add up to something bigger.

What Happens At Camp

We don't know if your child will find their thing in the studio or on the lake.

We just know they'll find it somewhere in between.

That's what range creates. Real chances to discover something new.

Every summer, kids surprise themselves.

Not once. Dozens of times.

They're figuring out on the fly that they're capable of something they didn't quite expect. It happens in glassblowing, then again at the waterfront, then again in theater. On and on and on.

The wins stack. The confidence compounds.

Whether it's in glass-blowing, water skiing, or everything else in between.

See you this summer.

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PS - For real, check out the rest of the [Camp Chateaugay Interactive Map](#). I didn't come close to listing all of the activities.

[Schedule a time here](#)

