**Great Books for Getting Into the Summer Camp Mood**

Participants at Camp Waziyatah, one of Southern Maine’s most highly rated co-ed overnight camps, know the feeling of not being able to wait for summer. With a huge range of activities, great food, and excellent staff and counselors, Camp Waziyatah is the summertime destination that campers look forward to all year long. While you're waiting for summer to start, here are some terrific camp-related books your kids will love.

Runaway Ralph, by Beverly Cleary (ages seven to 11): From the author of the beloved Ramona series comes this adventurous story of a spirited runaway mouse who rides his toy motorcycle all the way to summer camp.

Holes, by Louis Sachar (ages seven to 12): As our mistakenly sentenced hero Stanley Yelents discovers, there’s more than meets the eye to Camp Green Lake, a character-building juvenile delinquent camp in Texas. This suspenseful, economically-written novel was published in 2000 and received the prestigious Newbery Award.

Jersey Tomatoes Are The Best, by Maria Padian (ages 12 and up): Two teenage athletes and best girlfriends get ready to spend their first summer apart as they each attend different camps. This book is a hilarious and touching look at the importance of friendship in the face of pressure to succeed.